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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and  
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here. Before we proceed  
14 this evening with tonight's regularly  
15 scheduled council meeting, we have a very  
16 special guest whom we are honoring tonight  
17 and he is one of Scranton's proud police  
18 department and I think that I particularly  
19 wanted to say before we begin is that  
20 Mr. Joyce reminded me of something very  
21 important at last week's council meeting,  
22 which was that in the last budget, which was  
23 developed in November and December, it was  
24 proposed that many police officers and  
25 firefighters were cut and this council

1 restored all of those positions, and this  
2 young man is one of those officers who would  
3 have lost his position with the Scranton  
4 Police Department, so he wouldn't have been  
5 there that day to awaken that family, and we  
6 are very grateful that he is on the police  
7 force and I believe this underscores the  
8 need for each and every one of our police  
9 officers to remain in service on the streets  
10 of Scranton.

11 And, Officer, if you could like to  
12 step up, please?

13 (Officer Brennan McDermott comes  
14 forward to receive his Proclamation.)

15 WHEREAS, the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
16 SCRANTON is desirous of honoring "SCRANTON  
17 POLICE OFFICER BRENNAN MCDERMOTT", a  
18 two-year veteran of the Scranton Police  
19 Department, for his quick response during a  
20 recent fire in the City of Scranton; and

21 WHEREAS, "OFFICER MCDERMOTT" while  
22 on routine patrol in South Scranton during  
23 the early morning hours of Tuesday, April  
24 26, 2011, received a dispatch to the 1800  
25 block of Pittston Avenue for a smoke

1 condition. "OFFICER MCDERMOTT", who was two  
2 blocks above Pittston Avenue on South  
3 Webster Avenue, spotted the smoke and could  
4 tell it was coming from Prospect Avenue and  
5 headed in that direction; and

6 WHEREAS, "OFFICER MCDERMOTT" having  
7 patrolled this area on many occasions and  
8 who also grew up in that neighborhood knew  
9 the family that lived in the home where  
10 there was heavy smoke and visible flames on  
11 the exterior of the building; and

12 WHEREAS, "OFFICER MCDERMOTT", the  
13 first one on scene, knew that he had to act  
14 quickly and proceeded to bang and kick the  
15 front door to awaken the family inside who  
16 was not even aware that their home was on  
17 fire; and

18 WHEREAS, "OFFICER MCDERMOTT" stepped  
19 inside the house when the owner responded to  
20 his banging on the door and stood there  
21 until all the family members were accounted  
22 for and safely out of the residence; and

23 WHEREAS, "OFFICER MCDERMOTT'S"  
24 first-hand knowledge of this neighborhood  
25 and quick decision to react to this dire

1 situation until emergency personnel arrived  
2 showed professionalism, training, and  
3 courage as he took the crucial steps  
4 necessary to save lives; and

5 WHEREAS, "SCRANTON POLICE OFFICER  
6 BRENNAN MCDERMOTT" remained on scene to  
7 assist the Scranton Fire Department by  
8 allowing them access to run the hoses, block  
9 roads and handle crowd control.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that  
11 on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Scranton City  
12 Council wishes to congratulate "SCRANTON  
13 POLICE OFFICER BRENNAN MCDERMOTT", his  
14 Family, fellow officers and friends for  
15 their outstanding achievements and extend  
16 our best wishes for success in all their  
17 future endeavors.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this  
19 Proclamation be made a permanent part of the  
20 Minutes of this Council, as lasting tribute  
21 to "SCRANTON POLICE OFFICER BRENNAN  
22 MCDERMOTT".

23 MS. EVANS: Our hero in blue. To  
24 all the men and women who serve and  
25 sacrifice so bravely on the Scranton Police

1 Department are certainly to be commended and  
2 they should be shown our gratitude each and  
3 every time we see them. Thank you. Officer  
4 McDermott?

5 MR. MCDERMOTT: I would just like to  
6 thank Council and the City of Scranton for  
7 this Proclamation, it means very much to me,  
8 but any officer in this department would  
9 have done the same thing that day. Thank  
10 you.

11 MS. EVANS: And both of you stay  
12 safe.

13 (Council returns to the dais.)

14 MS. EVANS: Dispense with the  
15 reading of the minutes, please.

16 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. NO  
17 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

18 MS. EVANS: Clerk's notes.

19 MS. KRAKE: We have one item this  
20 evening, Mrs. Evans. When the legislation  
21 was sent down for the appointment of Wayne  
22 Hiller to the Scranton Parking Authority, we  
23 did not see that he had attached his resume,  
24 so I would like to apologize for that and to  
25 Mr. Hiller and let him know that this will

1 go on for our next meeting which should be  
2 the 24th.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes. Thank you very  
4 much, Mrs. Krake.

5 MS. KRAKE: And that's it.

6 MS. EVANS: Do any council members  
7 have announcements at this time?

8 MR. ROGAN: Just two announcements.  
9 I'd like to remind everyone that next  
10 Tuesday is election day and I would like to  
11 remind everyone to go out and do their  
12 patriotic duty voting; and secondly, I  
13 received this in an e-mail from Joe  
14 Talimini, who is here tonight. It says,  
15 "Eric Shrive, former West Scranton High  
16 School football star and presently a Penn  
17 State football stare and presently a Penn  
18 State football player, is seeking your  
19 support for the Penn State Live for Life  
20 2011 program. Live for Life raises money  
21 for rare diseases, and this year's project  
22 is on kidney cancer, a rare disease. Eric  
23 is vice president of Penn State University's  
24 uplifting athletes raised \$8,500 last year.  
25 This year his goal is \$15,000 and we urge



1 your support.

2 The website isn't listed on here,  
3 but I'm sure you type it into Google you  
4 could find out more information, and also  
5 starting June 1, a portion of pizza sales at  
6 Buona Pizza at 504 North Washington Avenue  
7 will be donated to Eric's Live for Life  
8 campaign, courtesy of Giovannini Piccolino.

9 Others wishing to join the program m  
10 may contact JT's Opinion and the e-mail is  
11 JT'sOpinion@gmail.com, and that's all.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. The Downtown  
14 Senior Center, which is now a nonprofit  
15 agency, is conducting a fundraiser event, a  
16 Night at the Races, which will be held at  
17 their center at 305 Penn Avenue on Saturday,  
18 May 14, and the time is 6:00. The doors  
19 will actually open at five. Admission is \$5  
20 and the tickets will be on sale and  
21 refreshments will be served. There will be  
22 ten races in all and there are ten horses in  
23 each race. Anyone interested in sponsoring  
24 a horse the cost is \$10 per horse and you  
25 get to name the horse. If your horse wins

1 the race you win \$50. You can contact --  
2 you can make a phone call at 347-3970 for  
3 additional information.

4 And one more, there will a be  
5 Prostate Cancer Awareness Poker Run and  
6 fundraising party held on Sunday, June 12.  
7 The ride starts at the Electric City Harley  
8 Davidson. Sign-in is in 9:30 to 11 and the  
9 ride starts at 11:15 a.m. For more ride  
10 details or to donate to this very important  
11 cause go to [www.home.comcast.netRUDOG2](http://www.home.comcast.netRUDOG2),  
12 R-U-D-O-G, and then will be a party from 3  
13 p.m. until at the Marine Corp League at 1314  
14 Alder Street. The party is open to all and  
15 would be -- they will have food, raffles and  
16 a DJ and tickets to the Poker Run and party  
17 is \$20 to participate, and the party alone  
18 is a \$10 donation. If you have any  
19 questions or would like additional  
20 information please call Ruddy at 212-0264,  
21 and that's all I have. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.  
23 Scranton City Council will not meet in  
24 regular session on Tuesday, May 17, because  
25 it is primary election day. City council

1 meetings will resume on Tuesday, May 24,  
2 2011.

3 Next, I would like to take a moment  
4 to remind everyone that Saturday, May 21, is  
5 Armed Force's Day. I encourage you to  
6 attend the annual Armed Force's Day parade  
7 in downtown Scranton to show your respect  
8 and gratitude to our military veterans and  
9 active duty service men and woman. This one  
10 small action is certainly deserved by those  
11 who sacrifice so very much for us and it  
12 sets a good example to our children and  
13 grandchildren, the next generations of this  
14 great nation, and that's it.

15 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
16 PARTICIPATION.

17 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this  
18 evening is Marie Crispino.

19 MS. CRISPINO: Good evening,  
20 Council, and fellow Scrantonians.

21 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

22 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

23 MS. CRISPINO: My name is Marie  
24 Crispino, I'm a lifelong resident and a  
25 member of the Albright Memorial Library

1 staff. Tonight I invite all Scrantonians to  
2 support their library on Friday, May 27.

3 The Albright Memorial Library's fundraiser  
4 "Swinging on a Vine" will take place May 27  
5 from 5 to 8 p.m. in front of the library on  
6 the 500 block of Vine Street. Paul Labelle  
7 and the Exact Change will be featured.

8 There will be food from local restaurants,  
9 margaritas, beer, soda and water. You must  
10 be 21 years old to enter block party.

11 Tickets are on sale at the Albright  
12 Memorial Library and at our Nancy K. Holmes  
13 branch in Greenridge. The cost is \$15 in  
14 advance and \$20 at the door. Our  
15 fundraisers have always been important but,  
16 this year it is crucial. Each year for the  
17 past seven years the library budget has been  
18 cut. Historically, citizens turn to their  
19 public library when they are financially  
20 challenged. This is also true today. We  
21 are seeing an increase of people using our  
22 internet service as well as our free  
23 computer and resume classes. There is heavy  
24 use of our Blu-ray DVD and audio CD  
25 collections. More and more people are

1 seeking reference-type information and our  
2 children and young adult programs are very  
3 well attended. All of these services and  
4 more are free with your library card.

5 Please come out on the May 27, kick  
6 off your Memorial Day weekend with great  
7 music by Paul Labelle and the Exact Change,  
8 enjoy good food and support your library.  
9 If you cannot attend, please consider a  
10 donation to the Albright Memorial Library,  
11 and I do appreciate this opportunity to pass  
12 this word. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And if you  
14 would like to leave that information with  
15 Ms. Marciano then council would be very  
16 happy announce for you once again on the 24.

17 MS. CRISPINO: I'd like that. I'll  
18 just leave my notes with her. Thank you  
19 very much.

20 MS. EVANS: And thank you. Our next  
21 speaker is Doug Miller.

22 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
23 Doug Miller, Scranton.

24 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

25 MR. MILLER: The recent conduct at

1 West Scranton High School has compelled me  
2 to address the issue of violence, gangs, and  
3 drug activity throughout our city. This is  
4 an issue that we have had to deal with for  
5 quite sometime now and, unfortunately, for  
6 nearly 12 years the administration and past  
7 councils turned a blind eye to this matter.  
8 Due to their failure, this problem has  
9 continued to grow.

10 It kind of reminds me of when you  
11 plant a tree, we plant a seed and we watch  
12 this tree grow and now look at what we have  
13 today. I'm very proud of the majority of  
14 this council because you are doing your part  
15 to address this issue and you have proven  
16 that through several actions you have taken,  
17 one being Councilman Loscombe's legislation  
18 to ban the sale of the harmful bath salt  
19 drug throughout our city. That showed true  
20 leadership and you should again be applauded  
21 for that.

22 Unfortunately, we can't say the same  
23 about a few other leaders in our city. The  
24 administration's solution as well as past  
25 councils, including Mr. McGoff, took actions

1 by the removing police officers from our  
2 streets, jeopardizing the health, safety and  
3 well-being of our citizens. This shameful  
4 move only caused more harm as drugs, crime,  
5 and gang activity has escalated throughout  
6 our neighborhoods. I'm truly disappointed  
7 that other candidates seeking the office of  
8 Scranton City Council haven't addressed this  
9 serious matter, except for Councilman  
10 Loscombe and I, who realize that we need to  
11 find solutions to solve this problem.

12 We need to find a place for young  
13 adults to socialize and recreate, keeping  
14 them out of trouble. We need another venue  
15 similar to the former Boys and Girls Club in  
16 West Side that never should have been closed  
17 to begin with. Now is the time to start  
18 finding solutions and the time to act is  
19 now, and with that said, I encourage  
20 everyone to exercise their right to vote  
21 next Tuesday. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Miller.  
23 Andy Sbaraglia.

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
25 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonians. I

1           guess this is going to be the last time we  
2           can speak on that road up there at Mount  
3           Pleasant. But you know what, it reminds me  
4           of a story that my mother used to tell me.  
5           She grew up in Scranton when everything was  
6           horse and buggy. There was a store owner  
7           that used to go out when a horse did his  
8           duty in front of his store and poured sugar  
9           all over it and when my mother passed she  
10          said it still smelled, and I don't care how  
11          much sugar you put on this it smells. This  
12          road should never be taken at this point. I  
13          have nothing against it when they're  
14          completion with the project, if anything the  
15          people who built the road should be held  
16          responsible for the upkeep of that road. We  
17          didn't get anything out of it. He got --  
18          somebody got a lot of money putting that  
19          road in and there is a lot of problems with  
20          that road that you wouldn't even know about  
21          because nobody ever come up and said we made  
22          these core samples, here is a core sample of  
23          the road, you don't have that and your  
24          engineer that did it I think is the one  
25          that's leaving. Isn't that the one that's



1 temporary, your city engineer is still  
2 temporary that another one wasn't appointed  
3 yet?

4 MS. EVANS: I believe that actually  
5 the new engineer should have been appointed  
6 by now. Yes, CECO and Mr. Pocius serves as  
7 their representative to the City of  
8 Scranton.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: So we got  
10 Mr. Pocius, that's the same one that used to  
11 sit on council.

12 MS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: And received the  
14 pension from Scranton?

15 MS. EVANS: Yes.

16 MR. SBARAGLIA: Oh, yes and yes.  
17 That is very convenient. But certainly you  
18 should have learned a lesson from the Ice  
19 Box. They put all kinds of sugar on that  
20 project, that \$600,000. Have you gotten  
21 that \$600,000?

22 MS. EVANS: No.

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: When that came out I  
24 told you, you would never get that \$600,000  
25 because it has to be a deal between the SRA

1 and the owner of the Ice Box, and why would  
2 he want to part with \$600,000? He can do  
3 whatever he wants with that property because  
4 oh, God, you should have read the original  
5 stuff with that property. We did everything  
6 for that man except actually pay him, that's  
7 how much you it for him. You put setbacks  
8 in, this, that and whatever.

9 The only thing I can say about the  
10 Ice Box he did do what he said he was going  
11 to do, I won't deny that. As far as the Ice  
12 Box goes itself, he did what he was supposed  
13 to do. He made that KOZ and he did  
14 everything there that a KOZ should have  
15 done. Probably the only one in the whole  
16 city that actually did it, but then when you  
17 talk about the DPW site, that's a whole  
18 different matter. No one in their right  
19 mind gives a lease for 198 years for a buck  
20 a year. You have to be really, really  
21 somewhere. There is something, like I said  
22 before, you can only put sugar on horse  
23 manure for so long before it stinks, and it  
24 is with these deals. These deals were  
25 terrible. I spoke about it a long time ago

1           actually when it first happened I spoke  
2           against it.

