

- Welcome to the Milford Borough Council regular Meeting for August 17, 2026. Can I get a roll call, please? Yes, roll call. President Dooley? Here. Vice President Federal? Here. Councilmember Lutfy via phone and Zoom?
- Present. Councilmember Cooney? Present. Councilmember Manion? Present. Councilmember Ford? Councilmember Provenzano? Here.
- Solicitor Oliver? Here. Mayor Mahala? Present. And Secretary-Treasurer Lombardo? Present. Thank you. Join me in the pledge, please.
- 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
- I'm gonna table the adoption of the minutes for July 20th, 26th to September. There's some changes that have to be made.
- Okay, the agenda. Everybody have a chance to look at the agenda? Can I get a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted? Sure. So, and I discussed this with Jason, I'd like to have a brief discussion. There's some confusion.
- Sure, you want to put that under old business? Yes, please. Okay, so the motion, you got a motion, we need a second for that?
- I'll second. Second, Maria, all in favor of that change?
- Aye. Any opposed? Nope. Great. Thanks, Doug.
- So that's gonna pull that rental.
- Bridge.
- Francesca, you know you've got to re-advertise the agenda? Correct. On our website? Great.
- Great. Alright.
- So, any other changes to the agenda?
- Seeing none, so, as amended, can I get a motion to adopt the agenda? So moved. Second.
- Second Sharmie, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Oh, great, thank you. Okay, public comment. Any public comment on matters that are on the agenda?

- Okay, seeing none, 729-26, accident and follow-up, general traffic safety discussion. You want to start us off, Candace, on that? Sure.
- Based upon your recent... the recent letter you got, or... Yeah, absolutely. I mean, I think I can catch up with everybody. So after the accident, which I would like to say that I've gotten so many words of...
- praise to the local police department and all of the first responders, so I do want to take a second and recognize that they did an awesome job.
- super professional in that situation. I know it was a perfect day, here in Milburn, probably the largest session we've had in a few years.
- So, and sadly we lost life that day, so...
- Take a second and make sure we recognize, Lane.
- So...
- After that, I had written a letter to the Secretary of PennDOT, discussing maybe help me discussing and requesting, a study be done.
- I know there's an old study, and actually, I got an email today with the response, that I shared with the Council, and there's copies of it here if anyone wants to read it, from the Secretary of PennDOT, discussing some of those ideas, and also...
- responding that they are doing additional traffic studies right now. I heard last week that they will be doing those throughout this week, so hopefully we'll see the results of that, and the recommendations that are coming out.
- With that traffic study. Now, it does beg the question about the 2022 Study?
- And some of the recommendations that were put in there. And maybe it's time to take a little bit of a fresh look at that.
- And yeah, that's basically where I'm at. I don't... I don't think I need to read this outline if I forgot the copy of it. But it just basically talks about, you know, their study that they're doing.
- They're gonna put a bigger sign on Route 6 coming into town. If we wanted that to be lit with lights, then it would be about \$40,000.
- Plus any maintenance and responsibility, like the one we have here at the red light, in the borough, and that would be on Damon's couch. So, I think we should probably open up discussion with the Council on what the thoughts are on those approaches.

- And they're also doing reflective strips being installed on all truck-related signage from 84 into Belfort to hopefully improve nighttime visibility.
- with the bridge, they talk about the weight limits on that, and how that's really just a structural weight limit, and it's not really a deterrent to bring trucks in the buffer or not. Which I thought was just ridiculous. It was ridiculous. I mean, I understand they build... they say, okay.
- structurally, it can handle this weight limit, and therefore, we are automatically going to allow that. It doesn't take anything else into consideration, which I think is preposterous.
- So, and if we wanted to do any kind of truck traffic and roadway safety task force, that were pretty much on our own, and not take the outputs of that.
- From a police perspective, I...
- have asked the department to start doing speed enforcement, at least on Hartford Street. There is visibility there, and they can start doing speed enforcement there. I've also asked for quotes on training for additional capability for truck enforcement. We only have one part-time officer.
- That's doing that right now, so it's, you know, on the days that he can be here. So whether that's training someone up and getting them certified for inspections, or...
- Hiring someone who's already certified, such as the officers we have on part-time duty.
- And then we've also spoken with Lieutenant Kissel at the State Police, at the, where am I talking?
- I wanted to say Bushville, sorry. Up in Blooming Grove about doing some more truck enforcement on the hill in Milford Township before they get into Milford, because that would also help us. You know, a lot of this is a team sport. Milford just happens to be at the end of the hill.
- Right? So, I'm trying to sort of...
- bring all those ideas together and work together to make it the safest place we can be. So, from my perspective, that's kind of where I'm at, and where we're at with the police department. Oh, yeah, then you had the 2020-20... the 2022 study, that was just... that was good.

- Okay, so that pretty much sums up that. Okay. It was nice to see a response from PennDOT, by the way.
- Yeah.
- I don't know if I received a letter that I was told was bailed out last week.
- There's another letter that's coming?
- Okay.
- I have a question for Jason.
- I was just wondering, if we, anybody increases the Milford Borough's liability, if we, like, pay for a flashing light up there or anything like that, or don't do something?
- No, those are discretionary functions. Okay. So generally.
- they don't fall under any of the exceptions to sovereign immunity in the political claims Act. You can choose or not choose to put that there, as long as you don't choose to do something and then do it negligently, okay? That's the only...
- thing that could possibly fall into an exception, so... Okay, thanks. Yeah, you got it. Will anybody else have thoughts, Doug? Well, just before we start talking about moving back to our mitigation, do we... what do we know what the root cause? What caused this? No, we don't know yet. So, they haven't completed the investigation.
- So they have to reach the actual cause.
- Right, so I mean, all the things they suggest, you know, were considered at a point that I've had.
- Absolutely. It's completely acceptable. That's gonna handle a truck coming up and down to work.
- Maria, anything else?
- Pete, Jarmi, Rich, anything else you want to hear? Okay, I got some thoughts. Okay, so, I've been going up and down that hill, I've been going up and down a hill many times, not just after July 29th. There are 7 truck signs.
- From 84 down into Milford Borough. Four of them related to steep grade, trucks slow down. There are 3 speed signs.
- 4 truck signs plus 3 speed signs. Trucks over 21,000 pounds cannot exceed 20 miles per hour. That's pretty darn slow. So, what I'd like to know, I know this is not going to

be well received by the Pennsylvania State Police, is how many tickets have they issued in the last 5 years on that hill?

- I'd like to know that. I'd like to know that statistic. Then I'd like to inquire.
- We talked about this, is why aren't they gonna put some troopers on that hill.
- He parked a car, I know it's a tough spot to park a car, but you have a trooper sitting by the side of the road with a radar gun on his radio, somebody sitting down in Apple Valley.
- If that truck comes through going 40 miles an hour, 45 miles an hour, which is what the post speed limit is for vehicles.
- That's more than double the speed limit for that truck over 21,000 pounds. Pull them over. I'd like to see a truck checkpoint, like a DUI checkpoint, in the borough. You come into the borough, right at Pete's Corner.
- Every 10th, 20th, whatever we decide. Truck.
- gets pulled over, We'll talk with, the Shorian Funeral Home.
- And just pull them over to the store in front of them, do a safety check. You know, it's done for DUIs, why can't it be done for trucks? But I think those are things that we should consider. We should recommend rumble strips. I know they're noisy coming down that hill, but sometimes drivers get a little lazy, they get a little sleepy, hit a rumble strip, it wakes you right up.
- Okay? I know that might impact some of the residential dwellings right along, Route 6 as you come into town, but there's a lot of the water authority
- on that right side, you're coming down into town, that no one's going to be impacted by a rumble strip. So those are some things, and we need... we absolutely need to know the root cause of this accident.
- Absolutely, so we can come up with some other ideas. Is there an ETAS?
- That should be the National Traffic Safety.
- Yeah, so I was advised that it would take about a month.
- Yeah. And I'm assuming...
- See, so it may take longer, yeah, just because of that. If it was... if it was a brake issue, maybe we could have a sign built there, test brakes.

