- Okay, good evening, and welcome to the Milford Borough Council Special Meeting and Workshop Meeting for October 5th, 2026. Can I get a call... a roll call, please? Yes, roll call. Here. Vice President Farrell? Yep. Councilmember Luffy? Present. Councilmember Cooney? Here. Councilmember Provenzano? Here. Solicitor Holder? Here. Mayor Mohala? Present. Secretary Treasurer Lombardo is present.
- present is Councilmember Mannion, which will join us in Zoom shortly, and not present is Councilmember Ford. Thank you. Please join me in the pledge.
- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- Thank you.
- Alright, before I get into adopt the agenda, because I've heard this so many times, there's a question about a workshop versus being able to vote.
- And we've discussed this, Mr. Solicitor, so can you please explain to the rest of the Council and the audience what we can do? All of our workshops are regularly scheduled meetings, okay? They're all advertised meetings.
- And so, they're all potentially voting meetings, and as long as we comply with the notice requirements.
- of the Sunshine Act, and making sure that all agenda items are posted 24 hours in advance for an otherwise scheduled and advertised meeting, then it's lawful to proceed as that sort of meeting. Great, thank you.
- I appreciate that. Okay, can I get a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted? So moved. So moved. Second, George. All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? No. Public comment. Now's the time for public comment on any matter on the agenda. Is there any public comment on a matter on the agenda? Yes, sir. Please identify yourself and where you live.
- All right, TC Crawford, I don't actually like South Dorsey, so I'd love you to know I live in Chihuahua.
- So, I understand that we're discussing the budget for 2027. Last time I was at this meeting, we spoke a little bit about, how dangerous the property is in front of my building, the lack of sidewalks, severe potholes. I just want to thank you very much, for taking care of the potholes. The world did take care of those. It's not their responsibility, but I really appreciate it.
- They are deteriorating slowly. I think we all know it's going to be temporary.

- But the entire walkway in front of 611 Broad Street is incredibly dangerous, so I feel, for the budget, it is, taken into great consideration, that we put a verge in and a sidewalk, like I had brought to our attention, to everyone's attention last time I was here.
- Thank you. Any other public comment on matters on the agenda? Yes, Fred Weber, Milford Pearl.
- Yes, regarding skill gains. Why does the council need to discuss that? I thought that's being handled by the state, and there's a drop-dead date for these things to be removed.
- Are you guys seasoned women or something? What do we do after the day passes, Fred? I don't know, what do you do? That's what we're gonna talk about. Well, it doesn't...
- I mean, is this going to be handled by the state? I don't know. Why don't you know? Fred, I've been in touch with Lisa Baker on this issue. Let me ask you a question.
- Well, he's the elected official, so if you're... I am attempting to answer your question. Now, you can sit around and wait a little bit for our discussions.
- Or do you want to hear at least my answer now? Items on the agenda. Correct. A comment. Okay, thank you. You'll hear further discussion later. Thank you. Any other public comment? Well, when you have this, then, because you'll find out at the part of the meeting that discusses... If you don't have this at your...
- If I can't ask you a question, this is public comment. First of all, we've mentioned this so many times, that it's public comment, that's what's provided for. And, I mean, we have the most transparent possible... Yes, we do, Fred. Okay, so... Fred, come on. Fred, can I just suggest that the reason it's on the agenda, this is a working meeting, is because we have to discuss
- What we know and what we don't know, so...
- That's the whole point of it being on the agenda, so we can have that discussion. Right, we're complaining about transparency. And can I belabor the issue even more, and I step on my solicitor here, is that we've discussed this before, but we haven't decided on what we would like to do with respect to the options available to us.
- So that's what we're going to decide on tonight, Fred. Okay. Okay? Post October 13th.

- Okay, any other public comment on matters on the agenda? Seeing none, discussion of vote to approve GPI, so we have received an invoice for $61,838.57 for the stormwater project.
- This is a bill from Matt Chorba. This is part of the $3.4 million we've received from Congressman Bresnahan's office a few years back.
- And this is to assist us in identifying the stormwater issues in the borough. This is an ongoing project that will be going on for at least another year, year and a half.
- I'm meeting with Matt Chorba, the engineer assigned from GPI, next week.
- To get some more information on the video monitoring of our stormwater drains. This is an interim bill. We've received.
- An analysis of all.
- stormwater inverts in the borough. Frank, thank God, has taken that and put it on a spreadsheet so we can better understand it. But this is where we're at right now, $61,000. Any questions about this invoice? Yeah, I have one question. Sure.
- That's a really great amount of money that we have to do. Is this $61,000 in line with what we anticipated it to cost to this point? Yes, it is. I have the estimate right here that we approved. It says pipe cleaning and CCTV, $60,000, with an asterisk as allowance. It says allowance will be confirmed and adjusted upon further understanding.
- of the scope prior to starting this work. So this is in line with the, the estimate that we approved with the RFA. Okay, and are there any other questions? Thank you. Any other questions about that? Can I get a motion to approve?
- I saw there was a balance still on there. Is that something that's been improved in... Speaker 1 : No, the total of this invoice is the 61,838.57, that's all we're... that's all we're paying right now. Balance, where's the balance? At the bottom, it says, like, gives you the timeline, or semi-bottom of that invoice that we received?
- I see billings to date current, prior, total. Isn't there a prior amount?
- Yeah, there's a prior amount that we paid.
- We paid that? $12,000? Yeah, yeah. Well, we paid the $12,845.
- We have a current bill of 861,838,57 to come from the $3.4 million we've received, so it's not going to cost the borough anything.

- Any other questions?
- Can I get a motion to approve payment to GPI in the amount of $61,838.57 for the stormwater project?
- Maria, second? Second. Second, Rich. Any questions from the Council? Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Nope. Great, thank you. Okay, so we have one...
- Well, let me just...
- gloss over that, and we'll go to the skill games. Mr. Solicitor, could you please explain our skill games options again? Sure, so the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has determined that skill games are, in fact, gambling devices, which is...
- I think a good thing for municipalities that they found that way, makes them.
- not only regulatable, but at this point, illegal. And the.
- legislature was given a deadline of October 13th in order to act by passing a statute to carve out some loophole for them, or, you know, render them, you know, not gambling devices by definition.
- And so obviously we're we're very close to that. It does not seem that the legislature is going to act on this with any degree of urgency.
- So I believe that that deadline is going to come and go, if I had to make a prediction on it. And if that is the case, then the question becomes, what do we do with it? Because there is, I mean, I know the state police are already on the issue.
- I don't know what their enforcement efforts will look like.
- If I had to take an educated guess.
- As we get ignored many, many times by Harrisburg being all the way up in the corner of the state, you know, we may not be the first in priority. We don't have a large population, we don't have huge, you know, skill gain facilities like other municipalities elsewhere have, so we may not be at the top of the list.
- we may have to figure out what to do with this situation on our own, which is why, you know, I have suggested to Council that there's...
- basically two options, outside of just waiting for the state police to act. There's... there's an option that is a law enforcement option. They will be gambling devices

that are illegal under the crimes code. Our police department could take action on that.