3                       Same with this road. This is not  
4           the time that actually take this road  
5           because there is too much that can happen to  
6           it, too much heavy equipment has to pass  
7           over it at the present. Later on, I  
8           probably won't even mention it, but I worked  
9           in construction all my life, I know what  
10          type of equipment has to go over that road  
11          from cranes to -- I told you cement mixers,  
12          whole bit.

13                      And like I say, for the two bucks  
14          that I assume we are giving the man to buy  
15          this it's going to cost us hundreds of  
16          thousands of dollars to keep this road up.  
17          You got to plow all of that road, it's a  
18          private road. There is no law saying you  
19          have to take a private road, so it's  
20          strictly political. I understand that, but  
21          look at the political side of the people  
22          that has to pay the maintain that road. You  
23          see what our roads look like. When I ride  
24          down the road there is so many cuts in them  
25          my whole car goes up and down. It's like

1 running over a rumble strip, and we are  
2 taking on another road? Like I say, now not  
3 the time to do it. Later on, I have nothing  
4 against it because later on all of the heavy  
5 traffic will be gone and then whatever is  
6 there in the road they will have to fix and  
7 then when we take it over we will know what  
8 we get. Like I said, that was put in a  
9 dump. What do you want to say anything, it  
10 was a dump. I played in that dump as a kid  
11 and know it. Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Sbaraglia. Before I call up the next  
14 speaker, I just wanted to respond to or  
15 clarify maybe some of the statements made by  
16 Mr. Sbaraglia. First of all, city council  
17 does not select the city engineer. We play  
18 no part in that process whatsoever. In  
19 fact, no legislation came before city  
20 council to approve that contract. So once  
21 again, we neither select the engineer nor  
22 did we have any role in the approval of  
23 such.

24 Secondly, I would like to ask  
25 Solicitor Hughes a question, Solicitor

1 Hughes, must the city accept the road at  
2 Mount Pleasant Industrial Park?

3 MR. HUGHES: I have never reviewed  
4 the plans, the application that was made for  
5 the subdivision, however, in accordance with  
6 the Municipality Planning Code and the  
7 city's planning code that the roads when the  
8 development is approved ordinarily what a  
9 developer will do would be part of the  
10 approval and process and all roads when they  
11 are constructed in accordance with the  
12 requirements of the municipality that the  
13 roads will be accepted as public roads.

14 In accordance with the MCP, there is  
15 a is a provision in the MCP, I don't have it  
16 off the top of my head right now, I believe  
17 it's in Section 10909, and a subsection  
18 under that, that the developer can give a  
19 municipality notice that the roads have been  
20 constructed in accordance with the  
21 requirements as required by the approval of  
22 the subdivision and the municipality must  
23 accept the roads.

24 If I knew that, I would have had it  
25 here tonight, but this is not unusual and

1           that's why the requirement is in the MCP and  
2           also in the city's planning code that the  
3           city can require a bond for a period of 18  
4           months, which is what council did when we  
5           amended the legislation.

6                   MS. EVANS: Yes, and that is why I  
7           believe during the first round of  
8           legislation that was presented to city  
9           council, city council voted down the  
10          legislation due to Mr. Sbaraglia's  
11          well-founded concerns, but as a result, our  
12          attorney was able to negotiate and reach an  
13          amicable agreement with the Chamber of  
14          Commerce whereby a bond is now posted by the  
15          Chamber for, I forget the exact amount,  
16          Attorney Hughes, maybe shall we say --

17                   MR. HUGHES: It was twenty-four  
18          thousand eight-hundred and some dollars  
19          rounded to \$25,000 for a period of 18  
20          months.

21                   MS. EVANS: Yes. And that is, in my  
22          opinion, a very good step forward in that as  
23          our attorney has stated we have no choice  
24          but to accept the road. Now, we prior to  
25          this did not know that we could even require

1 a bond for a period of time whereby any  
2 deterioration of the road or any subsequent  
3 repairs that would be needed for the road  
4 can be paid for by means of a bond that is  
5 put up by the Chamber of Commerce, so I  
6 believe we have done our due diligence, done  
7 the very best we can for the citizens of  
8 Scranton in that you are protected, our tax  
9 dollars will not be repairing that road and  
10 under the circumstances, as you can see, we  
11 must accept the road. But I do feel that  
12 due diligence has occurred and we are  
13 protected.

14 MR. HUGHES: If I could add just one  
15 thing very briefly, that in any subdivision  
16 plan no lots can be sold in a subdivision  
17 plan until all of the public improvements  
18 are either constructed or bonded. What the  
19 Chamber did here is they constructed all of  
20 the public improvements. If they had just  
21 posted a bond, then if the development was  
22 not completed the city would have to move  
23 against the bond and then hire a contractor  
24 to put those improvements in. There was no  
25 bond in this situation because they put all

1 of the public improvements in. In  
2 accordance with the MCP, when they are in  
3 they can request they be accepted as long as  
4 it's built according to the city's  
5 specifications.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes.

7 MR. HUGHES: And I would say that  
8 all the improvements run over -- those roads  
9 run over onto Linden Street and I don't know  
10 -- I would assume that these roads were also  
11 constructed in accordance with the same  
12 specifications as are any other streets,  
13 major streets, in the City of Scranton.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Solicitor  
15 Hughes. Our next speaker is Bob Bolus.

16 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.  
17 Bob Bolus, Scranton.

18 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

19 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

20 MR. BOLUS: Well, I guess everybody  
21 gets a turn when I come up here, so I guess  
22 tonight, Jack, it's your turn. I kind of  
23 sat back and was undecided whether I wanted  
24 to do this or not and I guess I have been  
25 left no alternative. Actually I want to



1           thank you. You made a phone call to my  
2           office, I was away. And Jack wanted to come  
3           to my home and see what was going on out  
4           there. He wanted to see about the 16 1/2  
5           foot that Todd Hartman built his house on  
6           that we have all the surveys and deeds to  
7           show the city owns it. And I was called, I  
8           was out of the area, I was called by my  
9           office and I returned the call to Jack and I  
10          said I respectfully -- I'm going to deny  
11          your request. And he said, well, I think we  
12          could do something, some members of council,  
13          and I said, no, that's not the issue, Jack.

14                        But you came forward when no one  
15          else did, and I don't want you to consider  
16          -- or people to consider this part of a  
17          political platform. I'll be more than glad,  
18          Jack, to entertain anything you want to do  
19          after the election and if anybody wants to  
20          come forward, but I couldn't allow you to  
21          get contaminated in this situation that's  
22          going on. This situation has become  
23          volatile, it's out of control, and I have to  
24          thank certain people for it. Paul Kelly.  
25          We have had hearings before judges, Paul

1 Kelly has come in with untruthful responses,  
2 he brought witnesses that were not even  
3 qualified.

4 There was a hearing before  
5 Magistrate Russell, I was never notified.  
6 This call, Paul Kelly, ordered the  
7 magistrate to send the correspondence to my  
8 office not to my home. That's my home, it's  
9 my residence, that's where I live, that's  
10 where they go. That's the issue at hand.  
11 It didn't happen, I never was notified.

12 I thank Magistrate Russell for  
13 allowing 25 minutes to go by before he did  
14 conduct a hearing, however, nobody called to  
15 see why we weren't there and the reason why  
16 I was never notified because I don't miss a  
17 hearing, especially with Paul Kelly, that's  
18 the last thing I miss.

19 However, we are appealing it and it  
20 will go to the Court and the decision will  
21 be where it's supposed to be. We have had  
22 hearings before judges already and we have  
23 asked one judge now to reconsider his  
24 original decision not to go forward with the  
25 injunction hearing we asked. This would

1           have all been over with. Our issue was  
2           let's have a hearing, his issue was, well,  
3           you could uncondemn your house. Well,  
4           that's all well and good, first hear the  
5           fact that condemned the house and then we  
6           can uncondemn it if that's the case. That  
7           never happened, so we have asked for his  
8           reconsideration before we can move forward.

9                         Another judge, we had a rule  
10           returnable and a hearing scheduled. Paul  
11           Kelly went in and argued that it shouldn't  
12           happen. Well, it could have been over with.  
13           Thank you, Paul Kelly, and it's gone on and  
14           on and. Joe Wechsler, he is at the  
15           forefront of this with East Mountain  
16           residents, Mary Dunleavy, Jim Wintermantle,  
17           Seitzinger, and a whole bunch of them. Like  
18           I said, Mr. McGoff, I didn't see you come  
19           forward and see if you could do anything  
20           about it, which I would have really  
21           respected you a lot more had you gotten  
22           involved with it, but since you are with  
23           your running mat I assume you assume his  
24           position that my house should be condemned  
25           and I shouldn't live there.

1 Well, I'm going to tell you what's  
2 happened now since this has gotten so far  
3 out of control. It's with a heavy heart  
4 that I have to do with, this is something  
5 that I'm not accustomed to doing, it's not  
6 my makeup, but thanks to Joe Wechsler, Bob  
7 McGoff, Mary Dunleavy, Todd Hartman, Carol  
8 Oaks, and Mike -- excuse me, Carol  
9 Slotterback and Michael Oaks, both  
10 professors at the "U", Wintermantle,  
11 Dunleavy and all who have created this  
12 problem and let it fester and get worse and  
13 worse. They work at the "U" they should  
14 have common sense, we could have resolved  
15 this. Nobody wanted to fight, nobody wanted  
16 to argue, least of all me. I just wanted my  
17 peaceful enjoyment and it was taken and now  
18 it's gone way out of control.

19 The zoning board has a hearing  
20 topple night. Joe Wechsler put it on his  
21 Facebook to make sure he could get all of  
22 the people there he can, but he knows as  
23 somebody that sat on the zoning board, and I  
24 have notice of the hearing right here that  
25 was posted when I came home, he knows that

1           you can only have the abutting people come  
2           in and make an issue, not everybody in the  
3           city. Maybe Sara Palin will show up, maybe  
4           Obama will want to hear about it, maybe we  
5           need a new compound, but I'm forced now  
6           because of the legal exposure that I'm  
7           facing and it's been created by them all  
8           over my house and not get involved and end  
9           this. I have to close off a major portion  
10          of East Mountain Lake, which I own, and I've  
11          got to close it off to the public. That  
12          unfortunately, will impact the fishing derby  
13          that we hold every year on East mountain.

14                 It affects the kids, I have always  
15          been part of what the kids do, I allow the  
16          kids to use my field in Jessup for the  
17          lacrosse, they play at my hall, the Holy  
18          Cross hall for basketball and it's free. I  
19          don't take from anybody. In fact, I'd like  
20          to see more people give. Well, you people  
21          have taken from me, you have taken my  
22          privacy, you have taken my time, and you  
23          have taken my energy. Unfortunately, now  
24          the kids suffer and you all owe it to  
25          yourselves because you are the children, you

1                   weren't adults in this matter.

2                   I have no other explanation for what  
3                   you're doing and why you are doing it other  
4                   than you need a political platform. Well,  
5                   you got one now. Your campaign ends next  
6                   week, mine is just starting against you and  
7                   I want you all to know, you, Mr. McGoff,  
8                   Wechsler, especially Paul Kelly, I'm going  
9                   to be one of the strongest opponents against  
10                  you because the people now know what you  
11                  people really stand for. It's not the  
12                  people, I saw some tapes where you endorsed  
13                  the fact that you were proud of your former  
14                  rubber stampers, Judy Gatelli and Fanucci.  
15                  That's a hell of a thing to be proud of.  
16                  Now you can put in this your agenda that you  
17                  now put the screws to the kids. I hope you  
18                  are all proud of it. Thank you.

19                  MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.  
20                  Michael F. Riley.

21                  MR. RILEY: Good evening, Council.  
22                  I came to say goodbye to Mr. McGoff. I hope  
23                  that this Tuesday you will meet the same  
24                  fate that Judy Fanucci and Sherry Gatelli  
25                  met when they also faced the voters. People

1 remember their behavior, and I hope they  
2 will remember your arrogance, your hubris,  
3 our condescension and your mean spiritedness  
4 to which since you are now sitting as  
5 minority here you have added a new behavior  
6 rudeness.

7 I remember one night when Mr. Joyce  
8 was giving a brilliant presentation on the  
9 budget you had a five stacks of papers that  
10 you moved different positions from the  
11 railing to the floor, from the floor to the  
12 railing. Someone called you down on that  
13 and you said you can multi-task. I  
14 disagree. You started to say something one  
15 night and then there was a hesitation, I  
16 lost my train of thought.

17 Mr. McGoff, my great  
18 great-grandmother had a wonderful saying  
19 that she reserved for special occasions, but  
20 you are worthy of her words, good riddance  
21 to bad rubbish. The rest of you, Mr. Rogan,  
22 great job, Janet, as always, wonderful. I  
23 am so impressed, Frank, with your budget  
24 acumen and your facilities with numbers and  
25 statistics, it's awesome. Continue. And

1 Jack, best of luck on Tuesday. You will  
2 have my vote. Good evening. Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Lee B.  
4 Morgan.

5 MR. MORGAN: I'm up here. Can I go  
6 after the next speaker?

7 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
8 Council. Les Spindler, resident and  
9 homeowner and taxpayer.

10 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

11 MR. SPINDLER: On the internet today  
12 there came across something very  
13 interesting, I guess there has been a  
14 cleaning company that cleans city hall and  
15 lately they have been a no-show for most of  
16 the time and the mayor said no more payments  
17 to this company, yet, I have knowledge, and  
18 I'm not going to mention names because I  
19 don't know if this is totally true or not,  
20 but someone in the administration got a  
21 \$12,000 voucher and paid this company  
22 without the mayor's okay and without the  
23 controller's okay. If this is true, I think  
24 this borders on criminal.

25 I think this should be looked into



1           because I have it on very good confidence  
2           that this is a true story, but just by  
3           chance it isn't I won't mention any names,  
4           but I think this is very serious and are  
5           vouchers are just laying around and anybody  
6           can grab these and get money for them? If  
7           that's the case, I'd like to know where they  
8           are because I could use a few, but this  
9           should not have happened. I hope council  
10          looks into this. I think a letter should be  
11          sent to the mayor and the controller and  
12          whoever else, whoever we can get answers to  
13          this, I think it's a very important issue.

14                 The next thing I was going to talk  
15          about, but council beat me to it. I spoke  
16          about Officer McDermott last week what a  
17          hero he was I was going to come tonight and  
18          suggest council give him a proclamation, but  
19          to your credit you beat me to it so I want  
20          to commend you on that.

21                 Something else, last week,  
22          Mr. Joyce, you stated about inviting the  
23          mayor here to talk about finances, well, you  
24          know, in his nine or ten years since he was  
25          been mayor he has been here three teams,

1 twice was asked for money and the other time  
2 was to put Mr. McGoff on council and we all  
3 know what a mistake that was. So you  
4 getting him here you would have a better  
5 chance of it snowing in July in Arizona than  
6 getting him here.