- fish breaks now before you, you know, get into the borough? Like, maybe a quarter mile away, or a half a mile away? Yeah.
- I mean, it's... It's not that we want to pick up in the accident, of course, but there's no way that trucker could have navigated all of those turns out there.
- To gain that speed. So, to me, it almost had to be an acceleration. We don't need to get into that, but to me, I'm thinking, you know, driving a small car, you have to slow down a little bit to get there. If you have a huge truck, there is no way you could have navigated that.
- Ed, at a... hefty speed. 45 miles an hour, sure, maybe, but...
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George Lutfy

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Wouldn't that be maybe how he lost his brakes? But I think that's here now, you know.

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Yeah. But we'll find out, but it's just...

- that second workshop is whether that information is available. I'm sure there's a lot of... Yeah, and when I received a phone call from PennDOT last week, they had thought about coming to the meeting this evening, but they didn't have their study done, etc. Right.
- But I do think that it would be a good idea to have PennDOT here at some point, as well, to talk about that. Yep. Now, the study from 2022, I think everybody should kind of take a look at some of the ideas. We went over that. We did. Yeah, we did. I think it's mostly focused in the downtown core.
- not so much coming down the hill. It's mostly the traffic light intersection, I think, the majority of that said, if I recall.

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George Lutfy

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Did you guys... oh, sorry.

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Hold on a second, George. The one that I saw today had about, like, 6 or 7 recommendations, and one of them included, traffic calming measures on the entrances of every

- part of our town.
- So, it's just something to consider, maybe take a look at that. And I agree with you, it would be helpful to have a
- a lengthy discussion about those. Yeah. George, you wanted to add something?

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George Lutfy

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Yeah, I was... I poured over that traffic study and went through the, the safety handbook provided by, you know, PennDOT or whoever, and I sent that little AI rendering, right.

- When we do get this meeting with PennDOT, I would like to get their thoughts on that, because I see that in, like, New Jersey, or towards the city, where they use the colored crosswalks, or the red, when they shrink the entryway, like the gateway, and it seems to work really well, so I just want to make sure we stay on that.

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Okay, all right. With respect to follow-up with PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State Police candidates, would you mind taking the lead on that? Not at all. Okay. So just, is there anything different that we could have or should have done in terms of communication?

- I'm not saying much added, but I don't know what it was. So, on our side, from a police department, you know, our police officers got there, and once it was determined it was going to be handed over to the state police, we're sort of out of that discussion. So, I think in retrospect, and anything
- I mean, I contemplated, like, the Bell Reed incident we had earlier this year, and those types of things, and what communication we forgotten then, and we didn't. So it's...
- you know, how much do we want to put out there? I know we get questions. I don't mind putting something on the police, Facebook and Instagram, like, hey, this has

been handed over to the state police for the investigation. You know, that's where we don't have any further information at this time. But I don't know how much that actually provides anyone.

- maybe just if we had this workshop, maybe we could pass just to think about it. I mean, the media is filled with this, with advance. Yeah. Huge amount of press releases.
- Yeah, I think we could have possibly advised our residents a little quicker to just stay away from the scene, maybe put something out on our website, or MailChimp, or whatever. That's something to think about as well.
- Yeah, the cleanup was well done. Thank you, Rich, the DBW.
- We're doing the post-cleanup, okay? Any other thoughts?
- Okay. I just have one thought. It still very much looks like the scene of an accident, with all the scrapings on the road, and this sounds terrible, but it's like a really kind of sad reminder of what happened. Is there any way
- Like, if we get one of the road cleaners to go through and just... does that... does that stuff come off? Well, I know, I know it's minor, but it's still a really... With all the rain and everything else, but, I mean, PennDOT doesn't... Not even... is it screech marks? Is that what they are? Rubber. Rubber. Rubber. Yeah. Rubber. That'll take time. But...
- That being said, I'm moving forward with the replacement of the lights, the trees, and everything else, so we want to segue into that right now? We good?
- Okay? Okay, so I met, or I contacted PenGlobe. Penglobe is the manufacturer of all those
- Lights. Decorative street lights. Correct.
- the... well, I call them the MEC lights, but I get yelled at when I call them the MEC lights, so they're decorative street lights that are on in the borough, and we've gotten a quote
- And, it was a cost of...
- \$10,850 for the two, the two complete light set to include
- to include the anchor bolts. I went out there with Paul.
- And the anchor bolts are sheared off by the cause of the accident. The concrete base is cracked and pushed.

- So that whole... that whole assembly needs to be replaced to include pouring of concrete and the anchor bolts placed in them. So everything has to be redone for two of the lights that were totally destroyed.
- We got a quote of \$10,850 for 2 complete lights, and another \$5,572 for 2 light heads, which I think were part of this
- This accident as well.
- So, any questions about... Yeah, what's covered by insurance? Jason? There you go. So...
- that's an important question for tonight's motions, because, you know, these are all generally over the bid requirements, but if something's covered by insurance, that's an exception to that, right? So, I contacted... well, I...
- tried on Friday to contact the truck insurance company, was unsuccessful then, but I was successful this morning, and reported the claim. I'm sure there's already an open claim for the
- practically.
- hospitality and everything like that. So we basically notified them of the borough's claim.
- for these items. I have not yet heard back from an adjuster. That typically takes 24 to 48 hours anyway. So I expect to hear back this week from them. But to, you know, we don't know what the cause of the accident was, so we don't know if they're going to deny coverage. So I did contact, Toronto Insurance, because our property, insurance is through, Selective.
- And confirmed that
- The streetlights are most definitely covered under our policy, so there's no issue there. The trees may or may not be, but that's a relatively low amount in comparison anyway. It's below the threshold anyhow, so I'm not too concerned about that.
- So, basically, the idea is that I'm going to continue to try to get reimbursed directly through
- the trucking company's insurance, because then we avoid the deductible, and we also avoid making a claim against our selective policy. They would subrogate anyway, but, you know, if we can avoid making a claim, let's do it. And if I run into an incredible amount of flack on that, then we'll just make the claim against selective,

and then they can subrogate against the trucking company. But in either event, the important takeaway from this

- is that it will be covered by some insurance, so I have no problem with you moving forward with a vote tonight to expedite the replacement, and then we can worry about the insurance reimbursement later.
- It's a recommendation that the workbook begin.
- prior to us having confirmation of the insurance? No, that's what I'm telling you, is we have confirmation of the insurance, one way or the other, because... Well, they can do a number of different things, right? But it's... but the general coverage for the damage is what we're concerned about.
- And I have the confirmation that the streetlights are covered, right? So that brings me to the point of number 3, which is, you know, approving
- Kruger for the installation, and it costs up to \$25,000, you know, that, if approved, is not a blank check. They would have to provide an invoice that's going to have to be itemized, because, you know, I've dealt with an insurance company one time, and they wanted a, you know, an itemized list.
- Of all the different things that... that were being done, either by an hourly breakdown, or,
- you know, a line item breakdown with specific, you know, costs. I mean, you know, facetious, of course, you know, that's what insurance companies generally want.
- You know, so they're not just going to take an invoice from Kruger that says, installation, \$24,900, right? You know, they're going to say, we're going to be critical of this, so what we should expect from Krieger is a good faith estimate that should be, you know.
- below \$25,000 and be justified, and if for some reason it's not, then we can take a second look at that. Maybe we have to delay the work, but we're trying not to delay the work. So, I met with Mark Polizzi last week. Mark is the project manager for Krieger that did the work on West Harford Street.
- He's also the project manager for the Silk Hill Bridge.
- He's like, well, I'll get your quote, I should have a quote to me this week.
- to do the work to replace the lights. He will... once we get the lights delivered, I don't know when they're gonna... Did she say anything in terms of how long it's gonna take

us to get the lights in, Francesca? They usually take a couple of weeks. And they're specially made. So, he'll...