- sees the devices, but then, of course, the question becomes, what do you do with the devices? And
- you know, I don't think putting them in this room would be very good for our meetings. So, it could be. Or other... I mean, it could be. Well, but they won't work anymore. So, you plug them in, and they're not going to work. So,
- The other option is a civil enforcement option.
- Where we basically send notices to those businesses that we know have the skill games, and we say.
- They're now illegal gambling devices. If you don't remove them within 30 days, you know, or they're still operable or whatever, then, you know, you're subject to a lawsuit. I don't know what...
- the company privately is going to do. I'm not going to make any decisions or make any recommendations based upon my expectations about what PaceMatic is going to do with the machines. I know that they do have the ability to control them remotely, which is kind of how they work.
- So, they may shut all machines off, come and pick them up in a truck and move them to Ohio. You know, they may do that, but I don't want to...
- count on...
- either the state police or PaceMatic, I want there to be a plan of action, if the council wants there to be a plan of action, of course, as to what we're going to do proactively.
- Okay, and then there were two options, I think, identified at our last meeting. One was for the PD, and then a civil... And the other one would be basically civil injunctions saying, we have this piece of contraband that, you know, needs to be removed, and we need a court order telling you to remove it. And you would be able to assist us in filing that civil... Yeah, absolutely. And I wouldn't even...
- charge additionally, I would make that part of the monthly retainer that we have.
- It's a gracious speed. Well, I mean, you know, I'm not looking for that, but I'm saying that I appreciate that, but I'm just saying that I don't want anybody to think that there's a, you know, some sort of a motivation here, you know, in terms of financial.

- So... So, is it my understanding that one company owns all of these machines?
- Well...
- There's... the... the largest company is PaceMap. That is... that is most of the machines. I don't know what percentage, but it's the vast majority of the machines.
- So, do we have the ability, for example, instead of having the police department
- seize the machines, which I agree would be problematic. Can we send a letter saying if they are still on the... on the premises on October 16th, we will make the...
- No, but 13th is the date, so if we just say on the 16th or the 14th or whatever, we will render them useless, and we go and cut the plugs off of the machine. Well, we can't do that. We can't go destroying private property, because again, even though they're illegal contraband, they may not be illegal contraband elsewhere, and I think they can load them on a truck and take them to another place, so I don't want to...
- I don't want to get sued. Can we find the property owner?
- Well, and that's... that's the thing. It's PaceMatic, to my understanding. Well, you know, the...
- owner of whatever the game is, but again, I'm saying Pacematic because they are the biggest one. I believe that they are the title owner of the property.
- Right? Correct, because they leased them. There's, like, a lease for the machines. So, but there may be several layers, so that may be more complicated than it's worth. I think your best course of action, where you're not going to get
- jammed up with who actually owns the machine, and this is just to say, you're the business, you have control over what's inside your four walls, you know, we file an action against you seeking an injunction that forces you to remove it, then the court order presumably issues, and if you're in violation of the court order, then it's, you know, punishable by contempt actions. Sure. I think at the last meeting, George, we asked, do you need to identify
- She said there's an update today. Yeah, she what? She updated us today. Okay, and what... who has them?
- Smoke shop, smoke shop, turkey hill. Three in town. Okay, great. That's it. Oh, okay. I thought it was coming a little bit more than that. Yeah, me too. That makes it that makes it fairly easy. Pete, you got any questions for Jason? I think they took them out of the home place. Did they ask me? I don't think there's any there anymore.

- I think so.
- What's the other smoke shop?
- He's next to... Next to Dunkin' Donuts.
- SNK. Oh, alright, yeah, that's what I... I didn't realize that. So, is there a cost associated with us filing an injunction?
- Maybe a filing fee. Other than that.
- I mean, arguably, I think you may be exempt from the filing fee, but... So.
- about $100. If they turn them off, they still in violation? Yes. Well, yeah, I mean, it's a piece of contraband. I don't know...
- you know, we'll have to discuss in more detail if they're completely inoperable and they're basically just a big paperweight, you know, do we then go marching into court for court orders or not? I mean, if they're off, they're off.
- is my understanding, unless they're re-upped by, you know, it's not like they're going to turn them on and off during the course of the day. They're controlled remotely. As I understand the issue, turning them off is no good. That doesn't qualify for...
- You know, they're still in violation.
- Yes, I mean, it's... it's the... the machine itself is the gambling device. Exactly. Okay. But I don't know... Since these still have value, I don't really see this becoming a problem.
- Right. They gotta get them out of town. And take them out of town, take them out of the state. That'd be my prediction, but I don't want to, you know.
- Have them continue to sit there and operate, and then have people come in and say, well, why haven't you done anything about these illegal gambling devices?
- Well, that would be a good question at that point. So they launched, PSD launched a new informational site today, so it answers a lot of the questions that we're talking about here, but one of the major things is that they want the businesses to call the PSD to report their machines if the owners won't pick them up.
- Set up something.
- Well, Matt Morris, I'm the solicitor of, so we're, you know, we're usually pretty well in lockstep on the things we're referencing, you know.

- Yeah, so I think that's good to be in.
- Doing the same thing as the whole area is doing, that way we have
- I don't want RPD to have to be responsible about seizing these machines, storing these machines, incurring costs for these machines, or being responsible, wasting time. Agreed. I agree, James.
- I also think it's important for the business owners to know that we're on it, and we will... are willing to take action if it doesn't. Yeah. Okay.
- I make a motion to file an injunction, in the event... now. Well, why don't we do this? Before we... before we go approving hypothetical actions, because we don't know who our defendants are yet, why don't we do this? Why don't we take a... make a motion
- to send a letter on October 14th to the businesses that we know have them.
- Indicating that if they don't remove them with... by...
- Give them 30 days. I would say by November 13th, or, you know, yeah, November 13th, if they're subject to illegal action. Are we allowing this criminal activity to occur for 30 days? Well, I mean... We're giving ourselves... we're giving ourselves time to determine who is going to... who is working on coming in. You can, you can, you can... Because they can still wait until the 11th.
- You can keep the heroin for the next 30 days, which is what it is, it's contraband, it's illegal. Why don't we just have the state police come in? Just call them then, and we've done our job.
- So, why don't we send a letter now saying, effective October 13th, this is what we will proceed with? We can do that, yeah. I would prefer that.
- Sure. Waiting to get the heroin out of the store. I mean, to be fair, heroin's been illegal for a really long time. I understand that. But now... It will be on October 14th, so you need to make a motion to send a letter now.
- Warning the owners or the operators of these machines that we will file an injunction effective what date?
- I don't know, whatever date after October 13th. I've created a monster. I want it to be a proactive... You guys want to file actions on the 12th, okay. All the years, this has been done before with those machines, different types of machines. I can remember...