7 MR. JOYCE: Well, you never know if  
8 it will snow in July, so maybe it will come  
9 about.

10 MR. SPINDLER: Lastly, I want to  
11 talk about my favorite subject, supercop  
12 Duffy. Mrs. Evans, can I approach council?

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 (Mr. Spindler approaches the dais.)

15 MR. SPINDLER: What I gave council  
16 is one of many civil rights lawsuits that I  
17 will call them Defendant Duffy has against  
18 him and this is one of many, it's the only  
19 one I came across and I think it's the most  
20 important one. Last March 26, I won't  
21 mention names, even though it is public  
22 knowledge, but Chief Duffy and a few other  
23 police officers were conducting surveillance  
24 at the convenient food mart on Olyphant  
25 Avenue and Boulevard Avenue, a car pulled

1 away, two police officers followed it, the  
2 car made a turn without using their turn  
3 signal, they were pulled over, the police  
4 officers went to the car, and I don't have  
5 time to give every detail of this, council  
6 is welcome to read it. These two plaintiffs  
7 were treated so poorly, they were called  
8 names, they were degraded, they wanted to  
9 call their father to have the father come,  
10 they weren't allowed to use their cell  
11 phones. Murderers have more rights than  
12 these people got that night. When you are  
13 arrested, which these people were not, you  
14 are allowed to use your cell phone or any  
15 phone. They were not allowed to call  
16 anybody.

17 Oh, and they found cigars which he  
18 had bought, legal cigars, so they wanted to  
19 search their car and they were given  
20 permission to search the car but they didn't  
21 do it when they got permission they called  
22 for a canine unit to come and search the  
23 car. Meanwhile, they called for prisoner  
24 transport to take these people down to  
25 police headquarters, again they weren't

1           arrested. While they're awaiting prisoner  
2 transport they kept getting harassed, called  
3 names, degraded, and Chief Duffy was the  
4 lead officer on this -- well, it wasn't an  
5 arrest, whatever you want to call it. He  
6 was the head man on this.

7           Finally they got down to police  
8 headquarters, they wanted to go to the  
9 bathroom, they weren't allowed to get to the  
10 bathroom. Can you believe this? Chief  
11 Duffy doesn't believe anybody has civil  
12 rights. Lastly, they -- well, one was a  
13 female, they had to call a female police  
14 officer in to strip search the female, but  
15 can I continue, Mrs. Evans, I'm almost done.

16           MS. EVANS: Yes. Finish up quickly.

17           MR. SPINDLER: The two plaintiffs  
18 were strip searched illegally because you  
19 cannot strip search someone unless they are  
20 arrested. I was told that by a police  
21 officers. These two people were never  
22 arrested, they were strip searched, body  
23 cavity searched, it's disgusting. I hope  
24 you read this whole report here. It's  
25 disgusting what happened to these people.

1                   And come to the end here, Chief  
2                   Duffy more or less admitted that he made a  
3                   mistake. On page 13, line 78: Defendant  
4                   Duffy approached the cell and stated, 'I  
5                   have good news for you, and bad news for  
6                   me,' and he informed them no drugs were  
7                   found in your car. After awhile they were  
8                   allowed to leave, but they were told to  
9                   stand outside in the cold. They had to wait  
10                  20 minutes before they were given a ride  
11                  back to their car, but Attorney Barry Diller  
12                  is the attorney for the plaintiffs on this,  
13                  I know who Attorney Diller is, I'm sure  
14                  Attorney Hughes know who he is, he is a  
15                  fantastic civil rights attorney, so this is  
16                  going to cost the citizens of this city  
17                  millions of dollars. Now let's see what  
18                  they think about their super chief now, and  
19                  you think that's funny, Mr. McGoff, like  
20                  when I was talking about your hero last week  
21                  you thought it was really funny. This is  
22                  not funny. It's disgusting what this man  
23                  did to these people and it violated their  
24                  civil rights.

25                   MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.

1 Ron Ellman. I'm sorry, Mr. Ellman, if  
2 Mr. Morgan could -- well, Mr. Morgan, then  
3 perhaps you can follow Mr. Ellman.

4 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

5 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

6 MR. ELLMAN: I only have a few  
7 things, I won't bother you. This morning's  
8 paper shows that bridge over Legget Creek  
9 last summer some kids told me that the  
10 bridge in the 2800 block of North Main when  
11 trucks go over it dust falls down it's so  
12 old. It's over 100 years old. I guess it's  
13 inspected though.

14 And several people, three or four  
15 people, have asked me why can't something be  
16 done about all of the money that Al Boscov  
17 owes the city. That's a million dollars. I  
18 don't know what's been paid back, if  
19 anything. I never seen anything about it,  
20 and a few people have asked me to mention  
21 that the Goodwill they are sitting on 2 1/2  
22 million dollars for 10 years nothing been  
23 done with that schoolhouse. It's time to  
24 take it back, you know, I don't know if  
25 anything is being done about it, but why let

1           them just have it for nothing like this. It  
2           doesn't make sense to people out there. I  
3           don't know.

4                        I have been to the jail to visit my  
5           son a couple of times, everybody I talk to  
6           and the family out there they are all from  
7           Scranton, you know, I never talk to no one  
8           from Dickson City or someplace else, they  
9           are all from Scranton. Most of them are  
10          innocent, you know, their mommas are talking  
11          to me about what happened, and when I tell  
12          what happened they don't believe me either,  
13          so -- last Wednesday at 6:30 in the morning  
14          my son and another boy fell down some steps  
15          that were broken. At 10:30 or 11:00 I  
16          talked to some guy named Roberts who said a  
17          doctor was there to see them, 7:30 at night  
18          no doctor had ever been there. The next day  
19          some woman named Kim chewed me out for  
20          asking how he was. She said, "You talked to  
21          him yesterday, why didn't you ask him."

22                        So, of course, I alienated myself  
23          with her. Sunday night he hadn't seen the  
24          doctor yet he told me the request cost \$8  
25          when you request to see a doctor. I asked

1 Corey O'Brien if he could just intervene  
2 somehow and this jail is so mismanaged it's  
3 not the guards, when I talk to the guards  
4 about it they bend over backwards trying to  
5 find out something for me. There is no  
6 leadership. The people, you know, Corey  
7 O'Brien he is on the prison board and he  
8 doesn't have any interest in it when I talk  
9 to him right outside in that hall, so he  
10 lost my vote. Of course, I think we ought  
11 to have a new school board and everything,  
12 so that's --

13 I saw where a four-wheeler had an  
14 accident on Gardner Street. These are  
15 uninsured, uninspected, unlicensed vehicles.  
16 What in the world is he going down the  
17 street for? They run all over North Main  
18 Avenue and the police should stop like they  
19 do in Dupont they pick up the little  
20 scooters and they arrest the people, they  
21 have it controlled down there. There is no  
22 reason we can't do it. I don't have any --  
23 I see them going up and down the railroad  
24 tracks, you know, but that doesn't bother  
25 me, but they don't belong on the streets and



1           they are all over the street on North Main.  
2           They go to the gas station by the Pepsi-Cola  
3           plant. It's just a matter of time when one  
4           of them gets run right over, you know.

5                         From what I understand about Mount  
6           Pleasant they are going to have a surety  
7           bond or something so the city won't --

8                         MS. EVANS: Yes.

9                         MR. ELLMAN: Mr. McGoff -- between  
10          what Mr. McGoff told me and Mr. Hughes I  
11          have a lot better understanding now of it,  
12          so that was all I was opposed to was the  
13          city assuming liability for things that we  
14          don't have to. I think so many times I just  
15          don't understand things like that that, you  
16          know, the legalities of it. But Mr. McGoff  
17          was talking to me the other day and  
18          explained it very well and I appreciated it,  
19          so I don't have any opposition to it. I  
20          still don't see why we are going to assume  
21          it.

22                         I'd like to say that they had a very  
23          informative meeting Thursday night with the  
24          people running for different offices, it was  
25          very congenial. I noticed everybody was

1 friendly on the output, I don't know what  
2 happens if they get by themselves and talk  
3 to someone. I thank you, but --

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

5 MR. ELLMAN: -- I wish you would do  
6 something about the four-wheelers going down  
7 public streets. The police tell me they  
8 cannot stop them, but they should. You  
9 know, like I said, my kids had them, I like  
10 them, but I have -- I haven't rode my little  
11 scooter for two years but I have insurance  
12 on it, it's only \$60 a year. If I run over  
13 somebody on the sidewalk, you know, at least  
14 it gets them medical attention or something,  
15 but these kids running all over the place  
16 there is eight and nine years old going down  
17 North Main Avenue 60, 70 miles an hour on  
18 big bikes, and last year one of them hit a  
19 car and he didn't have insurance. If they  
20 started taking away the owner's license  
21 plates -- driver's license like they should,  
22 maybe it would stop. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.  
24 Mrs. Krake, perhaps we could send a letter  
25 to Chief Duffy requesting additional patrols

1 on North Main Avenue to curb the ATV usage,  
2 particularly as Mr. Ellman stated, by young  
3 children. Thank you. And Mr. Morgan.

4 MR. JOYCE: If you don't mind me  
5 interrupting, Mrs. Krake, if we could also  
6 add South Sherman Avenue to that as well. I  
7 see a lot of ATV activity in that  
8 neighborhood.

9 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

10 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

11 MR. MORGAN: I have another  
12 Right-to-Know letter that I guess I'll give  
13 to the clerk and what I'd like to ask is  
14 allegedly the Workmens' Compensation Fund is  
15 75 percent funded I believe, and I would  
16 like to know what 100 percent funding would  
17 be in a dollar amount, okay?

18 Now, the other thing I have is, you  
19 know, I'd like to thank all of the  
20 candidates who came last Thursday and I do  
21 realize that some couldn't come because  
22 there is lot of activities, there is lot of  
23 activities out there with the primary  
24 coming, but I appreciate everybody who came  
25 and I just hope that everybody will watch it

1 on Channel 19 and, you know, give every  
2 candidate some consideration.

3 And, you know, I'd like to tonight  
4 ask one question, I don't know if any of the  
5 representatives of the League of Women  
6 Voters are watching tonight, but, you know,  
7 I'd like to ask if they'd consider asking a  
8 question tomorrow. In my opinion, and only  
9 in my opinion, I believe we need a tax clerk  
10 down there in the business office  
11 downstairs. I also believe that we need  
12 either somebody from the DPW or the Rec  
13 Authority to take the Christmas ornaments  
14 down at Nay Aug Park. I think we need a  
15 summer youth program in the city and, you  
16 know, I'd like to know how we are going to  
17 open our pools this year, and I think it  
18 would be a great benefit to the community if  
19 the League of Women Voters would ask that  
20 question at the forum. I'm not sure what  
21 their questions are at this time, but I just  
22 think that we have continually cut the  
23 ability of the city back to function because  
24 we have been wrestling with debt, so I hope  
25 they consider that.

1                   And the last thing I have here  
2                   tonight, because I'm going to be very brief,  
3                   is that, you know, I think that Mr. Bolus  
4                   with his Christmas dinner does a lot for the  
5                   community, it's a selfless act and I hope  
6                   that, and I told him I intended to talk to  
7                   him and he has left already, tomorrow I  
8                   intend to stop at his business, but to  
9                   probably try to discuss with him about  
10                  allowing his property to be open for this  
11                  fishing derby at East Mountain because I  
12                  just think that -- I don't understand the  
13                  parameters of his opinion on why he is  
14                  closing his property off, but, I mean, if he  
15                  would reconsider I think it's a great  
16                  benefit to the community that these children  
17                  go up there and really enjoy themselves.

18                  And I don't know if he will  
19                  reconsider or not, but I just think that  
20                  just because we are in such a quagmire up  
21                  there on his property and there is so many  
22                  inflamed emotions involved that maybe a  
23                  cooler head could prevail like he does with  
24                  the Christmas dinner and allow these  
25                  children to have access to his property and

1 access to this lake because these children  
2 have no dog in this race. I mean, you know,  
3 they have nothing involved in this and I  
4 just think that it's a great thing for the  
5 community and, you know, I just hope that we  
6 do a lot more for the children in our  
7 community concerning the problem we had in  
8 West Scranton lately and I really do intend  
9 to talk to their Rec Authority because I  
10 really think that they should begin the  
11 process of creating a youth program in this  
12 city not just in the summer, but year round  
13 because I think what we are doing is we are  
14 allowing children and young adults to become  
15 misguided and make bad decisions and I just  
16 think that the community really has to step  
17 in, and I do understand that there is a lot  
18 of stress financially, but I just think we  
19 need to find some solutions, and I really  
20 appreciate your time. Thank you.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

22 MR. JOYCE: Mr. Morgan, if you don't  
23 mind me chiming in here, the fully funded  
24 amount at 100 percent for the Workers' Comp  
25 Trust Fund is roughly about \$20.5 million.

1                   However, if you want the exact dollar amount  
2                   I would consider going through with your  
3                   Right-to-Know request, but as a roundabout  
4                   figure that's about what it is.

5                   MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

6                   MR. JOYCE: No problem.

7                   MS. EVANS: Our next speaker is  
8                   Russell Schneider.

9                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Hi, how you doing,  
10                  Russ Schneider. I'm from West Scranton.  
11                  This is my first time here at these  
12                  meetings, so, hi, how you doing? I want to  
13                  talk about the skate park that we just  
14                  opened in West Scranton. Since I have been  
15                  here, I have been here about a year, just  
16                  moved to West Scranton, we just accumulated,  
17                  I guess we just made locks, we just got  
18                  locks for it now. Prior to the locks, it  
19                  was bad. We have had people jumping the  
20                  gates, jumping the fences, you know, and  
21                  they have been really rowdy, noisy. Now  
22                  since we have had the new, you know, gates  
23                  locking and the police department thanks to  
24                  Mr. Duffy, people have their own opinion  
25                  about him, I have had a great opinion about

1           him, I've known him for awhile now, since we  
2           have had it and we have had locks put on the  
3           gates now it's been quiet.

4                       Now, I live right behind it and at  
5           night they used to be 1:00 in the morning  
6           the kids were playing basketball. We don't  
7           have that anymore. Locks are on the gates  
8           8:00, locked up, we have no problems. Now,  
9           it's nice and quiet, the kids are playing  
10          basketball, now we get even families coming  
11          to that park. I mean, before we wouldn't  
12          have that. Before it was just like  
13          skateboarders moving everything around, they  
14          are not having any fun. Now we have  
15          actually families coming down with their  
16          kids playing basketball, they are not being  
17          pushed out of the parks, ever since that we  
18          have actually families coming down. I mean,  
19          we got a lot of Hispanic families down  
20          there, we have a lot of -- I mean, it's  
21          great. I mean, now it's -- we actually can  
22          have a good time in our backyards.

23                      Now it's not -- before it was like  
24          you would hear people using foul language,  
25          we don't get that. We don't -- there is not



1 too many of that because you got kids there.  
2 They are actually playing basketball.  
3 They're actually -- we don't have too many  
4 of the skateboarders now because there is  
5 more people playing basketball now in the  
6 summertime, but that's how we like it.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Could I just ask one  
8 question?