- peel off some team members from the bridge to come out here and work to get this thing done. So they're local guys, okay? And we're confident that we should begin the work at risk, not knowing how much it's
- And let's put it this way, that's a policy decision for the board. Legally, I'm comfortable that we don't have to meet the public bidding requirement under these circumstances where the insurance is confirmed. If there's hesitation about whether to proceed forward, you know, individual members can, of course, vote no.
- So, but in terms of legally and not, you know, putting this work out to a competitive bid, I'm comfortable that that is covered by insurance. So, we're gonna get insurance reimbursement. There may be an argument later on about the exact amount of the reimbursement or the justification for it, but it's covered.
- We will be made whole by either the insurance company for the truck, trucking company, or our own insurer.
- I would... that's... that would certainly be my expectation. Yeah, and we have the funds to cover...
- Advance the monies before we even...
- get reimbursed. And then the quota says 10 weeks. 10 weeks? Okay. All right. We want to move forward.
- There was a quarter of \$10,000? No, that's for the whole light assembly. Were the heads separate, or not? No, no, no, no, no. Two full light assemblies with heads.
- And then 2 additional heads, with 2 other lights. For the light heads. Yeah. What was the cost of that? Was that 10 grand? No, no, that was \$5,572. Both of them? Correct. Yeah, they're \$2,786 a piece.
- You know what NBC paid for those posts and lights at the time? To me, that seems like a high... a high price for a couple of heads.
- The head is the whole... the head is the whole assembly. See, the problem is, Rich, I mean, I could check that, but we're kind of... this is the company that made that light.

- And we don't want two lights in the middle of all these lights to look any different. No, I understand that. I'm just questioning their price. It seems excessive to me. Okay. So the NEC has been charging \$7,500 per light. How much? \$7,500 per light.
- If you want to commission a light to charge 751, that's just basically cost... that was the cost of the light crop there, so this is in line with that.
- So that's where now the installation, just a light property exchange. That was the whole... They would auction off for \$7,500 and install a bike, so people could put their name on it. It was to improve the cost of buying land soon. How many years ago was that?
- Cost going up is not unreasonable. Right, yeah. Maybe we could just ask them to take another look at that. Okay. I have a quick... are we on to trees? Lay Brothers here? I'm happy.
- Okay, so Maria, you want the floor for trees? Yes, please. Do we have to vote on anything? We do.
- To spend the money.
- You want to vote on those earlier ones before I do? No, no, no, let's go ahead. Let's do it all together. The May Brothers? Yeah. Fantastic, I'm glad they're doing it. Were they in contact with the Tree Commission? We haven't... any response back from the May Brothers? Should we vote to do that?
- Has anybody spoken to the Tree Commission? That's my question. I didn't get an answer back yet. From Aaron. No response back. This is just... this is just to move things along as quickly as possible. So does the Tree Commission want to put those... No, I'm just wondering if somebody coordinated with the Tree Commission, that we're talking about replacing trees, we should talk about maybe what trees are going in there. These are the trees that were... well.
- the type of tree. The same type of tree that was... We'd like to have the same type of tree that was there before. Charlie's May Brothers paying for the trees also, for that price? We haven't voted for that yet, so... We haven't done anything, Rich. We don't know, because, Rich, we haven't gotten a quote from May Brothers yet.
- Okay? I'm doing... we could just... we could just table this whole thing and wait until next month to get the quote from May Brothers. My question is, okay, I know this insurance is going to cover it, but why can't we plant the truths? Why can't our Truth Commission plant the truths? Why do we have to...

- worry about adding another \$5,000 to our claim, we're paying for it ourselves. Why can't we just plant the trees? We do it all the time. Our property was damaged.
- We want to get our property back to a professional installation, not saying the Tree Commission is not professional. I don't want to enforce... I want to infer that in any way, shape, or form, but...
- We know it's gonna work the shovel, right? I mean, that's not rocket science. I understand that. But why not have a professional landscaper
- Put the tree in.
- I, I don't... I just think that...
- We don't get that all the time. Who installs replacement trees? What's that? Who installs for those trees? Trees die and install quite the trees. Who puts them in? The tree commission. The tree commission. I know, but I mean, it's not the commission, it's not the commission themselves. It is, it is. We should ask them. Yeah. But they don't have the trees, and they don't have the diggers. But these were installed by Krieger, their landscaping subcontractor that installed those.
- Shade Tree Commission didn't install any of those trees on West Hartford Street. None.
- It was part of the contracted price to do all that work on West Hartford Street. The sidewalks, the curbs, the lights, the trees, the verge, all of that was done. But it was part of the price, but... but does that mean it...
- just because of that project, right, and that's how that project is set up. Sure.
- But does that mean that anytime something happens to the trees, because they were installed by a contractor, that we would always say, contractor did it? No, in the past, in the past, when a car or a truck is taken out a tree, and it was damaged to the point it needs to be taken out, we would take it out, and we would...
- Through one of the grants that we got, we would
- replace the tree with a tree we got from the ground, as we would put it... But here, the difference is that, like, the insurance is going to pay for it. Right. I guess that's the argument.
- Look, this is really easy. What you do is you get the quote, you submit it to the insurance company, we plant our own trees, and we pocket the money. You want 50%? Now I do.

- Came up with the idea. Any more...
- You want to do this piecemeal? Any more discussion? Any more discussion on this?
- Okay, all right, so can I get a motion to approve the purchase of 2 lights plus 2 light heads at a total cost of \$16,422? Do I have to say pending insurance reimbursement? It's gonna be...

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George Lutfy

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That was gonna be my question, Joe, is this is going...

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I'm asking Jason, George.

- So, why do you need to put that in there? We're getting insurance reimbursement. Well, right, one way or the other, but what's George's question?

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George Lutfy

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My question is that... so my vote on this would be based on, is insurance paying this? Because their insurance, the person who broke our stuff? I don't care what the number is, personally.

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That's not...

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George Lutfy

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taxpayer money. Correct.

- it out of pocket in some way, then it's... then I want, you know... I mean, I care either way, but I care, you know...

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Well, let's put it this way. This is... again, this is an issue that...

- where the policy decision belongs to the council. If you wanted to get it... if you want to get it replaced immediately, then that's your choice to replace immediately. It's the same thing as if you're in a car accident and your car is damaged, and you're waiting for the check from the insurance company. Do you go buy a new car, or do you wait for the check to come? It depends upon your sense of urgency.
- If there's a sense of urgency here, then...
- you know, you want to get everything back to normal, and you want to make it look good before the end of the summer, when we can still do the work, you know, then do it now.
- I have little faith in third-party insurance carriers that insure tractor-trailer companies, okay? So I'm not... if all I had was the name of the insurance company, you know, for them, and we didn't have our own first-party coverage through Selective, I would not be recommending that you spend that money in advance, okay? It was the confirmation of the coverage with Selective, because they're our own insurance company, and we
- a first-party claim with them, and they have a duty to act in good faith, and to value it in good faith, as long as we don't have illegitimate quotes and things like that. So, essentially, what I'm saying is that if we spend this money, and we spend it in good faith.
- And we're working on reasonable quotes.
- especially for custom items, okay? And Selective says we're not paying that claim, then our fight is with Selective at that point, okay? I mean...
- There's no guarantees in life, okay? So if you're looking for a 100% guarantee, then I would suggest that you have to vote no. If the urgency is, let's get it fixed, then we get it fixed, we trust that our own carrier is going to treat us fairly, and if they don't, then we have an issue, and then we address the issue.
- So, that's...