- And then the next thing we're in for, it's going to say for entertainment purposes only. We got a motion in process here. Go ahead, Martin. You finish that motion, please.
- Effective... what date do you want, Joe? You want to give them a week, or no? I would say November 14th.
- You don't have them by, excuse me, October 14th.
- Gotta get them out by October 14th.
- Why would we give them any time at all? Okay, effective October 14th.
- Okay, period. So we'll send the letters. Yes.
- Yes. As per the state law, like... Correct. Exactly.
- As part of the Supreme Court of the state of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Okay, so we got a motion.
- Yeah. We have a second on that motion.
- Second. Second, Pete. Any questions from the Council? Any questions from the audience? Yes, Fred Weber, Milford Borough. So, the assembly vote does not matter in this at all. No, that's not true.
- If... if the General Assembly passes a law at the 11th hour, but I don't think that they have much of an incentive to do that at this point. I was just in a meeting with Lisa Baker, and she indicated that... There's no... there's no momentum.
- To make anything like that happen.
- So this is a Supreme Court decision? Yes. And if the Assembly does nothing, then that stands... It goes into effect. The Supreme Court... the Pennsylvania Supreme Court determined them to be gambling devices and gave a... what was it, 100 and... not 100. 120 days. 120 days. 120-day window, yeah. It was 4 months ago, wow. Time flies. Yep. Alright, so it gave them a 120-day window to act.
- And that window closes on October... so it was okay with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that the heroin would be illegal for an extra 120 days, so... Those are lawyers. I understand. Okay.
- Okay, so we have... Was that transparent enough? We're literally making the sausage up here for you. We have a second. Are there any other questions with respect to this motion?

- Yes, sir? Yes, my name's Tim McBoy, I'm in South Carolina. I just have a couple questions to pose to the Council.
- About this, because I'm actually kind of confused as to the focus on it.
- What is the Borough's motivation for enforcing this law so expeditiously? I mean, we're making bare jokes that I kind of concur with about heroin versus gambling advice.
- Wouldn't it be better to... but they are distinct things. Wouldn't it be better to refer these locations to state police to add to their enforcement queue? Other questions to think about, what is the penalty to the borough, if any?
- If we did not, they'd enforce that. I'm just thinking about the resources we had in just last month. I was thinking about how
- We're excited that we might be hiring a second member of our police force in order to join, and it's just thinking of all of the priorities that we have, I don't know if, technically, until the state goes through.
- I don't know if it's a worthwhile use of our resources when we could be focusing on other things, street safety, etc.
- I also personally, but I only know that I am only one person here, I haven't heard anyone from the public speak about this in previous meetings. It's only been brought up by members of our council, which I understand they're going to take time to think proactively about it, but has the council received any other comments from the public?
- that is driving this focus on expeditious enforcement. And I just wanted to counsel, too, I'm not a legal professional by any means, obviously, but he did send a letter prior to the stay from the court
- And... For their prior to the legislative action occurring.
- I think that potentially could throw in an uncomfortable situation where should the... even though we think that it's very unlikely.
- should a law be passed that allows for this to maintain, or a loophole to happen, now we're un... we'd have to communicate undoing that communication of, you know, 30 days to comply. I just want to toss all that out there, and I'll... Okay, so we're not asking our...

- We're not asking our police department to do anything with respect to this issue. This is going to be handled through our solicitor, and probably through our code enforcement officer.
- That's it. The PD will not be involved, the PD can focus its efforts on public safety, not with respect to this issue. This issue, we've discussed on multiple occasions at this meeting.
- Okay, over the past 4 months, when this first arose, when I notified the council of this issue and our solicitor, and we talked about what we should do, what are our options. We can't allow criminal activity to occur
- in our borders. Can't allow it, okay? Could we wait for the state police? Maybe, but we want to be proactive with respect to that issue. You want to add to that? Yeah, I think that when you're...
- Charged with the legal obligation to enforce.
- law, okay?
- that if the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has declared these to be illegal gambling devices, right? The gambling devices statute long, long, long predates this issue and even the existence of skilled teams. The gambling devices statute was originally developed to address the issue of slot machines, okay? So it would be the same thing as if someone
- installed a bona fide slot machine in a local business, and we just sat back and looked at it, okay? So, so, if, let's say we wait for the state police to act.
- And they focus their enforcement efforts in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, and they eventually might get around to us someday.
- Then, when somebody comes in to the borough office in February or March and says, why have you allowed these illegal devices to remain in our town for 6 months more than they were supposed to?
- I don't think we would have a very good answer if we weren't being proactive.
- So, that's... that was my focus, which is once the Pennsylvania Supreme Court says, this thing is illegal, right? I mean, there's a discussion right now, about legislation to make, that... what's it called? Kratom, illegal. If they all of a sudden make Kratom illegal tomorrow, and we just sat back and let people continue to sell it.
- Well, that's not very responsible from our perspective.

- Being that we're charged legally with the obligation to enforce
- the law, right? So, and to another point that you made, if we issue a letter and the legislature acts at the 11th hour totally unexpectedly and says they're not illegal gambling devices anymore, we've just created a statute that is, you know, defines skill games as something separate and apart and makes them legal.
- Well, that would just nullify the letter that we sent. I don't think there's really any egg on our face. I think the people who are paying attention to this issue, the skill game operators, and the business owners, are well privy to the fact that if the legislature acts and makes them legal, then there will be no municipal control over them outside of
- possibly zoning control, like we, you know, already talked about. And we can put in the letter that, that.
- you know, assuming no intervention on the part of this becomes, you know, so we can state that... Right.
- We won't. And then as far as resources, there really are no resources to spend on this issue, because, you know, I'm not going to charge any additional hourly litigation fee. I'm paid monthly by the borough with a flat fee retainer, and so I'm not really concerned about.
- you know, that decision costing anything. I mean, the injunction action is...
- not complex, but it's... it's somewhat involved, but I've done enough of them, and the courthouse is right next door, so it's not going to be any, you know, any swear off my back. So...
- That's... that's how I'm looking at it, is it's... it's a minimal, if any, expenditure on a filing fee. And a service fee. We've done this before with smoke shops.
- Right? They came first a couple years ago, right? Yeah. They had to go down, check it out, and sell stuff they weren't supposed to. Right. Too many cases of it. We did have that issue a few years ago, too, when... names, so everybody's probably gonna know what I'm talking about anyway. We had a, you know, one of the local gas stations that had so many of the, skill games that it was
- arguably creating a whole other zoning use. And there was some litigation involving that. We ended up having to reach an accord with them where they removed about half of their devices. And, you know, that was obviously well before this Supreme