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Who is responsible for  
11 opening and closing the gates?

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, right now we  
13 have community involvement now, not only the  
14 police department now, if the police  
15 department cannot make it there to close the  
16 park we have a community group that come  
17 together and if the police department cannot  
18 get there the community comes around and  
19 they lock the gates, but everyone leaves. I  
20 mean, we just come in, we clean up or we  
21 even have the people clean up, before it was  
22 a mess. I mean, actually everything thrown  
23 all over the place, now it's actually clean  
24 where before it was people would throw  
25 bottles and now it's getting cleaned up and

1 people are actually wanting to go to the  
2 park.

3 Now, we still have a little bit of  
4 problems, but now we just got to, you know,  
5 it's -- we got people hanging out outside  
6 the gates, now we just want to get them into  
7 the park and actually play in the park, but  
8 it takes a lot of steps. It's going to take  
9 time, but we are just starting out, but  
10 since they now have locks we have been doing  
11 real good so now we have the community  
12 involvement it's actually working out better  
13 for the best. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.  
15 Bob Banks.

16 MR. BANKS: I thank you for this  
17 opportunity to speak. I'm going to reflect  
18 on some things that happened when Mayor  
19 Connors was here, I'm going to reflect on  
20 Mayor Doherty, on PEL. Mr. McGoff, I want  
21 you to know anything I say is no reflection  
22 on you. When I talk about when the former  
23 mayor was here, you weren't even on council.  
24 The only meeting I was ever at before this  
25 one was when our mayor was looking to borrow

1 all that money. You weren't on council  
2 then, it was Bob McTiernan, so when I  
3 mention the administration or that it's no  
4 reflection on you, and I will have some  
5 things that are not too complimentary, too,  
6 just so you know upfront.

7 When we were first declared a  
8 distressed city, they come in and they made  
9 Mayor Connors get rid of most of his  
10 cabinet, and the only thing I really kept in  
11 my mind when Mayor Connors made the remark  
12 that he had a man there with 28 years of  
13 service with the city and they were going to  
14 make him get rid of him, and they said,  
15 "Yeah," and he did, and I felt the same way  
16 he did. That's tough after 28 years of  
17 service to be out of a job.

18 But anyway, the city was turning  
19 around and along comes Mayor Doherty. Now,  
20 all of those jobs that were eliminated he  
21 put right back in. Along with those jobs,  
22 he added jobs. He also added a higher pay.  
23 Now, PEL never said a word about that, that  
24 was fine. Of course, he and our governor at  
25 that time were pretty buddy-buddy. I think

1 Mayor Doherty was his fair-haired boy.

2 So when I came to that last meeting,  
3 only meeting, there was a gentlemen here  
4 from PEL and somebody had asked him why all  
5 of these jobs were back, why didn't they do  
6 anything about it, and he said, well, things  
7 are different now. And he never elaborated  
8 on that, and I can't really get into his  
9 mind, I don't know what he was thinking. I  
10 don't know if he thought that Mayor Connors  
11 was so much smarter than Mayor Doherty, and  
12 I don't really think that, but he kind of  
13 made me wonder was he a better administrator  
14 that he didn't need all of this help or  
15 what. But here again, I don't know what was  
16 in his mind.

17 So now along comes this budget, and  
18 fortunately for us the mayor couldn't get  
19 his way because when you look at things  
20 first off, and what happened before, PEL  
21 comes up with this great budget for him,  
22 they want to raise taxes, they want to get  
23 rid of firemen, they want to get rid of  
24 policemen, these are the people that keep us  
25 safe and save our lives and, like I say,

1           that award to that young man tonight was a  
2           perfect example of that.

3                       I personally did not agree with  
4           that. I was very thankful for this council  
5           that they didn't let him get away with it.  
6           The mayor we now find out is paying last  
7           year's bill in an anticipation loan from  
8           this year. Now, it was always my  
9           understanding they got an anticipation loan  
10          in January so that when the taxes starting  
11          coming in they could pay off that loan.  
12          Here I find he is paying off last year's  
13          bills. If the mayor were allowed to  
14          continue and things went differently on  
15          council and he had his way, next year, well,  
16          he doesn't raise taxes, what most likely he  
17          would do he would come in here and say,  
18          "Well, I got to borrow 20 or 30 million  
19          dollars," so we'd pay a lot more in  
20          interest.

21                      So with that said, and this gets a  
22          little political, I do believe that the best  
23          thing for this city is to bring back Jack  
24          Loscombe because as long as you have the  
25          supermajority he can't get away with all of

1           these things and this guy would do it. You  
2           know, the reason I said another reason about  
3           that last meeting that I was at, you were  
4           starting to question him, Mrs. Evans, and  
5           the mayor cut you off. He says a major thing  
6           like you are a nobody and he is this great  
7           speech man and what he says is like speaking  
8           to God. Well, if he ran his business like  
9           he ran this city his business would be  
10          bankrupt years ago.

11                        I've only got a few more things, and  
12          this is kind of personal, one of the things  
13          that really bothered me when you went and  
14          talk to the University and in the beginning  
15          it was you're the bad guys and then it come  
16          out, well, you weren't the bad guys, but  
17          according to the paper you are still the bad  
18          guys. I think it was Chris Carney that put  
19          in what was actually said where he came in  
20          and he did tell you what he was going to  
21          give the city and you said to him that's not  
22          enough. I don't think anywhere where you  
23          ever connected that to that building. You  
24          just said you wanted him to give us more,  
25          but the paper keeps saying, well, you were

1 connecting that to that, and I don't know  
2 how they can prove it, but they are like  
3 that defense attorney, only hears what they  
4 want to hear and says what they want to hear  
5 whether it's true or not.

6 The other thing that bothers me so  
7 much is the school board has this thing that  
8 they want to know all about you, they want  
9 to know about your injury, they want to know  
10 that. Do they ever question anybody else?  
11 I mean, like you can't be the only person  
12 that's on disability. How many other people  
13 do they look into are they working, what are  
14 they doing or that, and especially now when  
15 you are getting all of these cuts from our  
16 present government they don't seem to be at  
17 all interested in that, all it seems to me  
18 is they have a vendetta against you and  
19 that's more reason this council has to be  
20 kept the way it is. You have to have that  
21 majority or this town, you can kiss it  
22 goodbye really because let Doherty run it  
23 the way PEL is going let him run with them,  
24 you won't have a city in other five or six  
25 years you won't be able afford to live here.

1 I do hope, and I am Republican, and  
2 every Republican I talk to I ask to vote for  
3 Jack Loscombe because I believe in you four  
4 people and I'm grateful for your service to  
5 the city and I hope for a lot more years  
6 that you four are here. I thank you for  
7 letting me speak.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Karen  
9 Foster, president of the West Side Hyde Park  
10 Neighborhood Association Crime Watch.  
11 That's quite a mouthful.

12 MS. FOSTER: It is. Thank you.  
13 Good evening, distinguished members of  
14 Scranton City Council. Karen Foster,  
15 Scranton resident of Jackson Street and  
16 president of the West Scranton Hyde Park  
17 Neighborhood Watch speaking this evening on  
18 behalf of our association, the neighbors of  
19 the adjoining properties of the skate park  
20 located on 1300 block of Jackson Street  
21 bordering the 100 North Bromley Avenue and  
22 100 block of North Sumner Avenue as well as  
23 the citizens of the Scranton regarding  
24 proposed amendments to Article I, Chapter  
25 332, parks and recreation, and Chapter 394,



1 skateboarding and rollerblading.

2 Currently our city code does have  
3 legislation for skate parks. In likes of  
4 this, as well as receiving several  
5 complaints from residents, I arranged a  
6 meeting with neighbors of the adjoining  
7 property owners on Wednesday, May 4, 2011,  
8 and invited members of city council, Mark  
9 Dougher of the Park's Department, Jeff  
10 Brazil of the Department of Public Works,  
11 Mayor Doherty, Chief Duffy, Tim Kaloski, who  
12 is a muralist, and the members of our  
13 executive committee. Minutes from this  
14 meeting are available and I'd like to  
15 present.

16 The outcome of this meeting  
17 developed recommendations for the skate  
18 park's use, hours, registration, fees,  
19 liability waivers and user agreements. A  
20 proposed amendment was drafted and samples  
21 of liability waivers and user agreements  
22 were developed for consideration of the  
23 Scranton City Council.

24 On Thursday, May 5, 2011, Chief  
25 Duffy arranged an on-site meeting with

1 Scranton city solicitor Paul Kelly and  
2 myself. At the conclusion of our meeting  
3 and the noted observations at the skate  
4 park, I submitted our draft proposals and  
5 legislation is currently under review at  
6 Solicitor Kelly's office. The legislation  
7 should be available for members of city  
8 council to review prior to the next city  
9 council meeting.

10 In the interim, the following steps  
11 have been implemented to ensure the safety  
12 and welfare of the city's residents and the  
13 residents and park properties. It is no  
14 longer open 24 hours. The hours of  
15 operations are enforced with an alliance of  
16 the community and the Scranton Police  
17 Department. 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk  
18 Monday through Saturday; 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on  
19 Sunday. The gates are locked and reopened  
20 at these times. The West Scranton precinct  
21 is now located on this site and will give an  
22 increased police presence. The damaged  
23 playground equipment that's in the lower  
24 section on the North Bromley side will be  
25 removed by next week and plans for a

1 community garden will take place on that  
2 spot.

3 Chief Duffy also arranged with Jerry  
4 Cesar of MINSEC to have community service  
5 hours dedicated to the skate park every  
6 other Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Two  
7 persons will clean up trash, cut grass, weed  
8 whack and assist with the exterior  
9 maintenance of the facility.

10 Several community events are planned  
11 in the months ahead for the skate park  
12 including a movie night, a shredding event  
13 in June, a two-day block party with a  
14 muralist in July, and the cultivating of a  
15 garden site through the spring and summer  
16 months.

17 Our neighborhood is committed to  
18 ensure the success for this property as well  
19 as better utilize the green space in both  
20 Allen and Fellows Parks. However, we need  
21 your assistance to ensure the safety and  
22 well-being of the city and county residents  
23 who are currently enjoying the skate park  
24 equipment and also protect the City of  
25 Scranton from liability. Please help

1 expedite the approved legislation provided  
2 by Solicitor Kelly. Thank you for your  
3 ongoing support and being part of the  
4 solution. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

6 MR. JOYCE: Ms. Foster, before you  
7 leave tonight I just wanted to say one  
8 thing, as resident of West Scranton I have  
9 seen our neighborhood deteriorate over time  
10 and I firmly believe that with the job that  
11 you are doing heading up this organization  
12 it's taking a step in the right direction  
13 and you should be commended for all of your  
14 efforts, and as someone who is so active in  
15 the community in getting people together to  
16 come with solutions to help stop the  
17 problems that face our neighborhood and I  
18 just want to thank you for that.

19 MS. FOSTER: I appreciate that, but  
20 I also thank the entire City of Scranton for  
21 their bi -- nonpartisan help in the  
22 solutions to help improve our city and West  
23 Scranton. Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: And I understand that  
25 your husband, Mr. Foster, is also dedicated

1 to the group and works very hard and I think  
2 he should be recognized as well. Also, we  
3 have several members tonight and that speaks  
4 so well of the organization and council will  
5 be very pleased to work with you in every  
6 way we can.

7 MS. FOSTER: Thank you.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much. Is  
9 there anyone else who cares to address  
10 council?

11 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.  
12 First I'd like to announce Edmond Bugatti,  
13 May 22, at 213 South Main Avenue at the  
14 United Baptist Church at 3:15 p.m. there is  
15 no admission, so if anybody would like to go  
16 they are more than welcome. That's May 22  
17 at 3:15 at 213 South Main Avenue.

18 Mr. McGoff, I recently saw you on  
19 the Taxpayer Association Forum for the  
20 candidates for council and you mentioned  
21 that you had brought respect, respect to  
22 this council chambers. Well, I don't know,  
23 I don't know where I have been for the last  
24 three or four years, but you certainly  
25 weren't the one to do that. Now, this

1 council, the new supermajority, has brought  
2 respect, professionalism and decorum to  
3 these chambers. When you there, there were  
4 police officers at all the meetings, there  
5 is no police officers here, not with this  
6 new council. There has not been any  
7 arrests, there has not been any banged out  
8 of order, there hasn't been any anybody told  
9 to leave as when you were presidents. I  
10 remember myself standing here many times and  
11 you would tell me that I wasn't allowed to  
12 say what I said, you said that was Council's  
13 rules and I tried to tell you your rules  
14 don't supercede Robert's Rules, but you  
15 still didn't listen and still refused to let  
16 me speak. There is just such a big  
17 difference in the way you performed at  
18 council meetings as this council does.

19 You, Mr. McGoff, voted for a 26  
20 percent tax increase. You, Mr. McGoff,  
21 voted with the mayor when you vetoed this  
22 council's budget to keep all of the  
23 policemen on the streets and keep the  
24 neighborhoods safe. You wanted a tax  
25 increase to keep the city -- your opinion

1           was you should -- in the newspaper you were  
2           reported as saying you were in favor of a  
3           tax increase, whereas as this council voted  
4           for a tax decrease. You did not want to  
5           keep the policemen here. Every borrowing  
6           that the mayor did you were right behind him  
7           going for everything.

8                     Let me ask you about this rental  
9           registration, how much money have you taken  
10          in from that, Mr. McGoff? You are in charge  
11          of that, aren't you?

12                    MR. MCGOFF: I don't know what the  
13          revenue from it has been.

14                    MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

15                    MR. MCGOFF: I do not know what the  
16          revenue has been.

17                    MS. FRANUS: But aren't you in  
18          charge of that?

19                    MR. MCGOFF: I don't -- no.

20                    MS. FRANUS: You are not?

21                    MR. MCGOFF: No.

22                    MS. FRANUS: You have nothing to do  
23          with this, aren't you assisting or  
24          something?

25                    MR. MCGOFF: Well, I don't know what

1           -- maybe what you are in saying in charge  
2           I'm interpreting differently. Yes, I  
3           have -- let me say this, I have been in  
4           favor of the rental registration program and  
5           supported it in the past.

6                   MS. FRANUS: Well, there is no money  
7           coming in and I think -- I don't know. I  
8           just don't know what to say, but the people  
9           when they go to vote they better be very,  
10          very careful that if they vote for you,  
11          Mr. McGoff, or any other mayor friendly  
12          candidates they are going to get tax  
13          increases, they are going to get policemen  
14          off the street, their neighborhoods are not  
15          going to be as safe, and they are going to  
16          get garbage fee increases, and we don't need  
17          that in our neighborhoods. We don't need  
18          that in this city. We need to keep in  
19          council the way it has been with the  
20          supermajority and doing the great job they  
21          have been doing. They are fighting for the  
22          people whereas you are fighting for the  
23          mayor which is not fighting for the people.  
24          Thank you.