- If we don't move forward quickly, this will not get repaired until the springtime, and that will look like a crash site over the entire... There's a scar undertown, as you said. Yeah, agreed.

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George Lutfy

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Jason's answer was plenty for me, that's... I'm... I have no issue.

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I'm taking out the pending insurance reimbursement, because the assumption is we're going to get... Yeah, yeah, yeah. We don't need that in there. Okay, so, can I get a motion to approve the purchase of 2 lights, plus 2 light heads at a total cost of \$16,422? Doug, second? Second. Second. Maria, any questions?

- Any questions from the Council? Any questions from the audience?
- Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Nope, great, thank you all. Discussion and vote? Can I get a motion to approve Kriger for light installation at an estimated cost of up to \$25,000, with a detailed
- Invoice.
- To do the installation.
- And did I hear correctly the lights won't be here for 10 minutes? Yep. I would table that until we have the actual...
- Detailed.
- And yeah, if the lights are going to take that long, then we do have the ability to do that. I mean, I would like to see their quote first week, if the lights, if the lights are gonna take that long. Okay.
- So we can do that. We have a special meeting. I like that. We can add that to the agenda. Thank you, Doug. We can do that there. So we're gonna table this one, okay? Yeah. All right. And same thing with Aaron May. Yep. Okay? We're gonna table... Do we know if the trees would be covered under insurance?

- But that was... that was a little less certain. It's not a huge amount of money, but... That's what I'm saying, yeah, like, is... is... they... outdoor property is what's covered under the selective policy.
- there may be some ambiguity there, which would naturally be construed in the favor of the insurer to us, but...
- That was a little less so. It would certainly be covered, by the third-party tractor-trailer insurer if liability attaches, you know. All right, so 3 and 4 tabled. We can get those numbers, hopefully, by the special meeting we're gonna have.
- Francesca, when is that? 28th? Yeah, I won't be here for that. Cool.
- Okay, great, thank you. Okay, update on hydrogeologists and approval for testing locations. So, last week, Frank Tarquinho and I met with Chris Fenton and Reva Haldenson from
- the ARM group, who's the company we selected to do the testing required by the DEP in the Act 537 that was approved.
- last October. As part of their work, they would like to do... we're gonna drill 4 wells at 4 locations in town, Anne Street Park.
- the ball field, Kenny Triangle Park, and our parking lot next to, TC, TC's Action Bikes on the grass.
- Okay? In addition, they're gonna do, 4 locations for sampling of water from the Vandermark and the Sawkill
- At the entrance to the borough, and the exit to the borough before the water hits the Delaware River.
- So I searched everybody has a map, any questions about the...
- So let me read to you. It's a 80-inch deep well and 5-inch casing. The casing is, PVC.
- you might have to go deeper than 80 inches based upon the prior wells that were drilled in the borough, namely the right edge monitoring wells. The well casing, they're going to be here for a year at a minimum. They're going to quarterly test the water in the creeks, as well as in the wells.
- And PADP regulations require the wells that are unused to be decommissioned, to be drilled out and routed closed so that they will not be, left on site. They will be dug up and removed.

- So, this is what I found interesting. The testing, the sampling is going to be for nitrate, nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, total... I can't even pronounce the word, congel de nitrogen, ammonia, nitrogen, sodium, chloride, phosphorus, total coliform, E. coli, total dissolved solids, and a few other chemicals.
- So, before they issue a report and give it to the DEP, they're going to meet with us and give us the results first.
- Any questions?
- Okay, everybody go with the sights?
- Okay. Can I get a motion to approve the testing locations, Ann Street Park, the ball field, the borough parking lot, and Kennedy Triangle Park? Yeah. Right, next to the shed.
- Near the shed? Near the alley. Close to the alley, and outside of the... I was just checking that Catherine Street is outside the home run fence. Close to High Street, okay? So, can I get a motion to approve the four test duct? Second, Rich, any questions?
- Any questions from the audience? Yes? Can you describe the physicality of these actual wells? How safe are they? Do they be cold enough to be open? Is this gonna be dangerous for kids? I mean... No. It's not going to be unsafe. So, they're going to dig the well.
- And then they're gonna cap it with a concrete pad that'll be flush to the ground, and there'll be... it's gonna be small, maybe 3 foot by 3 foot concrete pad, and then a 10-inch manhole cover.
- That they have to come in and unscrew and take their sample out quarterly.
- So it's not gonna be open, the rig is not gonna be there, you won't even see, it's gonna be flush to the ground.
- Any questions?
- Seeing? Yes. Sorry, quick question, just on the decommissioning end of that. Yep. So will that all be back to the way it should? To grass. To grass. Yep.
- That's the plan.
- Any questions? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed?

- Great, thank you. Nice to see it moving forward. Yep. Okay. Francesca, discussion to vote to approve the 2025 audit? Yep, Kirk Schumer, has completed our 2025 audit for our books for all of our funds. There were no, findings at all within...
- any of the transactions that were done throughout the year. The only one adjustment that was made, debt service funds was used to purchase the new police truck. Since we did a lump sum payout, we needed to use that money just from the general fund, and not debt service, because it was in the monthly
- percentage payment. We were able to do the computers because it was a monthly payment at 0% interest. So, since we did a lump sum, we couldn't have borrowed the money from debt service, so that's the only minor little, adjustment on their ends, and then on our books.
- Can I read something to you from the Independent Auditor's report?
- This is from Kirks Summa. In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above, which is our financial statements.
- Presents fairly in all material respects the financial position of Borough of Milford, Pennsylvania as of December 31, 2025, and the results of his operations for the year then ended in accordance with financial reporting provisions of the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- So, that's a clean opinion, they call that. Yeah, it's a very clean pillow, yeah.
- Yep. Excellent job, yes. Great.
- Any questions for Francesca?
- Can I get a motion to approve acceptance of the audit report for 2025 from Kirksuma? Second. Second. Second. Maria, any questions?
- Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Great, thank you all.
- Planning for the 2027 budget. I circulated to everyone the budget bulletin, and I asked if you could work with Doug and Francesca going forward.
- As we did last year, we could start our discussions on that in September, at our September meeting, using August 31 financial
- Right, Francesca? Yes. Okay. Please, love to. Okay? Thank you. Thank you. I'll be here for a couple of days.

- Great, thank you.
- Maria, discussion vote to approve the use of ASV Park for the Lions Club? Yep, we're doing our...
- fundraiser for multiple sclerosis and the tree lighting project, not the star, the tree light throughout town. That will be on October 17th at 10 a.m. We start and end in Anne Street Park.
- And we basically just run out 5th Street to Sarah Street, up Old Milford Road, turn around, so we're not crossing any major intersections. So, it's a pretty straightforward thing.
- Why is that not special?
- Because we've always done it, that if it was in the parks, we didn't... we didn't have to do a special event, is that correct? I think so. Yeah. No, Francesca asked me, I'm like, we've never filled out a special event application for it, because it was our park, but...
- If you guys think otherwise, we can do that. But you're leaving the park and going... We are.
- I think that's a special event. What's that? It was a bike event that we did that with, I think, that TC ran, or something like that. That was a special event? Yeah, okay, we can fill one out. I just... I've never done it before, just so you know. It was from a central location, or they went around.
- If we leave the park, if we stayed in the park, then no.
- Okay.
- Okay, I make a motion to waive the fees for the special event.
- When is the special event, Maria? Oh, that's, September. We're okay. I mean, October 17th. Okay, we'll put it on the agenda for... with a request for a fee waiver, Francesca. Yeah.
- Okay, great. Thank you.
- Oh, next. Yep, you're in. Discussion vote to approve bid for Antsby Park Phase 2 improvements. Okay, so Phase 2 went out to bid. Phase 2 includes the remainder of the playground, so there'll be more pour-in-place surface. The fence around the remainder of the playground will be complete. There will be new swings, there will be, a climbing thing.