Court decision. So, it's not that... it's not like we just woke up yesterday and said the skill games are a problem. The, you know, we've had

- in the past, enforcement issues involving the skill games altogether. They know it, too. Yeah, so... So, if there's one thing I could add, and I think Matt and I haven't really talked about this, but we could also reach out to the local state police barracks and ask what they're doing, so that at least that informs the council a bit more on what they see from their perspective. I mean, I suspect that they're going to ultimately do
- be doing whatever Harrisburg tells them to do, and that's probably going to be their answer until October 14th, but, you know... Yeah, it's still worth a call, I agree.
- I... I spoke... I mentioned this at the last meeting. I spoke to Lisa Baker, who was in charge of the post map.
- No, that's the... that's state police. Who's in charge of training in our area?
- Daugherty... Training as in... Training as in training law enforcement, local law enforcement. Lisa Baker said she was going to have Mopec, yeah, she was going to have Mopec notify local police departments to this issue.
- That obviously doesn't sound like it's happened, so Mopec should be in touch with Candace and yourself with respect to what you should be doing with respect to this issue, but...
- You know, we don't want to go down the law enforcement path because that involves so many different layers that we don't want to deal with. So I think this is a great resolution.
- Okay. Any other comment on this motion and the second?
- All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Nope, great, thank you.
- Thank you, solicitor. So, Fran, you gonna let, Judy know to send that letter? Yeah. Okay. Did she work with you on that one? Yeah, sure, Judy. Perfect, yeah. Okay. Discussion to vote to approve special event application post to Milford, post to Milford, 1010. This came in as a last-minute request from Milford Presents.
- Another issue, I'd like to figure out how we can get Francesca to just approve these. Anybody have any questions on this special event application from

- I didn't see this one. What was this for? Toast to Milford. I know, what's it for? Milford Presents. Next weekend. Visiting restaurants, shops, they're coordinating the event. Okay.
- Any questions?
- Can I get a motion to approve this special event for Costa Milford? Second. Second. Maria, first by Rich. Any questions from the Council? Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Nope. Great. Okay.
- We are now going to have to move into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This should be really quick, so if you want to stay and wait for the budget discussion, please stay right outside, okay?
- But we're gonna adjourn to an executive session right now. Okay? Thank you. Thank you all for your patience.
- Thank you, Francesca. We're back in session. We are on item number 8, discussion vote to appoint special counsel for rental registration. We're going to table that issue for our next regularly scheduled meeting. Can I get a motion to move into our workshop meeting?
- George just did. George, second? Second. Second? All in favor? Aye. Aye, okay. Discussion redraft 2027 budget. All right, Francesca, you want to step us through? How do you want to do this, guys? Do you want to walk through line by line, or do you want kind of a general overview? Doug's not on the line.
- So let me just tell you what happened. So Doug Francesca
- and I met with, Candace and Matt to go over the police budget, we met with Rich to go over the DPW budget, and then the three of us met internally to go over the, kind of, the office and other parts of the budget.
- So we've kind of got updates from everybody. Candace then took the budget with Matt and provided an update to Francesca, and what you have in front of you right now.
- Is the results of that work.
- So...
- In my mind, it would be the most helpful to kind of just highlight those areas that are really significantly different. Sure. Francesca, you want to do that? You want me to

do that? How do you want to do this? I don't know, do you guys feel the same way? Would that be helpful?

- So that's fine.
- The only, things that you normally see that are different.
- They're mostly... most of them are just, like, pass-throughs, income and expense, will be the stormwater and the sewer grants. You see that on page 1? Page 1 on the revenue, and then you'll see it.
- on the income side, revenue side, and then you'll see it on the expense side, all the way down on page 6 of the 493 under grants.
- We also added in the $100,000 from Lisa Baker that we're going to get for the borough buildings. That's on the revenue side under, 354 State and Capital Operating RAS.
- And on the center side, you'll see that on the office building security upgrade, 100,000.
- We'll be using that for anything on the office building with the security upgrades, and... Well, it's not just the cola. It's office slash building slash security upgrades. We're talking 3 components to that. That's the $100,000 from Lisa Baker.
- what we're going to talk about later on in tonight's meeting, okay? I just don't want everybody to think that security upgrades, like, we're the CIA here, and we're upgrading, spending 100 grand on security upgrades. That's not the case. Okay, go ahead, Francesca. Sorry, I needed to clarify that a little bit.
- And
- Basically, when it came down to the salaries, the collective bargaining agreement for the PD and DPW, and the collective bargaining agreement is a 5% raise, which was agreed upon by the Council for
- the collective bargaining agreement for the TV and the Dpw.
- Doug and Joe also agreed.
- To do another 5% for both myself and Kathy, and also increase Kathy a little bit to help me out with day-to-day stuff, because having her two days a week was... a little bit of a strain, and I wasn't able to get everything done. Also, she does stuff for the PD as well as secretarial work.

- We work with DPW on their numbers.
- For anything that would need to be repaired or replaced. Rich, has anything changed for that, for 27?
- I didn't go on the line item. I'm asking, does DPW have anything that they want to change or add?
- It's just that what we discussed is we have to start putting the money away for the, new front... front end loader and backhoe.
- That's it. No, we're good. We're in good shape. So, I think we're going to be just a little in the budget, or right on budget, so we're good. EPW is good.
- Okay. And then... Yes, on the eating side.
- Any changes, additions?
- So, we had some email exchanges about the medical and dental insurance. As we're in the process of hiring a new officer at this point, we should have these results by the end of the month, so I would like to make a better estimate at that point, but...
- have a little bit more fidelity in what our situation would be. Sure.
- Well, go ahead.
- You want to talk about the police pension? I do. Please. So I... I know this didn't really happen in our discussion when we met, but it was added afterwards. I understand the audit.
- from a numbers perspective, it makes a lot of sense. However, I would want to look at maybe a slightly different plan on how we get back to a healthy state.
- Just given the fact that this is definitely in arrears, and we're trying to make up $117,000.
- for the next several years, right, Joe? Well, does everybody understand? Okay, we've talked about this before, and we've actually allotted quite a bit of money over the course of the past
- Couple of years, Francesca? Two years. Okay, so how much have we added to the.
- pension plan. So right now, as of the last report we've gotten from Gerard, we are funded at a 74% rate, okay? Pennsylvania likes to see municipalities 90% funded.