25                   MS. EVANS: Thank you, Ms. Franus.



1 Is there anyone else who would like to  
2 address council?

3 MR. TALIMINI: Joe Talimini, City of  
4 Scranton. First of all, I want to thank all  
5 five members, I'm not going to do any  
6 political posturing in this little speech,  
7 all I'm going to ask you to do is consider  
8 one thing and that is the common sense  
9 factor in this city. I don't care what you  
10 think, what you say, what you hear from  
11 neighborhood associations or what you hear  
12 from businessmen or anything else, but the  
13 streets in Scranton are on the verge of  
14 turning this city into a ghost town.

15 Just yesterday while I was going  
16 down and going to go up to Moosic Street a  
17 lady hit a pothole there and it threw her  
18 car almost three feet off. Now, if that was  
19 a bus behind her instead of another car, you  
20 might have had a fatality there, and I think  
21 it's time that this city got a little smart,  
22 used a little common sense, let's put a  
23 moratorium on parks which we don't need,  
24 let's put a moratorium on spending which we  
25 don't need, let's take that money and repair

1 the streets. They are in deplorable  
2 condition and I have seen streets from Wild  
3 West movies that looked a hell of a lot  
4 better than the ones we had in Scranton, and  
5 that includes PennDOT and DPW and anybody  
6 else and if any union or anybody else takes  
7 offense to that I hope to hell you do  
8 because take good look at your streets, it's  
9 responsibility, and thank you very much.

10 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

11 MR. QUINN: Good evening.

12 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

13 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn. It's about  
14 six years since I created and was the former  
15 and served as the former president of the  
16 Taxpayers' Association and I actually formed  
17 it and the people got behind me because of  
18 the problems that were starting to exist in  
19 the city. It wasn't long ago that  
20 Mr. McGoff and the Doherty friendly council  
21 raised our taxes by 26 percent and borrowed  
22 us into over \$300 million in long-term debt.  
23 We didn't want to return to those days, and  
24 we don't want to, that kind of city council  
25 ever again. In other words, we have to

1 elect Jack Loscombe to stay in this seat.  
2 Jack works one-on-one helping the city  
3 residents with their problems and he has  
4 worked to solve many flooding and  
5 neighborhood issues from Minooka to Keyser  
6 Valley to West Side to the Hill. You know,  
7 something -- in the dead of last winter I  
8 got a call from Jack and he wanted me to go  
9 to McCungey in Lehigh Valley and he wanted  
10 me to attend with him a seminar on blight  
11 and economic development, so I went down  
12 with Jack, okay? He drove down and it was  
13 about 30 different municipalities attended  
14 and the idea of the thing was because Jack  
15 was very much interested in hearing from  
16 other communities what programs they were  
17 using to eliminate blight, he was concerned  
18 about the blight throughout our  
19 neighborhoods, and he took the initiative to  
20 go down there and learn about these programs  
21 and about what other communities are going  
22 on to try to address these, and I have never  
23 seen council people do that, you know?

24 And he took me because of the fact  
25 that I had been getting up here week after

1 week for the last six weeks saying  
2 neighborhoods are deteriorating, okay, and  
3 the former council just didn't want to hear  
4 it, okay? You can thank Jack, you know, and  
5 the majority of council for lowering  
6 property taxes 10 percent which helps the  
7 senior citizens on fixed incomes and working  
8 families in our city. No other council gave  
9 businesses and neighborhoods a helping hand  
10 to keep them in Scranton. Also, help city  
11 businesses by lowering the business  
12 privilege and the mercantile 25 percent.  
13 You know, that's unbelievable and you have  
14 to realize what happened here.

15 Now, and yet you were -- you try to  
16 present a budget for 2011 and you are  
17 criticized for revenue and it's ridiculous  
18 because of the fact that, Mr. McGoff, in  
19 2009 you decided to significantly increase  
20 the revenue projection for rental  
21 registration program in the 2010 operating  
22 budget. That's the budget that we are  
23 deficit \$4,000 -- \$4 million, and this  
24 revenue was never realized.

25 So you are so friendly with the

1           mayor and his administration, what did you  
2           do to address for the lack of enforcement of  
3           the program in 2010 and 2011? I can answer  
4           that, nothing. Not only is the city losing  
5           much needed revenue, but also absentee  
6           landlords continue to foul their properties  
7           and deteriorate them to lack of proper  
8           enforcement by the Doherty administration.

9                         Since you, Mr. McGoff, believe that  
10           working closely with the administration will  
11           create progress, what have you done with  
12           this program? I mean, you've said that we  
13           are going to get revenue from here and yet  
14           the newspaper criticizes this senior  
15           council, super council for, you know, for  
16           not enough revenue. How soon we forget.  
17           Deficit budgets, 2010, '9, \$300 million  
18           borrowed to pay off a deficit, going on and  
19           on.

20                        You know, finally we have a  
21           professional council up here and if we don't  
22           continue with this four members we are going  
23           to go back to that rubber stamp council that  
24           was there as you all know for four years  
25           that Mr. McGoff was a part of stamping and

1 stamping, pay this, pay this, here is this,  
2 don't worry about this, don't worry about  
3 that, and pretty soon we are broke. We are  
4 broke. It's unbelievable how broke we are.

5 You know, they have it in the front  
6 page of the paper about Dunmore Borough \$14  
7 million in debt and yet I do not see  
8 anything and they are about \$300 million in  
9 long-term debt in the City of Scranton. So,  
10 I mean, this is -- you know, who is doing  
11 this? Who is protecting them? They are  
12 protecting the Doherty administration. And  
13 that is bringing down this city, you know.

14 You know, for all of these years  
15 what he has done, you know, for parks, you  
16 know what I mean? And forget about just  
17 keep on borrowing and he's then paying  
18 people as consultants for the park to do  
19 work up there and his former roommate in  
20 college, getting away with murder, you know.  
21 And nobody, nobody else, the Times is never  
22 saying anything about it, you know, it's  
23 about time they do. You know, right now  
24 they want to get rid of Mr. Loscombe, they  
25 want to get rid of Jack. Jack, they don't

1 want him back and, Jack, we do want you  
2 back. We don't want another rubber stamp  
3 council and thank you for doing what you  
4 have in the little time you have been here.  
5 Thank you very much.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher,  
7 citizen and taxpayer and also dues paying  
8 member of the East Mountain Residence  
9 Association. There was no fishing derby  
10 last year, there is no fishing derby this  
11 year, so all the concerns about children  
12 being denied to participate in the fishing  
13 derby I think are not to worry because it's  
14 always been held on Mother's Day weekend  
15 and, as I say, it wasn't last year, it  
16 wasn't this year, as a matter of fact, the  
17 association only holds one meeting a year  
18 unless I guess they call a special meeting.

19 I noticed the article in the paper  
20 this morning on the Rockwell Avenue bridge  
21 and I would just like to remind people the  
22 Times did not have it in their article, that  
23 I found anyway, that there is still \$400,000  
24 in the OECD budget. It's been there for  
25 many, many years and I am not sure why

1 nothing has happened. I'm disappointed that  
2 Mr. Rogan left because I also in verifying  
3 that \$400,000 for that bridge went through  
4 the caper again and I was very disappointed.  
5 Last year the caper showed the loan paydowns  
6 for the prior year, this year that has been  
7 totally eliminated and I would like to  
8 prevail upon Mr. Rogan to ask them to please  
9 reinstate that. I think it's important.  
10 There for awhile he was giving those  
11 statistics on a regular basis, but I haven't  
12 heard from him since I believe last year.

13 Also, back on March 15 I asked for  
14 if we could get a list of the outstanding  
15 lawsuits against the city that were  
16 mentioned in the 2009 audit report and I  
17 have not seen those yet either and I'm  
18 wonder if those will be forthcoming.

19 Again, at the April 12 meeting it  
20 was announced \$50,000 for the Perry Street  
21 playground will be forthcoming and I'm  
22 wondering if the capital budget will be  
23 amended to include this project as it was  
24 not listed in the capital budget for this  
25 year. Maybe you can answer that during



1 motions.

2 Also, it's been some weeks if not  
3 months since a representative of Boscov's  
4 was here talking loan subordination. I was  
5 wondering what the status of that is only  
6 because I fear, I mean, my recollections are  
7 that they needed something from the city  
8 which I believe was subordination in order  
9 to get another loan and I'm afraid it's  
10 going to go down to the wire again where  
11 it's going to be, well, we got to do it  
12 because otherwise Boscov's is going to fail  
13 and there goes our \$3 million loan, so I  
14 would like to know how that --

15 MR. ROGAN: I mentioned that briefly  
16 levy last week and I was curious as well. I  
17 remember we had the caucus and it was months  
18 ago and we haven't received any  
19 correspondence since.

20 Ms SCHUMACHER: Well, I'm afraid  
21 they're going to get -- I know it was far in  
22 advance, I remember the caucus. It was  
23 downstream, but I don't remember what, and  
24 again, I'm just afraid it's going to go  
25 until, you know, there is week or three

1 weeks away from them possibly defaulting on  
2 the loan and so then it's, well, where is  
3 the choice or what else can be worked out?  
4 So I'd like to see something a little more  
5 proactive on that as a city taxpayer.

6 And then if I have been hearing  
7 correctly, Mr. Joyce, this budget shell  
8 game, as you call it, has been going on for  
9 at least two years, 2009 and 2008?

10 MR. JOYCE: And 2000 -- yes. The  
11 last two years there has been money  
12 transferred in and out of the Workers' Comp  
13 Trust Fund.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: And I thought there  
15 were other funds, but still, is there some  
16 particular reason why our highest bidder  
17 auditor did not pick up on that budget shell  
18 game? I mean, I can see why last year, 2010  
19 is not done and won't be.

20 MR. JOYCE: Actually, the highest  
21 bidder auditor was actually the auditor that  
22 informed us of the money being transferred  
23 out of the Workers' Comp Trust Fund later on  
24 last year and that was for the 2009 audit.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: But if it happened

1 the year before I'm wondering how they could  
2 have overlooked that the year before because  
3 as I recall it was something around 11.2 or  
4 maybe even as much as \$16.5 million in that  
5 year. So anyway, if we can find out why it  
6 was overlooked that year.

7 Also, I'm disappointed we weren't  
8 informed last week, I saw the unveiling of  
9 the firemens' memorial that had been covered  
10 on Mulberry Street, and why that was not  
11 announced last week and I wonder if we will  
12 learn tonight what day this week, if it  
13 hasn't already occurred, the police memorial  
14 will be unveiled.

15 And then, Mr. Rogan, you had  
16 mentioned last week you wanted to change  
17 something from three police reports to just  
18 three call-ins, I am really opposed to that.  
19 Anybody can make a crank call. There's a  
20 big difference between making a telephone  
21 call and filing a police report and I fear  
22 all kinds of terrible things, but thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Two things, the first  
24 one is the police memorial will be unveiled  
25 on May 11, 2011, at 11 a.m., so that's

1 tomorrow at 11 a.m. And with the police  
2 reports that was brought about through a  
3 conversation I had down in Licensing and  
4 Inspections and talking with some residents  
5 and I was just fooling with the idea,  
6 nothing official has happened yet, but it's  
7 something I'm looking into it because  
8 especially in the situation we have had, the  
9 drug house on the block, and the neighbor  
10 will call up and something is going on and  
11 then they would have come up and file the  
12 police report and they are afraid of  
13 retaliation, and that's what we are trying  
14 to prevent, where if they call, the call is  
15 followed up on, action is taken by the  
16 police department, and there would have to  
17 be something more than just three calls  
18 because I could call and say, "Marie  
19 Schumacher has problem," three days in a  
20 row, they would have be founded calls. So  
21 it's just something we were looking into it.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you.

23 MR. NEWCOMB, JR.: Good evening,  
24 Council.

25 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

1 MR. NEWCOMB, JR.: Charlie Newcomb.  
2 There is only two things that I come to the  
3 podium for, like a lot of people I'm pretty  
4 busy, but one of them is the Washburn Street  
5 Cemetery, and the second thing is the  
6 flooding in Keyser Valley.

7 I want to personally thank  
8 Mr. Howells from the GO Lackawanna newspaper  
9 for doing a story on it. I know we came  
10 here last Tuesday and we spoke on it and it  
11 was front page news on Sunday. And, Mr.  
12 Rogan, thank you, you were in the picture as  
13 well as the four people on council who are  
14 very interested in getting this cleaned up.

15 I read the article in here -- first  
16 let me go back and say that I believe you  
17 were trying to get the Scranton Times to do  
18 a story on that and it's very upsetting that  
19 people -- that newspaper is very selective  
20 as far as what they put in the newspaper.

21 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Newcomb, I am still  
22 trying to work on that.

23 MR. NEWCOMB: I think this was a  
24 very good article so don't waste your time,  
25 no offense. I think this speaks for itself.

1 I don't think you are going to have very  
2 much luck there, but if you could, thank  
3 you.

4 In the article Mr. Rader when he was  
5 contacted has a quote and says that, "Every  
6 three years someone calls and complains  
7 about something. I have nothing more to  
8 say."

9 Well, I don't know if Mr. Rader  
10 watches these meetings or not, but this  
11 council, I know Mrs. Evans in particular,  
12 every single year for the last three years  
13 has been on LIPS to get something done in  
14 this cemetery and has gone ignored, and IT  
15 also said in the newspaper that LIPS was  
16 going to go over and do an inspection of the  
17 property to see what happened, and I'd like  
18 to know if we had the results from that or  
19 what happened.

20 Mr. Rader also said that, "The  
21 cemetery will be ready for Memorial Day, but  
22 if you recall we had one day without rain in  
23 April and there is nothing I can do with the  
24 cemetery when it is raining."

25 Well, if you drive around the city I

1 don't see anybody else's grass that is  
2 almost up to my knees unless the property is  
3 abandoned because I know I have cut my grass  
4 on my property three times so to me that's  
5 really no excuse.

6 And people go to that cemetery much  
7 more than on Memorial Day. This past Sunday  
8 was Mother's Day, it also would have been my  
9 grandmother's birthday, I couldn't take my  
10 mother over to that cemetery to see the  
11 condition it was in over there. I actually  
12 had to go over and clean it up in that area  
13 myself because I literally wanted to get  
14 sick when I went over there to put flowers  
15 on and pay my respects.

16 It's unacceptable that anybody would  
17 allow this to happen and shame on Mr. Rader  
18 for allowing this to happen, and I'm not the  
19 only person, by the way, that they asked  
20 about this situation. There was many  
21 neighbors in here that commented how  
22 disgusting it truly is and I, for one, don't  
23 live near that, like, within an eye distance  
24 of that cemetery but if I did I would  
25 probably more appalled to have the condition

1           be that way.

2                       I would also like to commend Officer  
3           McDermott that you gave your -- that you  
4           spoke about earlier and got the Proclamation  
5           for saving that family and alerting them to  
6           the fire. It's truly sad that he would have  
7           been cut out of that budget that came  
8           forward before.

9                       And regarding the flooding in Keyser  
10          Valley, did we get any updates on anybody  
11          from DPW in regard to fixing that one pipe  
12          or can anything be done that we need to do,  
13          I mean, I commend the Sewer Authority for  
14          everything, but we had a caucus here with  
15          the DPW and that was the last that I have  
16          heard from them as far as going forward with  
17          anything.