- These playground pieces of equipment are all for the younger children. That is going to begin right after Labor Day. This project was put out to bid, through PennBid. It was advertised in the Pocono Record. We received two bids back.
- And,
- We are... the two bids were Multiscape out of Pittston and WG Land Company out of Westmoreland County, and Multiscape came in with the lowest bid, and Barry Isset has worked with them in the past and said they're a great company to work with.
- So the bid came in at \$348,797. We do have,
- after all is said and done, we will have \$55,729 remaining of unused grant money, but we know costs come up, and that's likely to be used in some way. But yeah, so I would like to...
- Make a motion to accept the bid.
- From Multiscape Construction, I think it's actual construction company, or Multiscape.
- Second. Second, Doug?
- Any questions?
- Any questions from the audience?
- Seeing? Yes. Please.
- Just a quick question on the impact of the park and people planning. Is it going to be shut down? No, one week it will be shut down, when they do the pour-in-place surface, but the remainder of the time, it will be... the existing... the new park of the playground will, and the whole rest of the park will remain open, just to help cordon off the area that we're...
- Okay.
- They do the Promenade... No, Promenades Phase 3.
- Still waiting. We have partial funding in Phase 3, we don't have complete funding.
- And just one other clarification. I think you're keeping all the trees down, right? Or any other... Sorry.
- I think one tree has to come out. I think one tree has to come out.
- That shade is awesome. Yeah.

- It's not the big one in the center, we made a stink about keeping that one.
- Okay, alright. Any other questions?
- Got a motion and a second. All in favor? Aye. Any opposed?
- Nope, thank you, thank you, George.
- Did you mention, on that, Maria, that there was another bid, but that the bid that was accepted was the lowest bid? Yes. Yeah, it's in the write-up, that'll be... No, I know, but... I think I said that. I did.
- Pay attention, will you? Yeah, try.
- Here's a woman talking and just goes...
- Sorry, and Maria, I don't want you to think I was distracted and paying attention, like, I was waiting for an email response from... So you weren't listening to me earlier? No, no, from Coach Bus. Okay, so, you know, we've been working with TC at, Action Bikes.
- He's concerned about the bus stop and the damage it's doing to the roadway surface in front of his business, as well as all the traffic there and the issues of the tenant with a bus stop in front of your business.
- So I wrote an email to Michelle Washington from Coach Bus, asking her to get back to us, telling her we had a meeting tonight at 7 o'clock, and my phone number. Never got a response. So I followed up again today.
- haven't gotten a response. So, that's... that's just the update on Coach Bus.
- We don't know, I want to see what... I want to... my note to them was the... what do they want? Where do they recommend other than this location in our borough? And then we can have a discussion about it, you know. Do we even have any control over that, Jason, legally? It's not really control, it's just a matter of, you know, they seem to be receptive to...
- to being a good neighbor. So, I think it's worth the discussion, but legally, I mean...
- A private property owner.
- And we don't have, like, a bus stop zoning use in our ordinance, so...
- parking lot for people who are... I mean, there are a lot of commuters who take that bus. It's not just... it was said at the last meeting that it was about toll racing. I know several people who work. Yep.

- But was it a parking lot? Not... I always thought that parking lot right there was commuter... It is. Commuter parking lot. Does it turn into that? No. No, right in front of the action bikes.
- Doesn't... doesn't pull off of Hartford Street. Excuse me, off of Broad Street there. Yeah.
- Okay.
- So, more to come. Okay, I'll follow up with them again.
- Okay, discussion concerning required COLA for police pension recipients. So, the Pennsylvania State Legislature
- Passed, legislation with respect to pensions that are provided to police and fire members in municipalities, school teachers, and one other group.
- that, cost of living adjustments will have to be provided, to them. There's, we have one retiree
- And they will get an ad hoc COLA amount adjusted in their monthly pension, 150 bucks a month.
- That money's gonna come from the state of Pennsylvania right now. We're not gonna have to pay anything, according to our pension consultants. Correct. It comes directly out of the pension, and it gets reimbursed by the state. So, we have to make an application to the state to get reimbursed. It goes into the NMOs. Okay, okay, alright, good to know.
- So this is just a heads up for everybody here in the room.
- this is an expense.
- For the entire state, though, and it's going to be a big expense for the entire state. If anybody wants to do any more research on what it's going to cost, it might affect
- If they don't come up with the monies.
- from some source which is believed to be Skill Games.
- it'll have to come out of LSA funding.
- So that would affect us directly for any grants that we apply for in the future, but that's not going to be until 2027.

- Once they resolve the funding source for reimbursing municipalities and school districts for all these pensions that are going to be affected with COLAs now. How would that affect our grants? Because it's... it's... it's...
- A half a billion dollars statewide, with all the groups involved.
- Okay. So the amount of money available for grants would be less? Correct. Okay. It would be cut in half. The LSA, I think, is, you know.
- Oh, a lot of money. Gotta get moving on phase 3, 4, and 5. You better start... better start putting those grant applications in, okay? That's just a heads up to everybody. You don't have to do anything, we don't have to vote on it. Do we have to vote on anything that we... we accept the call of Francesca? I don't think so.
- It's not affecting us. Might as hell. Yeah, it's not.
- But there's a lot of things that we have to do that's... that we have to vote on, like pension resolutions that... that are kind of bracy. Yeah. Okay.
- All right. Update on pension plan resolutions. Okay, Jason, do you want to talk about that? I only have to say that these are the resolutions for 2026 and retroactive 2025 that were recommended by a pension advisor, and essentially they just square up the
- employee contributions that... that didn't need to be made, so... Yeah. So they're... they're fine. They were recommended by our pension advisor, I reviewed them, I corrected a couple typos, and...
- There are four separate resolutions, one for the non-uniform, and one for the uniform, but two years each.
- So, that's why there's 4 separate resolutions. Resolution 2025?
- Oh, 20... well, I shouldn't have 2026, I missed the typo.
- Thanks.
- Oops.
- 2026. 2026, there you go. Same, same. There you go. Resolution 2026, 17, 18, 19, and 20, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Milford relative to employee contributions from Milford Borough, non-uniform, and then there's another one for Police Pension, fund.

- And it goes on and on and on. Anybody not see these? I'm gonna read the whole thing.
- Okay, can I get a motion to approve these four resolutions regarding our pension plans for our non-uniform and uniform, including Doug, second.
- Second, Pete, any questions from the Council? Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye.

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Great, thanks, George.