- are, as I've said this on numerable occasions, our non-unif... excuse me, our non-uniform plan is overfunded, okay? 115, 18%, whatever it is.
- Because of a various lifestyle, life issues that happen. Our police pension is underfunded, underfunded 274%. PA likes to see at 90%.
- Okay, you get the highest, municipal, minimum municipal obligation. You get more money if you're at 90% per PA, and I'd like to see us get close to that.
- To get to 90% would require us to dump in $117,000 as of the last, you know, report that we got from Gerard. I'm not asking that we do that, but I ask we take some time and put in some... set some money aside to add
- to our pension plan with Gerard for our police officers.
- Because what we're going to be faced with, potentially, is people retiring. I'm not saying who's going to retire, or when they're going to retire, but we are going to be faced with people retiring. We have one police officer already collecting pension benefit. We're going to have, we're going to...
- Potentially add another police officer, so... so the demands of that pension plan will only increase.
- So that 74% funded is probably going to drop. You know, it's also affected by market returns.
- I've asked Doug to form a pension committee back in the spring. I think we need to look at our investments, and our investment advisor, and our pension advisory company. There's lots of things we can do with respect to that, and I want us to pursue all of those things, but I think
- Adding 40 grand, which is not going to affect our budget this year, because we have the money, is a good start.
- Candace, you want to answer that? Yeah, and I'm 100%, I think if our officers should be in good shape with our attention, we shouldn't put that at risk at all. I guess my question is, could we, you know, there has been a surplus over a number of years, and including from our police department, which doesn't really come back to the police department.
- At least one-to-one, that you can see, so I'm wondering if that can be made up partially with some surplus money, and then a plan is made where we make an annual contribution from here on out, and we vary that slightly, but it's not a $40,000 hit to the budget.

- Well, well, we can... we can... well, it's gonna come from the budget somewhere. We could add on the top line borrowing from a prior year. We could take $100,000 from a prior year.
- in terms of income, but we've got to apply that expense to some other budget, some other budget line. And I guess that's what I'm asking for, that it looks like it's just the expense of the owner buying car, nothing coming from anything.
- Okay.
- It doesn't need to be resolved tonight. We took $20,000 from the contributions that we would make, $5,000 to the, library and everything. $1,000 from that is this.
- We got rid of... well, okay, so we should probably... we didn't talk about that. We got rid... last year, we provided $20,000 in donations to a variety of charities in the area, 4 different charities, $5,000 each, we got rid of that. Why did you get rid of it? We don't have the money.
- We don't have the money. So here we are talking about adding to our unfunded, underfunded potential.
- I don't see how we can take taxpayers' money and give it to, you know, nonprofits in the community when we have this expense staring us in the face. No, I understand your rationale, I just... Yeah. We have... we have...
- people who provide great services to this community. They do. to see us get rid of that. So, we'll be at the maximum as far as the, what they've contributed to their own bench for at least.
- It goes up incrementally, Pete. Per the contract that you and I worked on. That's coming up. In 27. Yes. So... 3%. Can we go to 5 eventually? We can, Pete. So, let's talk about pension, okay? That's coming up, too.
- Correct. So the pension that was negotiated that expires in 12/31/27.
- In 25, our DPW and police contributed 1%.
- 2% this year, and 3% next year. Okay? Any newly hired DPW workers will contribute 5%, and any newly hired police officers... What's the rate? Same thing, 5%.
- Right, so newly hired. Yeah, so it's a small amount of money. Okay, so, I mean, the biggest savings for us with respect to
- You know, our personnel was any personnel that opted out of the health insurance.

- That saved us a ton of money. We gave them five grand for opting out. Well, what's the cost of health insurance now, Francesca? It's going to be in 2027? 20... 3, 26,000 for a family plan?
- This is what we're dealing with, folks. These are expenses that we have to maintain for our employees, and, you know.
- So, we've gotta... we gotta take care of that, we gotta account for that. So, I mean, what we could do, we don't... we don't have to do it right now. The $40,000 is accounted for
- in all the taxes we collect. We don't need to borrow from a prior year. What we could do during the year is if we do have some surplus monies that we identify during the year, and some surpluses we identify, and we have built up some surpluses, they're in the cash accounts. We don't have a... we don't have a surplus fund
- They've accumulated in the cash accounts. We could.
- Put on the top line $100,000 and drop $100,000 into the police pension.
- You could do that.
- From prior years, but you gotta have the $100,000 from prior year, we'll show that on the budget line, and we'll show $100,000 as an expense.
- I mean, as long as it gets... the faster we get that funded, the lower our expenses on it as well, right?
- I'm sorry? How much... you know the underfunded pension fund, right? Yeah, we're underfunded $117,000. So there isn't a financial advantage to getting that funded immediately.
- Well, nobody funds... I don't know any...
- Anybody that's funded 100%. 90% is. You get better rates. 90% would get us to...
- would cost us $117,000. Again, we'd have to look at that, because those numbers are a year plus old.
- They fluctuate, too. They do, based upon market returns. I was just trying to ask, what is the...
- The way you explain it to me, there is a financial advantage to having that done. There is. So what is that amount, or what is that percentage, or how is it... What's the

advantage? Yeah. You get more money. You get more money from the minimum municipal obligation provided to us by the state of Pennsylvania.

- from the fireman's fund, whatever that premium, what is that? Okay, the minimum municipal obligation. Yeah, and I was asking what... us doing this right away, how... what is the value of that to us? Is there... should we rush that through, or should we still budget it over years? I think we can budget it over years, George. I don't want to dump all that money in right away. Again.
- And again, again, you dump a lot of money in. I mean, what's the market going to do?
- You know, I don't want to dump... That much money.
- We can put in pieces? Well, how bad is 74.5%?
- Yeah, so I looked at the level today, so 90% is considered healthy. Right. If you... if you're between 70% and 90%, it's minimally distressed. Okay. And then it goes down from there. Moderately, max. We're not... even though it's 74.
- Get it up to 80% when you're, you know.
- Because if you don't want to get to it, would you say we could lose money with the investments? So, we could. We could. So, Pete, just so you know the historical, I started looking at this a couple years ago. In 2023, we were at 61%, 61.6%. I looked at that, I was like, whoa, all I'm thinking about is Illinois.
- how they're underfunded or unfunded in so many respects. And what we're doing, what we're doing is taking care of future generations of this council to pay our bills now.
- Okay? That's what we're doing. I don't want to be at 61.6% ever again. Prior to that, in 2021, we were 80-something.
- So, it's... 83%, correct. fluctuate as the market fluctuates, and then we, you know, obviously.
- And if you go back a decade, we were even worse than the 61. I was like, I couldn't believe it, where we were at. So can we do something like designate a...
- 2%, for example, of our EIT money to go towards this every year. Can we do something like that?
- We can do whatever we really want. I don't want to lock ourselves into anything. Well, I'm thinking until we get up to 90%.