18                      And once again, I just want to thank  
19          GO Lackawanna and this council, Mr. Rogan,  
20          Mr. Loscombe, Mr. Joyce and Mrs. Evans for  
21          not letting things like this go. And  
22          another thing that very is important to me,  
23          because I have a family at home more  
24          importantly is my two kids, is the  
25          firehouses and the police officers on the



1 street and it's upsetting to me to know that  
2 the new school that my children are going to  
3 attend next year the fire -- the closest  
4 engine company to that school was closed  
5 because of the budget that was put forth by  
6 this administration, but you were able to  
7 keep a truck company in there by keeping  
8 your budget the way that it is, so keep up  
9 the good work and thank you very much.

10 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Newcomb.

11 MR. JOYCE: Before the next speaker  
12 come up, I just wanted to say over the past  
13 week I had time to visit the Washburn Street  
14 Cemetery and I must say the condition of the  
15 cemetery is deplorable to say the least.  
16 Mrs. Krake, I just wanted to ask, do we have  
17 any updates from Mr. Seitzinger if any  
18 enforcement procedures have been instituted  
19 to this point?

20 MS. KRAKE: No.

21 MR. JOYCE: Well, in light of that,  
22 can you please contact him to determine if  
23 there is a plan of action to handle this  
24 situation in an effective manner because  
25 this is getting ridiculous. I don't know

1           how many complaints have come into this  
2           council since I have been elected alone, let  
3           alone I can only imagine how many have been  
4           coming in within the past how many ever  
5           years, but it's starting to get out of hand.

6           MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who  
7           would like to address council?

8           MR. WASKO: First I'd like to say  
9           good evening to council.

10          MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

11          MR. WASKO: One, my name is Chuck  
12          Wasko, I'm a resident of Scranton and I  
13          normally work in the evenings that you guys  
14          have your meetings, but I'm actually off  
15          today so I'm just here to say a couple of  
16          brief words and then I'll be on my way.

17                 But mainly what I'm here for is I  
18          grew up in West Side, and I have to be  
19          honest with you, West Side has deteriorated.  
20          I see blighted properties, I see crime has  
21          increased, and just from my aspect of it  
22          something has to be done about it and, I  
23          mean, my property value has dropped at my  
24          home in West Side that you couldn't even  
25          imagine, so what I'm here for is basically

1 to say Tuesday is big day for as far as  
2 elections and as a taxpayer what concerns me  
3 the most is safety, my property value, and  
4 good infrastructure, which is the roads, and  
5 I just hope that everybody that's here I  
6 think the majority think the same way as I  
7 do. We do not want to cut any police  
8 officers, we do not want to cut any  
9 firefighters, and we want to have safe roads  
10 to drive on, and that's pretty much it.

11 And I don't get to attend these  
12 meetings very often because, like I said, I  
13 have to work, but I do hope that most  
14 individuals that are here and that pay  
15 attention to the City of Scranton get out  
16 and vote and think about the three basics  
17 which is safety, fire, and the  
18 infrastructure and hopefully none of that  
19 gets cut and who is pretty much sitting here  
20 at council I hope the majority stays here.  
21 I'm not here to plug anybody, but there is  
22 basics that everybody who pays taxes here  
23 knows that we need and we need no cuts on.

24 And, like I said, as a long-time  
25 resident of West Scranton I just see things

1           have changed so much that if it gets any  
2           worse I'm going to have to move out of the  
3           area, point-blank.

4                         So, like I said, I'm normally work  
5           on this evening and I'm just here to address  
6           council and let them know that this is what  
7           concerns me as a taxpayer and I don't think  
8           I'm asking for too much, but I just want to  
9           things to at least stay the same and not  
10          change and that's pretty much what I'm here  
11          to say, and I thank you for your time.

12                        MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there  
13          anyone else who would like to address  
14          council?

15                        MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
16          Dave Dobrzyn.

17                        MR. ROGAN: Good evening.

18                        MR. DOBRZYN: Okay, I don't have any  
19          real concerns on those issues with the roads  
20          into the Mount Pleasant that's sufficient  
21          for me with what Janet had to say and what  
22          you can't do you can't do.

23                        Now, last week we had Pat mention  
24          about condemned properties and fixing them  
25          up, but for years the Taxpayers always

1           endorsed the possible plan to get these out  
2           into the single owner homes possibly and I  
3           looked into it when I was looking to buy  
4           back in '02 and there is a, you know, it's a  
5           fairly nice location, a really small yard,  
6           but I could have picked it up for \$18,000,  
7           but the thing was without being able to get  
8           a traditional loan or whatever for the home  
9           and so forth it just was a bridge too far,  
10          so what I was wondering if we could possibly  
11          look into some kind of plan where you get  
12          people to buy into the city.

13                   And personally I feel, and I have a  
14                   lot of experience with this, I live out in  
15                   the country for 25 years, some of the places  
16                   were nice and after awhile it got to be a  
17                   big pain in the neck, you know. You are  
18                   spending an hour a day in the car each way  
19                   and my employer moved down further and added  
20                   another 15 miles to the trip and one night I  
21                   was stuck in an April Fool's day snowstorm  
22                   and by the time I got home there wasn't any  
23                   snow where I lived. It stopped at Nicholson  
24                   and down here there's like six inches and  
25                   people were backed up for miles on 81.

1                   So that's what I was wondering if we  
2                   could also if we are going to try to  
3                   facilitate some condemned houses getting  
4                   owners, maybe get owners in there that  
5                   actually intend to pay for it and live in  
6                   there and I think some day the cities are on  
7                   our way back.

8                   And a lot of them I might suggest.  
9                   I also have some Medicaid experience with an  
10                  elderly relative and her house was empty for  
11                  a year and a half before I made a call,  
12                  let's sell it, put the money in escrow and  
13                  just let the state have it because it's not  
14                  going to be anything worth selling by the  
15                  time she passes away and the liens come due  
16                  and so for, and I think a lot of these  
17                  houses around these neighborhoods might be  
18                  somewhat of a Medicaid house where after 101  
19                  days you go off of Medicare and start  
20                  getting liens against your property and  
21                  personal assets, so that could be exactly  
22                  why these houses wind up abandoned after six  
23                  months or a year being emptied are not worth  
24                  it, anything but a condemnation.

25                  And now last week we talked a little

1 bit about DPW and I had a curiosity there  
2 with excessive overtime hours, it's my  
3 understanding that after 12 hours you are no  
4 longer covered under the Occupational Comp  
5 Law, after a 12-hour shift. That's how it  
6 was when I worked in private industry, so  
7 I'm just wondering if somebody removing  
8 trash or whatever or driving a trash truck  
9 and then driving a plow truck all night if  
10 something happens in excess of 12 hours the  
11 rule of the game from there was if you did  
12 not go to the insurance company for  
13 compensation you sued your employer and then  
14 the implication was far greater, so it's  
15 something that you might want to look into  
16 as far as excessive amounts of overtime.

17 I think, once again, that was a good  
18 idea to suspend picking up, during the  
19 winter, of recyclables that are clean and  
20 people in town have a choice either they  
21 want to pay for their trash and recyclable  
22 removal or they could store the recyclables  
23 and cut the DPW loose to use some of their  
24 hours that are available for snow removal.

25 And so, all right, the golden

1 parrot, there are certain people in the  
2 Hispanic community that are crowing about  
3 Obama and that he never supported them,  
4 well, last year we had the Dream Act and so  
5 forth and what else do they expect? I mean,  
6 are they trying to get the guy to vote  
7 himself out of office? Bawk, bawk. Have a  
8 good night.

9 MS. EVANS: You, too. Mrs. Krake,  
10 can we look into that, please, what  
11 Mr. Dobrzyn mentioned about overtime  
12 coverage, insurance coverage or whatever  
13 beyond the 12-hour period. I have never  
14 heard that mentioned before. And also one  
15 other thing, I think Mr. Spindler mentioned  
16 something about, a cleaning company having  
17 been paid without anyone's signatures on it,  
18 I would assume. If we could maybe contact  
19 the City Controller's office to track that  
20 down and see if that there is truth to that.  
21 Thank you. I'm sorry.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: That's okay. Bill  
23 Jackowitz, South Scranton resident, member  
24 of the Taxpayers' Association. First of  
25 all, I'd like to really congratulate the



1 Taxpayers' Association, which I'm a member  
2 of, but I was not -- I didn't intend the  
3 meeting on the Thursday night, I watched it  
4 on Saturday on television, it was very well  
5 done. I liked the concept of each candidate  
6 being given ten minutes to talk openly and  
7 freely and the camera basically on them the  
8 whole entire time, and I really -- I got  
9 some information out of there from some of  
10 the candidates that I really didn't know too  
11 much about, so really I would like to thank  
12 the Taxpayers' Association, and I also would  
13 like to request of ECTV that they continue  
14 to run this up until the election time so  
15 that the people who do watch ECTV, the  
16 residents and voters, will have more  
17 opportunities to view this because I think  
18 they will get something out of it, and run  
19 it during good time slots so people can see  
20 it, and I hope someone from council will  
21 step forward and request that from ECTV  
22 because we only have a week left for the  
23 election, well, really six days because, you  
24 know, the election is Tuesday. So, you  
25 know, like I said, I know I got a lot out of

1           it, but I thought it was very well done.

2                   MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, can we make  
3           that request from ECTV, please? And I might  
4           add to that, the League of Women Voters'  
5           debates that have occurred and will occur if  
6           they can primarily be run because of the  
7           close proximity of the election. Thank you.

8                   MR. JACKOWITZ: And I agree with  
9           that, too, Mrs. Evans. But, yeah, because  
10          the more information we get out now, you  
11          know, the better off it is for everybody  
12          involved and basically I'd like to remind  
13          people of the Armed Forces Day Parade again  
14          on May the 21st, last year was one of the  
15          biggest attendances we have had in a long  
16          time for the Armed Forces Day parade, so I  
17          hope this year the attendance will get  
18          better and hopefully we have good weather  
19          for that.

20                   Also, we will have the dinner on  
21          Wednesday for veterans over at St. Mary's  
22          Center, so I hope that people will attend  
23          that, also. And, you know, again, it's the  
24          time to honor the veterans and show our  
25          support for the veterans because if it

1           wasn't for the veterans and our current  
2           active duty military personnel reservists  
3           and national guards, guardsmen none of us --  
4           and women, none of us would be here right  
5           now enjoying the freedom and the rights that  
6           we have.

7                         So we don't ask for much, meaning  
8           veterans and military personnel, but I think  
9           people should give a little bit extra now  
10          and then. Just look at what happened just  
11          recently with Mr. Bin Laden. I mean, you  
12          know, the military did a fantastic job on  
13          that.

14                        And just basically I want to remind  
15          people to go out and vote on Tuesday, next  
16          Tuesday. Go out, cast your vote, it's your  
17          right, it's your responsibility as far as  
18          I'm concerned, I think you should go out and  
19          vote. Vote for the candidate whom you feel  
20          is the best qualified, take some time to  
21          research your candidates, find out if they  
22          are an incumbent, find out what their voting  
23          record was and is, if they are a first timer  
24          found out what they stand for, find out  
25          exactly, you know, as much about their

1 background as you can, take the time to  
2 research it. Don't just vote because they  
3 are friend of yours or a family member of  
4 yours or somebody you know or a neighbor  
5 because that's what's put this city and the  
6 this country in the position that it's in  
7 right now.

8 People are not voting for the best  
9 qualified or knowing anything about the  
10 people they vote for, so just take a little  
11 bit of time all you people who are going to  
12 vote. Hopefully most people will go out and  
13 vote. If they don't, well, you know, they  
14 have nothing to complain about, they really  
15 don't. If taxes go up, if roads don't get  
16 paved, if policemen get cut or firemen get  
17 cut, you have nothing to complain about if  
18 you didn't go out and cast your vote on  
19 Tuesday. So again, take a little time and  
20 effort and hopefully we get a nice day.  
21 Basically that's about it. Everybody enjoy  
22 next Tuesday voting and no council meeting  
23 next Tuesday?

24 MS. EVANS: Correct.

25 MR. JACKOWITZ: So enjoy the night

1 off.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

3 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jackie.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

5 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Remember one thing,  
6 Jack, Jack is back forever. You stay up  
7 there, Jack. No leaving that seat. You  
8 stay up there, we would miss you. Good  
9 luck, buddy.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thanks.

11 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
12 cares to address council?

13 MS. FOSTER: I'd just like to  
14 indulge one moment because I have had  
15 several questions, our next meeting will be  
16 May 19, 7:00 p.m. at police headquarters on  
17 South Washington. If anyone has any  
18 questions you can e-mail me at  
19 Hydeparkwatch@yahoo.com. Thank you.

20 MS. O'MALLEY: Good evening,  
21 Council.

22 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

23 MS. O'MALLEY: I sincerely came to  
24 thank everyone for a very successful night  
25 at our races. The school we raised an

1           incredible amount of money. Thank you,  
2           Jack, thank you, Mr. McGoff, for coming, we  
3           had a wonderful time. A lot of the  
4           businesses in this town donated with their  
5           hearts. We had lot of food and we had a lot  
6           of fun and we raised a lot of money for our  
7           kids at Scranton High.

8                        I also want to say that I recently  
9           had the privilege of speaking at the  
10          Taxpayers' Association meeting and ECTV and  
11          everything that they did, and it was an  
12          incredible experience. We all got to say  
13          from the heart what we felt. We had ten  
14          minutes to do our say anything. I mean, I  
15          know myself I'm banging on a lot of doors  
16          and I'm probably out of line by saying this,  
17          we don't get to say what we wanted to say,  
18          and that was an incredible opportunity and I  
19          thank everybody for that. And, please, do  
20          watch it so that you can see what everyone  
21          is thinking and feeling and it is something  
22          that everybody needs to do.

23                       The other thing that I'm -- I can  
24          now say I have had a problem with the Times,  
25          so how many times have you said, oh, I had a

1           problem with the Times. Well, I opened the  
2           paper Monday and I was quoted for saying I  
3           had a zero agenda. I'm running for school  
4           board, how can you have a zero agenda when  
5           what you care about most are the kids and  
6           the taxpayers. Yes, it wasn't in the second  
7           paragraph, but I was misquoted and  
8           everything was taken out of context.

9                        So immediately this morning after  
10           much heartache I picked up the phone and I  
11           called the Times' woman and I spoke to her  
12           and, of course, no, there isn't anything we  
13           can do, however, on Sunday we are going to  
14           run something again regarding the school  
15           board candidates in answer to the two  
16           questions you were asked and I'm sorry and  
17           have a great day and I was hung up on.

18                       Now, how many times have I heard  
19           council say we've spoken to someone from the  
20           Times for 15 minutes, and I'm sure you have  
21           all had this problem, and they will take two  
22           sentences that you said and totally take it  
23           out of context, and that's exactly what  
24           happened to me. So all I can say is I can  
25           totally understand now.