- Rich, update on the paving project.
- We're waiting for the, the bids to come in. Francesca, correct? We haven't gotten bids in yet? Nothing yet. Went over everything with,
- depend on?
- Specialist here?
- Chair Probeth, and great. Everything seems to be good. We're ready to do the alleys.
- If anybody wants to see which alleys are going to be paved, they can see me. After the meeting, I'll be glad to set a reading while I'm here.
- We went over them already, right? We did, we went over the list. We made some modifications to the list. And that pretty much is the sole purpose of the special meeting? Correct. Because we need to get them the bidder selected, so they can get us on the calendar before they shut the paving plants down November 1st.
- So, that's the... that's the plan. So, you'll be ready for that special. Yeah, whenever they come, I'll go over with the, the contract. Okay.
- Great, thank you, Rich. Time capsule submission, here's what I suggest. We should put something in this time capsule that's going to be opened in 50 years. How about pictures of all of our employees? The America 250 float parade, what do you think?
- Pictures? Anybody have anything else, Doug? I can put the whole float in. Squish it up, it might fit. Doug is gonna open it, so maybe he's... Doug is gonna open it? 15 years!
- I love it.

- You can move on to clouds? Yeah.
- I don't know how big this thing is. Small paper one's not good. I could put through there.
- That looks really good. How about we put in a copy of the...
- The, what, Christmas video? The video.
- Lippy.
- A floppy disk, okay. All right. So, would you coordinate that? Okay, great.
- Thank you. Thank you, Francesca. Okay, Mayor's Report. What? Oh, I'm sorry, excuse me.
- Sorry, Doug. Not a big thing, just that I have noticed that there's a disconnect between the Borough Code and the local people within
- when rental properties have to be inspected, and the FAQ... so one of them states what we had all intended, the actual report covering, which is that the only, inspections upon initial registration property was going to be for common area, for multi...
- family units, all the family wallets. But the FAQ says to... there needs to be that plus an exterior inspection of all single-family units. That's not important, so the FAQ has to be correct.
- Okay, or we need to correct the ordinance. Well, the ordinance we all go to make. By the way, the ordinance is consistent with what we just described as the FAQ sign.
- So, you wanna... I sent you a note on that, but I didn't see your note on that. It's okay, it was a while ago. Oh, yeah.
- I mean... The, the wording of the ordinance.
- Does not require the exterior.
- inspection.
- the context of the ordinance, just to be fair, so everybody understands what the conflict is. The context
- has a section
- toward what is to be inspected, and that section is called Common Areas and Exterior. So, there is a contextual argument that

- exterior is included, but Doug is absolutely correct that the language that actually is in there says
- common areas only, and it does not say exterior. It says the owner shall permit an inspection of the common area. Correct, correct. But then if you look at the inspection list.
- and common area and exterior are grouped together. So, just so everybody's on the same page.
- I don't know... I don't know, as a lawyer, okay, whether or not it was intended
- to require exterior also initially on a single-family residence. I think that's... that's what needs to be resolved by the council. If the majority of Council wants to... wants to have exterior inspections of single-family residents, then there has to be a vote to change the ordinance, to change the language. But if...
- everyone agrees with Doug that that was never intended. I mean, only you guys know what you intended, right? So we had a big discussion. I don't remember that specifically, but that's fair.

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George Lutfy

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I remember the opposite.

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There was a big discussion about there being a money grab here, and then we said, well, the actual rental

- license is only \$25 a year, that's all we're going to get. And again, discussion about how much the... the inspectors were going to be getting, and the compromise was that there would not be any initial inspections of currently
- These properties, except for multi-unit properties on the exterior for the common areas, and that there would be inspections of all at the bedroom.
- The change of 8, the change of 10, which is what we all agree to.
- And that is actually what is said in Section 2253.
- George, you want to throw in... throw in here?

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George Lutfy

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So, I'm having a hard time hearing Doug. I can hear everyone else here, but I think I'm getting the gist of it.

- So, without having, like, the full context of what Doug said, the reason I...
- feel we definitely discussed this, because my concern is, at least about an initial inspection. If you register a single-family home and I show up and you have 3 electrical meters on your house, you know.
- Like, that's that aspect. If you have an open cesspool pit, like the other thing we had happen in the borough, like, that's a... that's an issue. Like, those are... the first one is a compliance issue, the second one is a health and safety issue.
- So I just don't remember it going that way. I think Doug was saying we agreed to something else, like I said, I couldn't hear him, but
- energy.

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I'm leaning forward. So we had this discussion, that was... that was one of the things that was brought up, and I pushed very hard for what we actually put into the... into the code, and if we're going to change it, we should have a discussion that should, you know, we should have the public come here. Because this is a \$70 tax on every product.

- Just to be clear, that any change to the ordinance, even to correct that by adding in exterior, would be an ordinance amendment that would require
- us to go through that process. So, there's nothing... nobody's gonna do something that's not the intent of the Council, because the Council will have to deliberate on this, and make a vote at a public meeting, and hear it, like we did the first time. But a concern is that I suspect that lots of people have been asked to pay for this inspection. That was not the intent of the
- Totally.
- So, we could revisit it and make it the intent, but that was what we discussed before.
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George Lutfy

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I'm happy to revisit it. This is health, safety, wellness, and then secondly, compliance are the issues that concern me. I asked Judy to join the call. She hopped on here now, so if... she might have more input, too, if anyone wants to direct questions towards her.

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Yeah, why don't we just... Table this, put it on the agenda for revising

- the ordinance to include the exterior inspection. No, no, no, why don't we have it... Have a discussion, revise the ordinance, yes. For discussion to look at it. Yeah. But we need to harmonize, right? What we harmonize so we can discuss it.

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George Lutfy

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If, Doug, if you could, maybe just because I'm not getting... I feel like I'm missing some of your points, if you could summarize them for me, just so... because I want to... I want to be able to... not even now, just in an email, like, that's fine. Yeah. Yeah.

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Okay?

- George, you good?

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George Lutfy

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Yeah, no, that's fine, I mean, it's always good to look at things.

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Okay. Okay, thank you.

- Okay. All right, Mayor's report.

- Thank you, good evening, everyone. So, quick update for July on the police department.
- We had 131, calls to service, we had 10 traffic accidents, 6 assisting to other agencies, 5 suspicious persons, 4 domestic disturbances, 1 DUI, and 1 fight.
- I updated the data at the table for the traffic-related information. We had 90 traffic stops, 21 citations.
- 10 parking citations, 51 written warnings, 42 verbal warnings, 4 commercial vehicle stops and 0 citations this month, and 259 stationary traffic warnings.
- As far as the activities for July, my first few books were to talk about the accident and some response to that.
- And then after I talk about the, internship that was completed, so we did a full internship at the summer, and we intend to do that on a regular basis each summer, so keep your eyes built for that. The next summer, if you know anybody who's interested, we're really trying to get people involved at an early stage of what they're thinking about for their careers.
- We had some stop sign and crosswalk details. In the crosswalk detail, we had 10 stops, 8 lines, and 2 citations added across. So, still working on those and trying to make sure we're... we have targeted parking on those.
- As far as community engagements and activities, we had the first annual First Night Out in Dingans Park.
- Our police department was represented there, along with a plethora of other departments. It was a pretty good success up there, hopefully that will grow and continue to...
- To allow people to meet first responders and police officers as they do in those first-time flight.
- We had a food... actually, there was an ice cream social and free conference at Gray Towers a couple weeks ago. I don't know if anybody got to that, but it was a wonderful afternoon. We had the Food Truck Festival, speaking of great weather and good food.
- Indian Street Park last weekend, and we have some upcoming aviation shoots. We have Pike Opera on the 30th of August, our Night Bazaar on September 6th, Septemberfest on September 12th.