- I think we can we if we see how the year is going, 27, we can then say, okay, we want to put another 40,000 in or 30,000 or 50,000, whatever we decide, but I don't want to lock ourselves in. I didn't think you were allowed to earmark money from the IT.
- Well... It's money that we have, we can market. Yeah. It doesn't need... we don't need to say that.
- That's it.
- So right now, The proposal within this budget is $40,000 to be added to the
- from our current taxes, property taxes and EIT.
- And I'm nervous a little bit about, on the revenue side, on property taxes. Progressive Health has made an application with Pike County to declare itself a
- non-profit tax... non-tax entities? Speaker 3 : Purely public charity. Purely public charity, whatever. So, how many properties does... does...
- That entity owned in the borrower.
- Quite a few that could affect our our property tax revenue.
- So, you know, hopefully the solicitor for the Pike County Board of Assessment Appeals will be able to overcome the hub test with respect to that issue.
- Jason's laughing. I'll put in a good word. He's a solicitor. I'm not opposed to this idea, Joe, but I'm not in favor of doing that at the expense of the places that we provided donations.
- What were the non-topics?
- Public library.
- Historic Association. Clay County Library, the library, the food pantry, and... I forget what the fourth one. The County Historical Association, wasn't it? No, that was the columns. The columns. The library, the food pantry was the fourth.
- Garden Club. Garden Club. Yes, yes.
- What?
- So your opinion is you want to continue to do that, because that's not in the budget right now. That's $20,000.
- Right? Yes, it is my opinion. Okay.

- I'd agree with you, really.
- So where's that 20 grand coming from? I don't know, it's not in the budget.
- And, hold on a second, it's not in the budget, and then you also... In the current budget, it's not in the proposed budget. Correct. As soon as... we've already paid that. It's not in the proposed budget. So, we... we are now balanced.
- Okay, with $40,000 going to...
- the, the pension. No $20,000 going to anybody, but we have a medical dental insurance for police at $50,000.
- Okay? Just keep in mind that if we have a third full-time police officer that needs medical and dental, that $50,000 is going to become $76,000. We should rework at that as well, then. How is this going to... how can we put a third person on this thing?
- Okay. We are not voting on a budget tonight. No, we're not.
- sit here and come up with $20,000 because Pete and I think that we should be giving donations to people, but I do think if... we still have discussion, and I understand that's the purpose here, but we have some time before we have to vote on this, so to me, it makes sense that we say, what are our priorities, and maybe that's a priority for Pete and I and nobody else, and then that's a point, but... but I... I think we have to go back and
- I look at things and say, That might...
- be necessary. Yeah, we do have to take care of this patient.
- So, my request...
- I know what the proposal is, but my request was that we actually took it out of the excess funds that we've had for prior years to be able to kind of
- Give that... get that a little bit healthier, and then have a plan on the way forward so that we do get well.
- And so if we do that, then we're $40,000 in the... on the positive side. Hold on. No, no, we're not taking the 40 out.
- We might be adding more.
- Are you talking about... No, I'm talking about on the revenue side. She's saying not taking the 40.

- 40 from prior years. Okay. But then... So, hold on. So my proposal was, and my request was, we would take it from the prior years, because I'm...
- And we haven't paid that bill, even though we were supposed to pay it properly.
- So, if we can use that funding to then become on the revenue side, and offset the cost for it, then on the subsequent year, we have a set amount that we always put in for the police convention to make sure that we save it.
- That's my proposal. Okay? But the 40 is gonna still sit in there. Yeah. My point is that right now, it's coming out of the... Correct. No question.
- Yep. And so that was my... Okay, all right. Any other comments on the budget right now from the Council in terms of changes in numbers that Francesca can then take back? And Candace, when do you think you'll be able to get the numbers for the...
- police officer.
- we'd like to hire. So, we're... we're in the hiring process, as you see. We're hoping to have everything completed by the end of this month. Okay. So, we should have information on that that would educate us on the assumptions for those numbers by then.
- Okay, so... the timing of the budget is, typically we have this discussion, we then have a budget that we present to the council, we vote to advertise it.
- And we then vote, after the 10-day requirement by the state of Pennsylvania, we then adopt the budget in November, and we're done with the budget. So, what that would do would push us to November.
- So, I'm trying to... we'd have to adopt the budget in December. If we then, vote to advertise the budget in November after we get the final numbers from you at the end of October.
- So, I really don't... I really... that's... that's... Well, I have another question about this, because in my prior lives. We look at medical insurance on an annual basis from different firms. Correct. From the same firm. So how is the process for the council right now on how we look at that? Do we just take what we're given as a quote?
- And we say, thanks for the increase, and we move on, or do we actually shop around? I looked into it. Our plan is no longer available.
- But we're grandfathered in, so they're keeping us at our... somewhat of our rates, so that it's not too much out of pocket for our employees.

- And it's gonna continue to increase like any other insurance. If we go to a lower plan.
- to spend less money. It was higher deductibles and higher pay out of pocket for our employees. We go to a higher plan, it's, again, a higher rate, and all that. We're grandfathered in.
- program, where we're sticking to our deductibles and the out-of-pocket expenses.
- And, again, the rates are going to increase, because that's just... all insurance companies right now are just
- So I understand that part of it, but I guess my question is shopping around.
- We're not really talking around, we're looking at the plans that are offered by one Is that true?
- Francesca? No.
- If you shop around with the plan that we have.
- we're looking at almost double at some of the other plans, or we've got to take a lesser one. We could take out... but I guess my question is, how do you make that more efficient? That would be my question.
- We've actually tried to jump on the county's plan, okay, a bigger... Yeah, I agree. We're not allowed to do that. We've asked that a couple of years ago, and we're not allowed to do that.
- So,
- Okay, so I guess my other question is, and you mentioned it before, Joe, is that the police tension had, activity towards it, but when I look at prior years, I don't see anything in that line, and maybe I'm missing...
- The line for police pension?
- I was trying to look at data from the past, I can't see it. If we've contributed... I think we did... was it $245,000? So, can we take that offline? That's a specific question. So, is that okay? Let's take that offline, and the health insurance piece, sir.
- Can we do that?
- Any other, kind of.