1                   This has been an experience, and  
2                   Jack knows that what I have been saying, I  
3                   had no idea what I was in for when I started  
4                   doing this, but my heart is in for the kids  
5                   and the taxpayers.

6                   And again, thank you for everybody  
7                   for the Night at the Races, it wasn't  
8                   incredible. Thank you to all of the small  
9                   business people, yes, the candidates, we had  
10                  a lot of fun, we raised a lot of money and  
11                  it was for the kids. Thank you, everybody,  
12                  and have a great night.

13                  MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
14                  anyone else who cares to address council?

15                  MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

16                  MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, any  
17                  comments or motions?

18                  MR. MCGOFF: Just a few. First of  
19                  all, I would like to offer congratulations  
20                  to Mr. Rogan on his recent employment.

21                  MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

22                  MR. MCGOFF: I think that's a very  
23                  good thing. Hopefully a good thing for  
24                  Mr. Rogan and I think a very good thing for  
25                  the Scranton community to have a direct



1 source to Congressman Barletta, so  
2 congratulations.

3 MR. ROGAN: Thank you again.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Secondly, just again, a  
5 response, I am not involved in any way with  
6 Mr. Bolus' situation on East Mountain. I  
7 don't live there, I'm not a party to any of  
8 the lawsuits concerning that, that is  
9 something that is between Mr. Bolus and the  
10 East Scranton -- or East Mountain Residents'  
11 Association. I guess I was just an easy  
12 target for some reason.

13 The other another thing, on Friday  
14 evening the American Cancer Society  
15 conducted the Relay for Life for Scranton.  
16 I happened to see it advertised just  
17 Thursday night. I'm not really sorry that  
18 we did not have any type of communication  
19 beforehand because it's really a tremendous  
20 event and for the first time the Relay for  
21 Life was conducted on courthouse square  
22 which brought a large number of people to  
23 the downtown Friday night into Saturday  
24 afternoon and it's really a terrific event  
25 and I would like to see it continue in the

1           downtown for the future and hopefully for  
2           our next year that Relay for Life we can do  
3           a better job with that advertising it and  
4           perhaps even get some participation from the  
5           administration and from the council and from  
6           the city government, maybe put together a  
7           team for the Relay for Life, whether I'm  
8           here or not, perhaps we can look into that.

9                        Second thing or another thing I gave  
10           everyone a pen before council meeting that  
11           it's from Nearbid.com. I had the -- I  
12           attended the opening or the announcement of  
13           the creation of Nearbid.com the other day,  
14           it's a company that or an idea that was put  
15           together by Ted and Alex Brunnel at the  
16           Scranton Enterprise Center. It seems as  
17           though -- Ted and Alex are brothers, are  
18           kind of serial entrepreneurs they have a  
19           number of ideas and put all of these things  
20           together.

21                       Nearbid is just a very simple but  
22           kind of neat idea. What it allows you to do  
23           is allows you to go onto Nearbid and if you  
24           are looking for a job to be done, I went on  
25           today and I put in SAT tutoring and you can

1 put in what you want, the time in which you  
2 want it to be done, the amount of time in  
3 which it would be, you know, up for bid and  
4 then people can go on, look at your post and  
5 decide if they want to bid on it. So if  
6 somebody is sitting at home, a teacher or  
7 something looking to make extra money, they  
8 could go on and bid for that service, and it  
9 would become an on-line auction.

10 And from the other perspective if  
11 you are someone out looking for work, you  
12 are a roofer and you decide you can go onto  
13 Nearbid and they have it by subject and you  
14 can put in roofing, you can go into roofing,  
15 and then you can see if anybody had posted  
16 jobs that they wanted done, and so it works  
17 from both sides and it was just a, like I  
18 said, a very simple, you know, idea, but it  
19 looks -- and it's localized. You can do it  
20 by area code, so that you are not getting  
21 bids from, you know, Pittsburgh or  
22 someplace.

23 So just a very neat idea, and the  
24 other thing I thought it was impressive  
25 about it, they had the three programers

1 speak about how they, you know, what this  
2 did and they were I think if the oldest one  
3 was over 25 it was, you know, not by much.  
4 Two of them were still in school and one had  
5 just recently graduated. I thought it was  
6 a nice commentary on someone creating a  
7 business that utilizes local talents and  
8 maybe that type of thing is needed to deal  
9 with what we've have heard of the brain  
10 drain from the Scranton area. Three young  
11 men who were really on the ball and, you  
12 know, liked working and liked what they were  
13 doing and were going to stay in Scranton  
14 because this opportunity presented itself.  
15 So if you looking for anything, you know,  
16 any work to be done Nearbid.com is perhaps a  
17 good place to go.

18 The other kind of -- in our mail we  
19 received something that there was a thing on  
20 the health care RFP's that were put out, I'm  
21 assuming that this was done with some  
22 attempt to perhaps save money by bidding the  
23 health care programs. I would like to, you  
24 know, perhaps find out a little bit more  
25 about it and what the intent is. I'd like

1 to, you know, perhaps find out a little bit  
2 more about it, what the intent is. I did  
3 know -- or I do know that -- or I believe  
4 that any changes in the health care program  
5 would need approval under the collective  
6 bargaining agreements, so hopefully if there  
7 is anything that can be done to facilitate  
8 or to perhaps work with the health care  
9 programs we can look into doing that.

10 Also, following up on what  
11 Mr. Loscombe presented last week, the  
12 amendment -- or the motion, I'm sorry, on  
13 the rezoning in the Minooka section.  
14 Perhaps in addition to, you know, conducting  
15 a public hearing on that, perhaps we should  
16 or we could entertain sending letters to  
17 Senator Blake and Representative Smith, you  
18 know, expressing our concerns and the  
19 concerns of the residents in the Minooka  
20 section for that proposed development it  
21 might be helpful in dealing with the  
22 situation.

23 And also I thought that I would  
24 assume that a development of that sort would  
25 be looking for some type of state, federal

1 funding, perhaps letters to DCED and any  
2 other funding sources might also, you know,  
3 be helpful in dealing with the situation  
4 there. I know the residents are opposed and  
5 are looking for avenues to prevent that.  
6 It's an area where there are already two  
7 housing projects and adding a third in the  
8 same general area is probably not a very  
9 good idea, so I thought the zoning idea was  
10 a -- the rezoning was a very idea and maybe  
11 we could just expand on that --

12 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

13 MR. MCGOFF: -- to be helpful. The  
14 last thing, I know we have been talking  
15 about ways in which to perhaps deal with  
16 what appears to be some revenue issues with  
17 the budget, and some things were said at  
18 last week, you know, solutions that I had.  
19 Perhaps some of the other things that we  
20 could look at and consider, somebody brought  
21 up the sale of the storm water system to the  
22 Scranton Sewer Authority, which I don't know  
23 if it's possible, you know, but as a  
24 one-time revenue source, maybe not something  
25 that we need to do or want to do, but it

1 might be a possibility.

2 And I know there is also -- we have  
3 talked an awful lot about the StreetSmart  
4 program and all, the sale of the parking  
5 meters, you know, outright might be, again,  
6 a one-time source, and we have all talked  
7 about -- we've all mentioned refinancing,  
8 but that has some drawbacks as well.

9 And then I thought of, you know,  
10 probably the best revenue source that we  
11 would have is if we could sell a few more  
12 hospitals, you know, it would really be, you  
13 know, a boon to the city, and that's all.  
14 Thank you.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. McGoff.  
16 Councilman Rogan, do you have any comments  
17 or motions?

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes, very briefly. I  
19 would just like to thank GO Lackawanna and  
20 Mr. Howells for the story they did on the  
21 Washburn Street Cemetery and it's been an  
22 ongoing issue and I did want to get a chance  
23 to respond to a couple of things that were  
24 brought up by Mr. Newcomb and mentioned in  
25 the article. The owner of the cemetery said

1 the reason why the cemetery was in  
2 deplorable condition was because it rained  
3 so much and he couldn't get out and do work.  
4 Now, the high grass is one thing, that's bad  
5 enough, but if you take a walk through that  
6 cemetery there are hundreds of headstones  
7 that are tipped over and you can tell they  
8 have been there for years because you can  
9 see last year's grass how it grew over the  
10 headstone and then in the winter it died.  
11 This years and years and years of neglect.

12 The back section of the cemetery,  
13 it's a party area. Beer cans, there is  
14 mattresses there, there is tables, tires,  
15 chairs. You know, this stuff doesn't happen  
16 over the course of a month because of rain.

17 Another question I just received  
18 from a resident and, Mrs. Krake, if we could  
19 add this to Mr. Joyce's request to check on  
20 the sidewalks in the Washburn Street  
21 Cemetery to see if they are up to code, and  
22 I would also like to thank Mr. Newcomb and  
23 Mr. Stefko who were two of the people that  
24 were very active on this issue as well as  
25 everyone in the community that contacted us



1 on it, and it's in issue that I know I, for  
2 one, am not going to let it die until the  
3 proper care is taken at that cemetery.

4 And finally just a few comments on  
5 the rezoning in Minooka. After last week's  
6 meeting a few residents from Minooka  
7 contacted me and they are adamantly against  
8 building another housing project in that  
9 community. I understand there is need for  
10 public housing, but I think we have an  
11 enough housing projects in Scranton.

12 And again, I would just like to  
13 invite or ask everyone to vote next Tuesday  
14 for the candidates of their choice and we'll  
15 see you in two weeks. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Oh, Mrs. Evans, one more  
18 thing, I received the OECD report from March  
19 and April, it just came in today, so I am  
20 going to review this over the next week and  
21 have a full report on it next week -- or  
22 next meeting. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Councilman Loscombe, any  
24 comments or motions?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, just a couple of

1           brief items. I, too, would like to  
2           congratulate Mr. Rogan on his new position.

3                     MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

4                     MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. McGoff touched on  
5           this about -- and Mr. Rogan about the  
6           Minooka situation. In my meetings with John  
7           Finnerty in Minooka in that neighborhood  
8           association meeting, I did tell them that we  
9           would be cooperating with our  
10          representatives and sending letters to all  
11          of those involved. You know, the utmost  
12          importance was us getting this legislation  
13          going and now working through the different  
14          legislative offices we'll get the  
15          information out to them as to how we feel  
16          about it. So thank you for that,  
17          Mr. McGoff.

18                     And I would just like to commend  
19          Karen and Mike Foster. I mean, I could echo  
20          everything that Frank had stated earlier and  
21          we have a gentlemen here that spoke later  
22          on, Mr. Wasko, I don't think he was here  
23          when you made your initial presentation, but  
24          I would like to see him get involved with  
25          the organization, also. I know myself and

1 Mr. Rogan have been to several meetings,  
2 sometimes our schedule doesn't allow us to  
3 be there all of the time, but being a native  
4 West Sider and echoing Mr. Wasko I did see  
5 deterioration, as there is in a lot of  
6 neighborhoods, but the Fosters have picked  
7 up the ball and I'll tell you, I wish I had  
8 half their energy to be honest with you, but  
9 they have a heck of an organization put  
10 together and, I mean, they keep you  
11 up-to-date with their minutes, they will  
12 e-mail you, so as many people from West Side  
13 can get involved it's we are taking care of  
14 our own, taking care of our own  
15 neighborhoods, and I don't know what more I  
16 could say.

17 But I do see a difference and we  
18 can't make a difference overnight, it's  
19 going to take some time, but they have taken  
20 on a lot of work, a lot of projects, they  
21 need a lot of help, and I would hope  
22 everybody would step up to the plate and I  
23 do agree it's nonpartisan. It doesn't  
24 matter who you are, what party you are,  
25 whatever, we are all working for the same

1 goal, we are looking to clean up our  
2 neighborhoods. And the meetings are run  
3 first class and there is a lot of great  
4 volunteers there, but I do have to commend  
5 Karen and Mike for the job they are doing at  
6 the helm. I mean, they have really taken  
7 this from nothing and I was impressed just  
8 at the amount of people at the meetings, and  
9 also the projects that they have ongoing and  
10 I told them I would be there for anything I  
11 could do and anything I could help from this  
12 end, and personally as a  
13 West Sider, too, but I do commend you, and  
14 that's all I have.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.  
16 Councilman Joyce, any comments or motions?

17 MR. JOYCE: Just a few. Over the  
18 previous weeks I spoke about some of the  
19 issues facing the city in 2011. Those  
20 issues primarily included the  
21 administration's over projection of revenue  
22 in 2010 which led to a \$4.7 million  
23 shortfall for the year that was not revealed  
24 until February to Scranton City Council.  
25 The administration's borrowing of \$7.6

1 million from the Workers' Compensation Fund  
2 in January of 2011 putting it below the 75  
3 percent threshold at that time to pay back  
4 TAN-B and other bills from 2011, and  
5 subsequently paying back that \$7.6 million  
6 with 2011 revenue, the administration's  
7 under projection of health insurances costs  
8 in 2011.

9 All of these actions by the  
10 administration have created the cash flow  
11 issues that face Scranton this year.  
12 Tonight I would like to draw some attention  
13 away from that and focus on some more  
14 positive cash matters which will assist us  
15 in facing the challenges that the  
16 administration has created.

17 First positive point, earlier this  
18 week I received copies of the checks, I'll  
19 display them there, submitted to the city  
20 from the tax office from our tax collector  
21 Bill Courtright for the real estate tax,  
22 earned income tax, the local service tax and  
23 the business privilege and mercantile taxes  
24 for the month of April. Once I received  
25 these checks, I compared them to the

1           projections for the month from our business  
2           administrator Ryan McGowan's monthly report  
3           that's submitted to the state.

4                       For the month of the April the sum  
5           of revenue for the taxes that I mentioned  
6           were predicted at \$4,262,36. After adding  
7           together all of the checks from the tax  
8           office for those specific taxes, the amount  
9           that was actually received was \$5,457,86,  
10          therefore, for the month of April we  
11          collected \$1,095,50 more than what was  
12          projected for those specific taxes.

13                      And the second positive point is one  
14          may know from the recent newspaper articles  
15          the city received \$2,080,670 in real estate  
16          transfer tax from the sale of Mercy  
17          Hospital. The city will receive this check  
18          no later than June 5 as stated by Evie  
19          Rafalko McNulty, Recorder of Deeds for  
20          Lackawanna County, and I would like to thank  
21          her for communicating very effectively with  
22          Scranton City Council.

23                      From a revenue standpoint, this is  
24          really great news. In the first three  
25          months of this year the city had already

1 collected \$831,842 in real estate transfer  
2 tax revenue. The amount projected in  
3 council's amended budget in real estate  
4 transfer tax revenue collection is \$2.5  
5 million for the entire year. With this  
6 being said, we will collect far in excess of  
7 the original projection by both council and  
8 the administration.

9 By reviewing Mr. McGowan's monthly  
10 report for the real estate transfer tax  
11 revenue, when one adds in the real estate  
12 transfer tax revenue from the sale of the  
13 Mercy Hospital and June's projection, since  
14 Mr. McGowan's projection for June was only  
15 \$193,000, and that's when we are actually  
16 scheduled to receive those funds which will  
17 actually be in excess of \$2 million, it  
18 amounts to a revenue surplus of \$2,181,482  
19 for this specific revenue item for the year.  
20 So we have some good news finally on cash  
21 flow matters.