- Milford Readers and Writers Festival from September 18th to the 20th, and Key Foods 9th Annual Run It Up Community Event Veterans on September 20th.
- All I have. Thank you. Any questions for Candace?
- Thank you.
- Francesca.
- Treasurer's report? Yeah, Treasurer's report, everybody received all the, reports, expense graphs, budgeters, actual, and budget.
- Actual versus previous year. For January through July, we received 603,440... 603,440
- Dollars in real estate taxes. Real estate transfer tax, \$93,151.
- Interest and dividends received, \$22,628. Eit through, July, \$389,840, and the LST tax received is \$35,012.
- We also had a liquid fuels audit for 2025.
- And, after the audit, it was no findings, and also no prior findings as well.
- United Concordia Dental sent out their renewal. It renews on January, September 30th,
- October 1st, 2026 through September 30, 27, and the rates are not going up, they're staying exactly the same.
- We also received the money from Greater Pipe.
- Foundation for \$4,500, which is going towards the, painting of the fence, which is in the process now. I'm not sure if he finished yet, but I know he had started. Thank you, Sharmi.
- Okay. Yeah, put it on the website in. Yep, you do. You do have to put it on the website and advertise. Okay.
- Take a picture, right? Here's a picture from the, event. Okay. I think you need to publish in the local paper, too, a thank you.
- I think that's part of the closeout. We told them... well, we told them we would put it on the website, thank you, but in the application.

- We're on our Facebook page. Maybe it's not recording. Get a picture. I don't see how you're going to do it, so I just, I wrote, we put on a social media website. Yep. We, actually, they haven't shoot us the paper.
- They did. Yeah. You're college. You're good.
- Francesca got anything else? That's all. I get a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Doug, second? That was Maria, actually. Oh, Maria. Maria. Well, Doug's always jumping in here.
- You know, so Maria, second. Doug, any question for Francesca, council members? Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Any opposed?
- Great, thanks, George. I like the email that accused of being sexist. Yeah. That's just for me. Okay, no harm certificates of appropriateness, one special event application, endemic in for Septemberfest. This is signed on the second page, which we did not get, by the Jorgensens.
- I'd like to make a mo... well, somebody make a motion to approve the special event application contingent upon the water barriers that are placed in appropriate locations.
- Okay. Aren't water barriers a part of the application? They... no.
- No, it says, will you require a road closure?
- That's all it asked for. Will you require police assistance? No. Will you be using amplified sound? That doesn't say anything about water barriers. I think our... I thought we changed the form to include that. We didn't change the form yet.
- Oh, okay. But it has to be approved with the water barriers in place. Right. You know, we've had some issues there, okay? Filled, yes, filled water barrels.
- Or the barricade? Yes. That they know that they need to go. They know. So moved. So moved, okay. Second. Second. Second, second, Shawnee? Charmi, any questions? Any questions from the audience? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye.
- Any opposed? No, great. Thank you. Committee reports. Pete?
- I don't have a report, but we have been working on that. Candace and I did agreed to go to the application. We looked at the special event application. We looked at some... what some other, people, including the state, have done. I have a question about the... the barriers.

- Are they... and I apologize because I don't have the phone in front of me, but are... are they picking a type of barrier?
- No. We purchased them. We purchased 8 of them several years ago. They're orange barricades that can be water-filled. We also have this old
- store horses. But how do we determine who gets what barrier? Well, if it's a lot of pedestrians close to a street, they get the barricades, the water-filled barricades.
- But, for example... We can do so much more with respect to this, just... But, like, during Easter, when we do the coordinated event with the firehouse, they park a fire truck.
- we close the road, but they don't use the barriers, they park a fire truck across the road, so I think, you know, there's... Yep.
- Might be something to consider anyway when you're... Well, that's a good one. Yeah, well, they park a Reiner dump truck across by Turkey Hill for the St. Patrick's Day program.
- Cars can't go through.
- So, but yeah, it's...
- safety and security are top of mind. Yeah, I just didn't understand how, like, what was the determination of the barriers. I know we're saying that they do, maybe they know now, but people did not understand that they actually...
- that they... they thought the bear was offended about the bears coming to that. Well, we... we... the DPW drops them off.
- And it's their responsibility to get them filled, to coordinate with the fire department, get them filled. No, I understand what you're saying, I'm just saying I don't think people understand that. So, that's something we'll make sure to clarify when we're...
- Andrew knows that.
- Steve Rosado knows that. Andrew's not, like, Andrew didn't fill out the slash request one, he sent it. Correct. The milk that presents gets new people, so that's the thing, is that if you don't have...
- you know, one person might know, but they're not with the organization. We need a cheat sheet with those forms, basically. Yeah, so they can... so whoever's filling in, or... Yep. Just wanted to clarify. Thank you so much.

- Thank you. Rich? Two things. The exclusive crosswalk, they got the equipment today. Good. So it's gonna be finished either this week or the beginning of next week.
- So, we'll look out for that.
- The speed sign on Northeast 7th Street has a solar panel layout, so we won't have to worry about replacing or recharging the battery. The one going in the opposite direction, we have to change the speed sign from the state.
- And swap them around with our...
- speed sign that's going to be solar operated also. So, that's going to be taking place. The dirt and ground... I'm sorry, Rich, there's another... there's a second speed sign from the state?
- Which, on 7th Street? There's one on the state now.
- That we can't put our... your speed sign before the
- state speed side. So we're going to move the state speed side where the... Show where the,
- your speed sign is now. We're gonna swap them. So you see the speed limit sign first, and then your speed, instead of vice versa. Okay.
- Okay.
- So that's not... that's not a problem.
- In the dirt and gravel road, we're not going to be able to do that because Lucille Prinley would rather not do it because it's going to raise the road about 4 inches. She's concerned about drainage, she doesn't want any drainage put on her property to lead to the river, so everything was hinging on that, so we're not going to be able to do that. So...
- Yeah, so that's... that's there.
- Okay.
- That's it. That's all I have. Thank you. Thank you, Rich. Maria? Yeah, real quick, the materials for the new sidewalks.
- next to Soldiers and Sailors Park, Veterans Park, and Biddis Park, are waiting there. That project's gonna get started. They're gonna start over on Soldiers and Sailors first. We're still waiting for some parts for Milford Water Authority to install the water

pipe underground for a future project, but that will be done in the next couple of weeks, so that'll be really nice, and that is courtesy of the Milford Enhancement

- Yep.
- Great.
- Thank you. Doug?
- Can I ask a question? Sure. To Rich, about the exclusive crosswalk sign? Is that going to be exclusive, like, it stops, it's not the delay?
- Say that again? Do you remember we had discussions about the delay? It's not going to be a delay. Okay, thank you for the clarification, because I've been getting different people telling me different things, and I wanted to make sure that was cleared up. All traffic is there to stop. Alright, thank you guys. Good stop for all four corners. Exactly, and then it's going to restart.
- You know, how many seconds?
- Whatever it is now, to cross the street, what is it, 11, 15 seconds? 15, I think?
- Okay. You gotta know how fast I gotta... I gotta walk, that's all. Great. Okay, thank you.
- George, zoning.
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George Lutfy

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Yeah, cool.

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Unfortunately.

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George Lutfy

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More, planning. We, planning discussed the...

- Sidewalk ordinance, we have our suggestion, but we're gonna... we're just gonna put it on the next agenda, so I don't have to do it via Zoom here. And Judy's getting the finalized copy that will be disseminated to the Council.
- Zoning, obviously we talked about what we talked about tonight, so that'll be added to the, you know, the workload, but beyond that, nothing else.

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You mind if I add something, George?

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George Lutfy

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Yeah, please.

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We met with Judy on August 12th.

- She's gonna move forward with the adverse possession letters, remember those?
- All the people that built their parking pads on borough right-of-ways, 36 letters are gonna go out. I don't know, is this week or next week, George?

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George Lutfy

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I think she was gonna do it tomorrow.

- Today. No, today or tomorrow?