- No, the only thing I did want to mention is that we are putting a good amount of money into the budget this year for training, including truck certification training, so I just want to follow up on that, that we've definitely taken that into consideration.
- And that we have some repair money in there for a vehicle. However, we are going to be looking for our grant this year to replace that vehicle, because it is aging, and it's starting to have more repairs where it's not working.
- So with that, I think I've addressed all of my... Okay.
- Any other comments from the Council on the budget? Rich? Be good?
- Pete?
- George, where are you? Other than what I mentioned? Yep, okay, great. Okay, thank you.
- Alright.
- Follow me, street closures. Maria.
- What are we doing on that?
- We had this discussion. We did, so... I don't know why it's not here again. Alright, you want to just move on? You want to give us an update in terms of... did we finalize? What were we gonna do?
- I don't know, I'm not in charge of streets anymore, so...
- Honestly, what was our final decision? It was the park. At both sides of the park?
- It was the same as last year, was the decision. I think the whole...
- I think it was 5th Street.
- Ann and George. Catherine, you mean? Catherine, excuse me, Catherine, yes. Catherine, Ann, and Fifth.
- Around the park. Correct. Those 3 were going to be closed. Correct.
- Okay. Does that make sense?
- Matt, does that make sense? Okay.
- Okay.
- All right. We're gonna move the special event application form. Charmaine asked me to move it to the next meeting.

- Okay. As I mentioned before, we received $100,000 from Lisa Baker, from discretionary, funding, and I'm kind of, like, asking everybody on the council, what... for buildings.
- What do you need, Rich?
- the Dpws.
- We're good. I mean, other than, you know, maybe, you know, changing it, or reciting it, I mean, we could recite it. Okay. Probably be better. Okay.
- This money definitely has to go towards... towards a building. Buildings. It can't go toward a backhaul.
- Buildings. Nice try.
- Buildings. Okay?
- Bye.
- Pete, got anything you... you know, you used to be in charge of buildings, would,
- It's good, right? I mean, the office looks good, but security's the main thing, right? Right, right. We need new windows in the, borough office. We need some security upgrades in the borough office.
- George?
- Just the cameras or whatever. Cameras? Part of the security upgrade? They have a huge...
- bunch of, or a ton of stuff on that estimate. Correct. It has everything on it, but I think some of it's not. Yeah, that's your main concern, right?
- Yeah. Adam, I have a question. Yeah.
- We all know Lisa Baker, some of us better than others.
- Is there any way... I mean, is that a specific fund that she gives out? Yeah, yes. It's earmarked for very specific things. And not change that at all.
- Okay, thank you. So, I'm gonna read. Grant application through PA, Department of Community and Economic Development, Milford Borough, $100,000, municipal building improvements.
- Okay? Okay.

- All right. And we could use signing on the phone. Okay, can you come up with a cost?
- But that please. please.
- What do you think? Would it pay for a bathroom?
- For municipal building improvement?
- In the park?
- Or piece of it?
- No, no.
- Can we find out if this qualifies?
- A new building to be built in a park.
- I understand, I understand. Well, let's... let's see what we can do, if anything. I mean, this is... this is found money. We never anticipated this. This is not in our budget. Well, it is in our budget now, because we know about it. But.
- All right, I think we should, keep talking about this, but... When is our spend-by date on that? I don't know. We need to find that out. This just came in in the end of September. Okay, so...
- We need to figure all of that out. Francesca, have you been in touch with Nadine Ziegler from BA? On that? I think I... yeah. All right, find out exactly what we can spend that on, okay?
- Okay.
- So, come up with a cost.
- George, we gotta come up with a cost for the security improvements. Well, we have... yeah, yeah, we gotta whittle that cost down. Okay.
- All right.
- Okay.
- Fred, I saw your hand up, but this is a workshop, there's nothing to be voted on right now, but... I'm gonna let it happen, Fred. Fred Weber, Milford Borough, please, the flow's here. Please. I think that's corruption, Fred. What's that?

- Can this money be applied to the restoration? I don't know. I don't know. Maybe. We're gonna, we're gonna... we're gonna call Nadine Ziegler and find out, okay? Okay? It is a...
- It's a municipal building improvement. Is that a building? I don't know. I have to stretch.
- No, no, no, no, no. Doug's gonna present that at the next meeting. If I could, I would. Okay. Can we also consider the parking lot behind the Borough Building? Is that considered an improvement to the building?
- Enlarging that parking lot?
- I don't know.
- It's not a building, it's a parking lot. Is it an accessory structure to a building? I don't know. Find that out, okay? I don't see why we can't ask. Maybe, okay. So, you mean doing the... expanding the pavers? Yes. Yeah, okay.
- Wow. Okay.
- Anything else? Who else wants to talk about spending 100 grand from Lisa Baker.
- Okay, all right. Everything is prevailing wages, I'm going through the short wage fees right now. All right. Maria. Yeah. Bitters Park Serving. So, next to the Tom Quick Inn, is Bitters Park, as you may or may not know, and
- Right next to the Tom Foy can, there's a little narrow path that goes along the building itself, and if you've been in there, you will notice a small stone that looks very much like a gravestone.
- I happened to be working with Barbara Tarquinio and Frank Tarquinio at the park one day, and Matt Osterberg strolled by, and we were all kind of pontificating about what this stone could be. Thought it might be a gravestone, the way it's positioned, and Matt Osterberg pointed out that that stone just happens to be facing due north.
- So the bottom line is, he did some research on an article that indicates that it is
- not only likely, very probable, that that stone was the survey marker that was put in place to lay out all of Milford Borough by John Bittis, which is a pretty cool thing. So the entire town was laid out based on the placement of this one survey marker. So, I thought, because we've done some major... the MEC just paid for major renovations.
- to, Biddis Park, that we should look into getting a grant that would

- allow us to highlight that stone. I came up with a, idea for a bronze marker. Stroyan Funeral Home provided me a quote for just under $2,000 to create a bronze marker, and
- erect it next to the stone. We've been working with the same gentleman who did the pavers in Guilford Park. He's gonna give... in Bitters Park, he's gonna give us a quote on doing some stonework around the...
- monument itself. So I will look to write a grant, so that's part of why I'm bringing it to you. A, if you guys are all in agreement that this is something that we should spend some time and money on, I will look to write a grant, to try to get some funding to do the, pave work around the
- marker, as well as come up with a... some sort of bronze plaque to memorialize that. Does that sound reasonable? That sounds pretty cool. That sounds pretty cool. Sounds important that we should be touching like that. Good. Yeah. Thank you. Yeah.
- Thanks to the MEC for all the work they're doing in that park, too. It looks amazing. Beautiful. It looks so beautiful. Thank you, Barbara. It really does.
- Yeah. Okay. Alright, public comment. This is now an opportunity to speak about anything and everything. Michael... Michael Scheidner.
- Please, come on up.
- Mike, under 10H demonstration.
- You know, that is fascinating, that's what I want. Is that cool? Oh my god, that is so cool, I hope you guys look into it. I stood there with my phone, and I watched some more geometry and stuff like that. That really needs to be.
- Thousand percent. It needs to be on that walk of Milford, and... Yeah, we do have to get it... we have to get it added to some places to visit. That is just fascinating. It really is. I love Fisher.
- You're right.
- I just want to make a general comment. I want to thank the borough for letting me volunteer.
- I'll leave it again soon. It'll be turning a little bit dark.
- back over, but I really enjoy it. It's always been on the up and up, at least I try to keep it.