22 And I understand, Mrs. Krake, that  
23 you have been attending PEL meetings in my  
24 absence and I have gone back and forth with  
25 the various times about what goes on at the

1 PEL meetings, and I understand that Mr.  
2 McGowan wants to discuss solutions on how to  
3 handle the deficit and conveniently, these  
4 were -- the choices in which to move these  
5 meetings are all during times when I am at  
6 work, so I would like you to send a letter,  
7 I know I requested this last week from Mayor  
8 Doherty to attend council and discuss the  
9 solutions that he is -- that he wishes to  
10 bring to us for some of the problems that  
11 the administration has created with cash  
12 flow over the years.

13 I'd like you to send a letter to  
14 Mr. McGowan and Mr. Doherty inviting them to  
15 attend a public caucus in council chambers  
16 on any Tuesday evening that they are  
17 available, and that will be a formal request  
18 rather than just me saying it from the  
19 podium here.

20 Finally, I have a few citizens'  
21 requests: Minooka residents on Grant Street  
22 have voiced their concerns about flooding  
23 during heavy rain storms due to lack of a  
24 storm drain and they would like to see  
25 action taken. Mrs. Krake, can you please



1 contact Mr. Brazil and ask him if there is a  
2 way that a storm drain can be installed to  
3 help alleviate some of the flooding  
4 situations that Grant Street residents have  
5 been facing.

6 Minooka residents living on the 2900  
7 and 3000 blocks of Pennwood Street have  
8 voiced their concerns regarding various sink  
9 holes and cracks in the road making  
10 traveling conditions very difficult.

11 Mrs. Krake, can you please contact  
12 Mr. Brazil and ask him to address these two  
13 blocks as they are in the need of very  
14 serious work. I had the opportunity to  
15 travel down these streets -- or both of  
16 these blocks and the sink hole in the middle  
17 of the street is enormous at this point.

18 Also, Minooka residents living on  
19 the 2900 block of McCarthy Street have also  
20 voiced their concern regarding various  
21 potholes and cracks in the road making  
22 travel conditions difficult. Mrs. Krake, if  
23 you could add this to the letter to  
24 Mr. Brazil.

25 And various West Scranton residents

1           have voiced their concern regarding potholes  
2           at the corner of the 100 block of South  
3           Everett and Jackson Street so, Mrs. Krake,  
4           if you could also add this to the letter to  
5           Mr. Brazil.

6                         We have received some correspondence  
7           from Rossi & Rossi here regarding the status  
8           of our audit for 2010, and from their  
9           correspondence they indicated that we are  
10          behind on a number of issues, in fact, they  
11          list ten outstanding items in their  
12          correspondence. Mrs. Krake, if you could  
13          contact Mr. McGowan and obtain a status  
14          report on when these outstanding items are  
15          expected to be completed.

16                        And finally, as you can tell, I had  
17          a lot of citizens' requests from Minooka and  
18          that's because over the past week I have  
19          been walking door to door in Minooka and I  
20          have listened to some of the concerns that  
21          the residents have with the housing project  
22          that a developer is looking to build in the  
23          area between Colliery Avenue and McCarthy  
24          Street, and I want to say this, I probably  
25          spoke to a good 100 or 200 people and there

1 was not one resident over there that was in  
2 favor of it, and these were -- and some of  
3 these residents were residents that have  
4 lived in housing projects themselves, being  
5 that there are a few other housing projects  
6 nearby, they did not think it was a good  
7 idea and they did not see it as in the best  
8 interest of their community. I think at  
9 this point I think everyone is on board with  
10 this and we are willing and more than  
11 willing to go to bat for you in Minooka and  
12 answers the concerns that the residents have  
13 there. So I wanted to express my full  
14 support of my Minooka Neighborhood  
15 Association and the rezoning which Jack made  
16 a motion about last week.

17 And finally, it's come to my  
18 attention from a recent article, submitted  
19 by a resident, from the Philadelphia  
20 Inquirer that Philadelphia has a system  
21 where they have cameras installed in their  
22 red lights that -- well, in random red  
23 lights that take a photo of someone that  
24 goes through the red light and once that  
25 happens I believe a ticket is mailed to

1           their residence, and from the article it's  
2           indicated that 50 percent of the revenue  
3           collected from the tickets goes to the city  
4           of Philadelphia and 50 percent of the  
5           revenue that's collected from the tickets  
6           it's divided amongst a host of our  
7           communities, Scranton being one of them,  
8           quoted in this news article. In fact, it  
9           states specifically Scranton and Lackawanna  
10          County receive \$75,000 to assist them in  
11          installing left-turn signals.

12                        So, Mrs. Krake, if you could also  
13                        send a letter to Mr. McGowan asking him  
14                        about this funding, if it was received, when  
15                        it was received, and when it will be used.  
16                        And that's it.

17                        MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman  
18                        Joyce. Actually, I might add that's  
19                        something I believe Mrs. Krake has been  
20                        working on for the past several days. It  
21                        came to our attention earlier in the week  
22                        and we are trying to track down those funds  
23                        to make sure that they have been received.

24                        Undoubtedly, we are all too well  
25                        aware of the rate hike proposed by American

1 Water Company. A portion of this proposed  
2 hike would simply increase this monopoly's  
3 profits. Therefore, with my honorable  
4 colleagues' agreement, Scranton City Council  
5 would like to send a letter to the  
6 Pennsylvania Utility Commission stating it's  
7 firm opposition to the Pennsylvania American  
8 Water Company's proposed rate hike.

9 The ratepayers of Scranton are held  
10 hostage by this utility company which  
11 monopolizes local water services and sets  
12 goals that include an increased profit  
13 margin solely for it's own benefit.

14 I know that in addition, two of my  
15 honorable colleagues this evening addressed  
16 the need for letters to State Senator Blake  
17 and State Representative Smith with regard  
18 to the development, the proposed development  
19 in my Minooka, and so on behalf of city  
20 council those letters should be sent,  
21 please.

22 Next, please send a third reminder  
23 to City Solicitor Paul Kelly that the broker  
24 of record for all city insurances must be  
25 put out to bid immediately. The current

1 contract will expire at the conclusion of  
2 June 2011 and the city will be without  
3 insurance if he fails to take immediate  
4 action. I will continue to call for the  
5 bidding of the broker of record weekly until  
6 the administration does it's job.

7 Councilman Loscombe noted several months ago  
8 after careful examination of the city's  
9 insurances that numerous city properties are  
10 underinsured while others are overinsured.  
11 Further, with no bidding process having  
12 occurred in many years we, as elected  
13 officials, cannot determine if city paid  
14 premiums are appropriate. We need accurate  
15 coverage at the best possible prices.  
16 Currently and clearly, the city seems not to  
17 have be receiving the biggest bang for it's  
18 buck.

19 Scranton City Council is pleased by  
20 the soon to occur windfall of \$2 million for  
21 realty transfer taxes that be realized from  
22 sale of Mercy Hospital. Well, actually, as  
23 I believe my colleague mentioned, this will  
24 certainly help to address the Doherty  
25 deficit. In addition, the anticipated

1           \$900,000 from annual tax revenue to be paid  
2           by the new owner of the hospital will be a  
3           welcome addition to all taxing bodies if it  
4           is realized.

5                     I also wanted to mention. As I did  
6           at last week's meeting, council's  
7           legislation banning bath salts and synthetic  
8           marijuana in the City of Scranton had been  
9           requested by Mansfield, Ohio. This week  
10          there was a request for our ordinances made  
11          by the City of Los Angeles, California, by  
12          the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst.

13                    Now, it is a bit disheartening that  
14          whenever articles are written concerning the  
15          bath salts problem in the city, the manner  
16          in which it's been addressed, anyone who has  
17          been quoted, it seems that there is never  
18          mention made of what's happened in the City  
19          of Scranton and, as you know, Scranton was  
20          the first to take the bull by the horns and  
21          take care of this while we await the state's  
22          measures that will apply throughout the  
23          Commonwealth and so tonight once again I'd  
24          like to say kudos to Solicitor Hughes for  
25          his outstanding legislation that he drafted

1 and kudos to Councilman Loscombe for  
2 bringing this problem to our attention and  
3 solving this for our city.

4 And like my colleagues have said,  
5 next Tuesday, May 17, is primary election  
6 day and I strongly encourage everyone to  
7 vote, particularly in local elections. Your  
8 votes do count. Many local elections have  
9 been won or lost by a slim margin. There  
10 are two council seats open for which you can  
11 vote, and two incumbent councilmen are  
12 seeking to retain their seats, and so I  
13 would like to wish both of my honorable  
14 colleagues, Councilman Jack Loscombe and Bob  
15 McGoff. The best of luck in next Tuesday's  
16 election and council --

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

18 MS. EVANS: You are very welcome,  
19 and council also commends all candidates for  
20 Scranton City Council who have given their  
21 time and efforts to enter public service.

22 And finally, I just have two  
23 citizens' requests for the week: Residents  
24 of Von Storch Avenue report that a good deal  
25 of garbage is located in the rear of 1547



1 Von Storch, an apartment house. This  
2 garbage has been sitting since the Fall of  
3 2010 and small animals and insects are now  
4 invading this trash. Please address the  
5 problem as soon as possible.

6 Water lines are in the process of  
7 being installed in the area of Pennwood  
8 Drive and equipment is in place. Pennwood  
9 Drive contains a dip which allows water to  
10 then flow between the 2800 block of Webster  
11 Avenue and Monterey Road. Once water line  
12 installation is complete, please restore the  
13 street properly and fill in the dip, and  
14 that's it.

15 MR. JOYCE: Before we move onto 5-B,  
16 I just wanted to take the time to  
17 congratulate Councilman Rogan and on his  
18 recent employment with Congressman Barletta.  
19 I have been forgetting to give credit to  
20 some people up here over the past few weeks  
21 and, in fact, after I spoke about my mother  
22 last week my grandmother actually asked me,  
23 "Well, what about me?"

24 So I just wanted to publically  
25 apologize to her, too, and thank her for the

1 influence that she has had on my life, and  
2 so along with that I wanted to congratulate  
3 Councilman Rogan as well.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Joyce.

5 MS. EVANS: And I know I contacted,  
6 Mr. Rogan personally about his new position  
7 and as has been said before, I think it can  
8 only be advantageous, particularly for the  
9 City of Scranton we hope and, you know, we  
10 are hoping that Lackawanna County will  
11 remain within that district and that  
12 Mr. Rogan will be able to serve as a liaison  
13 for us to the federal government and I know  
14 it's much needed.

15 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: You are very welcome.  
17 Mrs. Krake?

18 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. NO BUSINESS AT  
19 THIS TIME. 6-A. NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.  
20 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION-FILE OF  
22 COUNCIL NO. 31, 2011 - PROVIDING FOR THE  
23 ACCEPTANCE OF MOUNT PLEASANT DRIVE IN THE  
24 MOUNT PLEASANT SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE  
25 CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO

1           AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
2           CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE  
3           DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND RECORD IN THE LACKAWANNA  
4           COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICIAL RECORDS A  
5           DEED FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY.

6                   MS. EVANS: What is the  
7           recommendation of the Chair for the  
8           Committee on Community Development?

9                   MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the  
10          Committee on Community Development, I  
11          recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

12                   MR. JOYCE: Second.

13                   MS. EVANS: On the question?

14                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, on the question.  
15          I know there has been a discussion about  
16          this back and forth by some of the speakers  
17          here. As Mrs. Evans did state earlier, we  
18          did table this at one point basically  
19          because we did have these questions and they  
20          were valid questions and I would like to  
21          thank our solicitor, Mr. Hughes, for coming  
22          up with the legislation he did and finding  
23          out the information that we had requested.  
24          It did take some work of on his part and I  
25          think based on his recommendations after

1           these things have been done I will be voting  
2           in favor of this legislation and also 7-B  
3           for the same reasons.

4                   MS. EVANS: And I think I might  
5           briefly add to that, it's just another  
6           example of city council's ability to  
7           cooperate, communicate and work with other  
8           bodies, such as the Chamber of Commerce, and  
9           other elected bodies and to arrive at a  
10          compromise that best suits everyone  
11          involved, but most importantly, the number  
12          one priority has always been the people, the  
13          taxpayers of the City of Scranton. Anyone  
14          else on the question? Roll call, please?

15                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

16                   MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

18                   MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

20                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

21                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

22                   MR. JOYCE: Yes.

23                   MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

24                   MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare  
25           Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

1 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR  
3 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 32, 2011 -  
4 PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STORMWATER  
5 SYSTEM IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT SUBDIVISION  
6 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
7 PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
8 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO  
9 ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND  
10 RECORD IN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY RECORDER OF  
11 DEEDS OFFICIAL RECORDS A DEED FOR THE ABOVE  
12 MENTIONED STORMWATER SYSTEM.

13 MS. EVANS: What is the  
14 recommendation of the Chair for the  
15 Committee on Public Works?

16 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the  
17 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
18 passage of Item 7-B.

19 MR. JOYCE: Second.

20 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
21 call, please?

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR  
10 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 32, 2011 -  
11 PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STORMWATER  
12 SYSTEM IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT SUBDIVISION  
13 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
15 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO  
16 ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND  
17 RECORD IN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY RECORDER OF  
18 DEEDS OFFICIAL RECORDS A DEED FOR THE ABOVE  
19 MENTIONED STORMWATER SYSTEM.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: At this time I would  
21 like to make a motion to table Item 7-C.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: There is a motion on the  
24 floor to table Item 7-C and a second, on the  
25 question?

1 MR. MCGOFF: Just an explanation  
2 why?

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just basically it was  
4 brought to my attention by several residents  
5 of Keyser Valley that this current  
6 legislation may not be correct and because  
7 of their concerns, which are in part if the  
8 Keyser Valley Association owns the land that  
9 the state has taken for this project, I have  
10 directed our office to research the issues  
11 that were raised and that the following  
12 discrepancies have been identified:

13 File of Council No. 34, 1938,  
14 identified the deed of conveyance that we  
15 will be researching at the Recorder of Deeds  
16 Office to see what terms and conditions are  
17 listed between the Keyser Valley Citizens'  
18 Association and the City of Scranton. The  
19 deeds from the city treasurer's sale of 1933  
20 were pulled which identified the parcels  
21 transferred. We are waiting to hear from  
22 the city planners so the exact tracts of  
23 land to be identified on the maps that are  
24 available through his office. And once the  
25 research is completed to everyone's

1 satisfaction, I will ask for this  
2 legislation to be put back on the table.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

4 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else on  
5 the question? All those in favor signify by  
6 saying aye.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

10 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
12 have it and so moved. Item 7-C is tabled.  
13 If there is no further business, I'll  
14 entertain a motion to adjourn.

15 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

16 MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
17 adjourned. Thank you all for your  
18 participation.

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