- Always know that when you're there. Volunteer.
- Appreciate it.
- Thank you, Pat.
- Yeah, that is so cool. I'm excited about that, I really am. Thank you. And good luck! Any other public comment?
- Yes.
- It's a drop. 6-month drop for you, Walker.
- So I think we've established that the budget is beyond tight, so I understand that, you know, my concern can't be addressed at the point where I said budget.
- My question to the Council is, what do we do about the area between Cherry Alley and East John Street? Like, I would be curious to know, as a group, do we accept that condition? Like, as a group, do we accept that it's safe?
- So two businesses, within the building that I own. They're attracting about a thousand customers weekly.
- And I'm there every single day, so we have about 20 pedestrians every single day that are walking between the courthouses.
- And, you know, they're walking on the painted lines, on the potholes that were built that they didn't get.
- The populace, again, will continue to deteriorate.
- Nothing's really been brought to my attention, no solid plan, no promising meeting, no optimism.
- In fact, whenever this topic's up, I've actually received a lot of pessimism.
- And I'm really upset about it, because when we look at that block, does that represent Dilfer? Would that be okay outside of Boucher?
- Would that be okay?
- would be safe.
- You know, outside the movie theater.
- So I just don't know, when I bring the topic up, you know, we kind of sideline it.
- I've been here for 13 years.

- And nothing solid has ever happened. There have been some false promises that were never kept.
- But there's never been a meeting. Like, hey, TC, we have something solid, really want to hear you out.
- I've been told Wow, PennDOT's gonna get involved in that. It's gonna be a mess.
- I've been told, you're gonna lose half of your patio.
- I've never been told, hey, let's talk about it. You might lose some of your patio, but I think we can make this work.
- So what's it gonna take?
- So, can I... can I jump in? I'm not trying to interrupt you, but most of those sweetscapes have been handled by the Milburn Enhancement Committee. Sure. Over the course of the past
- decade or more. The most recent one was the one right here on West Harvard Street, and they've always handled it, and I think they have a plan.
- I mean, it was affectionately known as the Northern Gateway to involve both sides of the street. I think it was streamed... slimmed down to handle just the section in front of your business down to
- the alley and possibly George Street, but that's typically where we go with respect to those speedscape-type improvements, so what I can do is just send a note to
- the Milford Enhancement Committee to see if they're interested in taking on this project, and if they're not, then we'll have to go to Plan B, if the Council is so inclined to move forward with that. But I can tell you this, that's an expensive project. Totally. Okay, and it involves grant money, and it does, I hate to tell you this, PennDOT is a pain to work with, TC. No kidding around.
- So you've heard that before? It's true! Okay?
- It's true. So, and it involves stormwater, there's a whole myriad of issues with respect to that, but these projects have traditionally been handled by the Milford Enhancement Committee.
- So I've heard great things about the MEC, and they do wonderful things. Yes.

- I'm bringing it to the borough meeting, because I've been here for 13 years, and nothing's happened, and I'm just curious, are we accepting this as a borough? That that is...
- What we represent is a safe walkway.
- Is that what we are proud of, to tell our friends is the, you know, the entryway to the eastern side of our borough?
- It's just non-representation, it's not safe, and nobody's taking it seriously. They're not taking it seriously.
- There's a lot of excuses. Money. Penda, my property line.
- Last year, someone brought me incorrect property lines and discouraged me from bringing up the top.
- Would that happen in front of the post-sharers? No. It would not.
- It would not.
- So let's bring it to everybody's attention. We have a very serious issue.
- Doesn't the county want to put a pedestrian bridge in there? We're canceling donations. Hold on, hold on, hold on.
- That's... that's on the alley, Pete. It's on the alley, Pete. Behind it? Yeah. Yeah, that's on the alley. But I don't know who's gonna put a bridge in. I don't think the county's so inclined to put a bridge in. If we wanted to get a grant, put a bridge in, a biking pedestrian bridge in, that's...
- Now that they closed the other bridge to traffic, where do they have plans for that? They just do their... I don't know. Yeah.
- Wednesday morning, 11 o'clock.
- Pike County Admin Building. Answering that question. That's not a... George, you had a comment? You respect the TC's comment? I just... I mean, it just seems a little, like, you're mad at us, kind of, because we haven't done anything, but we're... we're canceling donations to libraries, like.
- Oh, Joe, that's not mine. Yeah, I don't think Hanson Committee does something weird. No, I'm just gonna level with you, we're not putting a sidewalk in there. And let me add to that, I don't know where else to go. I've been here for 13 years.

- I talked to a bunch of people. I don't have time to go to meetings and just be ignored, bang my head into the wall. Why do we accept it? So I'm bringing it to you guys as the leaders of our town.
- I'm not mad at you right here.
- But we represent the boroughs only.
- Again, I'm going with tradition and experience. The MEC has typically handled the streetscape improvements in the borough over the past decade or more. Okay.
- So, I will... I will send a note to the president of the MEC to see if they could, if they're interested in taking on this project, and if not, then we'll talk about Plan B.
- And I think Doug was really gung-ho about this project as well, and trying to look for solutions. We thought it would be great to extend that corridor of the, you know, make it look more like the borough downtown. It's just a money thing, that's all it is.
- Yeah. Comes down to 100% related to money. Yeah, no, dude. I just need some people in my corner, because nothing's... Yep, understood.
- Okay.
- Great, thank you. Thanks, TC. Yes. Any other public comment?
- Seeing none, can I get a motion to adjourn the meeting?
- So moved. Maria, second, Rich. All in favor? Aye. Thank you. Thank you all. Thank you all for coming tonight.
- Thank you, sir.
- No? Okay, that's it.