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Okay, so, we'd expect to get some letters to the office on that, okay? So again, we're not taking over the parking pad, we just want to protect our right

- We want to put a sidewalk that we've discussed, you know, for a long time. We'll also be sending out 47 dumpster letters. Dumpster letters are, you need to cover your dumpster.

- Okay? You need to enclose the dumpster. Those will be going out this week as well, George.

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George Lutfy

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I believe they were going out at the same time, I'm gonna... Judy's verifying right now, she's actually answering, but...

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We might get some nasty phone calls into the borough office, so I'll just be prepared for that. Okay. Okay? Great. Okay.

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George Lutfy

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Joe, sorry, one more interruption.

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Yeah, sure, George.

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George Lutfy

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Those are going out Wednesday, that's for the, Parking pads.

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-Oh.

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George Lutfy

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And dumpster letters are also running out Wednesday.

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This week, great. Okay. Thank you. Yep. Alright. Appointments, resignations, done, correspondence.

- Francesca, you got a letter from Chris Wood? Yep, you get a letter from Chris Wood. He started off, applauding the Council and for the beautiful, beautiful display of both flags for Independence Day,
- Talking about it, he said they're really nice, really nice, small-town feel, spoke to a few visitors, and he hopes to see the flags continue for, through Labor Day and Memorial Day.
- He also requested if the borough can reconfigure the parade routes so that traffic is not diverted down East George Street. He doesn't mind the traffic, he said he's afraid of the
- The past four parades, he found television internet cables torn down.
- Blue Ridge raised the cable as high as possible on the pole. Can't raise that, can't raise it any higher.
- Okay.
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George Lutfy

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Is this... is this our SEO? Former SEO?

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Former SEO, now retired, Dingman Township SEO, he lives on East George Street, near.

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George Lutfy

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Close to liquid.

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One or a third.

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George Lutfy

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If he wants to be an alternate again, maybe we'll,

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Get him free cable, is that what you're saying?

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George Lutfy

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I don't know.

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So I asked Paul to go out and take a look at that. I went out and took a look at it, Rich went out and took a look at it, and we're all baffled as to what

- what's causing his cable line to get knocked down. I spoke to Mrs. Wood today. She saw an 18... an 18-wheeler, orange 18-wheeler, she described.
- that she thinks hit the cable line, not a float from a parade, but a truck that was diverted around as part of the, you know, escape route around the borough at that time, when traffic was stopped. Rich, you went out there?
- Yeah, hers was not the lowest hanging cable.
- Yeah. And don't worry, 207 East Short Street has the lowest hanging cable, and that was not damaged. I checked it into... hit me?
- How low is the lowest cable on the record? Why did? I don't know. We didn't measure it. I don't think... I don't do that, because they tell people they could float

captive. So, I'm assuming whoever decided that went around to make sure... Well, it's not the floats, it's the trucks that are being first, yeah. He is saying it was a float.

- Yeah, same. That could not be the case. No. If, in fact, there are tables below 12 feet, no, there'd not be about 12 feet, no way. No way.
- No. So, yeah, I know you will.
- Would your float fall more than 12 feet?
- Yes, I think so. Well, unless you were standing on the floor, then it would have been above 12 feet. Okay. So, I don't know what else to do. I went and spoke to, Mrs. Wood. Rich went out to the site, Paul went out to the site.
- I gave my card to Chris, Chris's wife, to follow up with me, so I'll...
- You know, see what we can do, okay?
- Boris Lister update, anything, Jace?
- Excellent question. Sure.
- I saw something on the TV that a borough council down in the Lehigh Valley signed a non-disclosure agreement.
- about a data center? I just wondered if you've ever heard of such a thing.
- I just did.
- Yeah, I couldn't believe it. Yeah, with the borough capital, whatever town, I think it's a town where we're around...
- We want to put a big data center, plus Barclay High School there. I forget what township it is. It was Lehigh Valley. They signed a...
- these presidents came out and were really mad about it. I could see that. Yeah, I just never... No, I've never heard anything like that before, so... Nora and I would have a non-disclosure agreement. Yeah, not. Yeah, I don't think so.
- Sure.
- I haven't been too concerned about data centers, because I frankly don't know where a data center could be built in Milford Borough. Do we have any concerns about a mini data center? Is that even possible?
- Well, I mean, yeah, there's data centers of all different sizes. I mean, there's some you don't even know exist, but the types of things that people are concerned about

that have the heavy water consumption and things are usually several hundred acres, and hundreds of thousands of square feet of building space. You know, the small data centers that you don't even know are there are generally air-conditioned, and that's their coolant.

- Right. So, you know... Pretty much the totality of those referrals. Right, right, right, right. Yeah, yeah. Right.
- Is that what it was? Depression, what was the NBA about?
- In the native TV.
- Wow. That's not good. So, so here's my, here's my legal recommendation. Don't enter into NDAs that keep information from the public every time.
- Thanks, Solicitor. Appreciate that. I appreciate that. Fine legal analysis. Yeah. Okay. Don't keep, systematic. Let's keep rockin' and roll. We gotta go do it both.
- So, Casella.
- I've got some complaints from people. Has anybody gotten a Casella bill for recycling that doubled? I get a different dollar amount every month. I know, I don't know what's going on with them. They got a new billing cycle, so just pay attention to that. I think we asked...
- Rich, to follow up? Micasella? What's going on? They have a new building system. They're gonna build, every other month.
- Instead of every month. So, you're gonna get... people are gonna get a \$30 bill instead of the \$15 bill, and if there's a conflict between \$15 and \$30, they just haven't straightened it out yet.
- But it will be. Okay. But I'm getting bills for, like, \$6.47, and then the next bill, it's, like, triple the amount, and I'm like... I call with the \$6.47, I'm like, are you sure this is all like, yeah.
- We've got it all lit up, make sure you're paying the right amount per month. You don't have to do a bit of math. So, these are all private agreements between the property owner and Casella. We have negotiated a reduced rate, because we have a trash hauling contract, and they...
- graces of, you know, their business interests, have agreed to drop our recycling cost to \$15 a month. So, if somebody's being charged \$30 a month, you know, we should

let them know if they're calling the office for advice, just refer them to Rich to contact us. Yeah, I spoke to Francesca. Okay, good, okay, great.

- Thank you.
- I was thinking about a workshop, the workshop... we have workshops scheduled for October 5th.
- Talk about cameras in the borough.
- As a general question, do we want cameras? Do we want more cameras? What do we want?
- We can have that discussion at the workshop. It'll be on the agenda if everybody
- good with that. I mean, it's, you know...
- 6, 7 weeks ahead, so I think we just need to have a conversation about that, okay? Is that the only... I thought we had a discussion last meeting where we talked about workshopping.
- What do we send into Francesca anyway, right? Yeah, yeah, just send your thoughts.
- Okay.
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George Lutfy

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Joe.

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Yeah.

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George Lutfy

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Sure.

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George Lutfy

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I've been waiting to mention this too, but it ties into cameras.

- The bollards at the corner there will be repaired beginning Wednesday.
- And...
- This'll be talked about in the discussion there, but the cameras at that corner, we need to, even if it's just those, need to be upgraded so we have 100% coverage for these incidents, because
- it's... what we have is just not cutting it. Like, these weren't expensive, this wasn't a big cost to anybody, but we should invest in something to track people smashing our things.
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Okay, you got a cost? You want to bring it up at the next meeting?

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George Lutfy

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I... I have to... we tried, Verkada, which would have been a substantial expense.

- And their system just... it was garbage. We had them rip it out and take it home.
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Francesca Lombardo

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Okay. Yep, okay. All right. Thank you.

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George Lutfy

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You're welcome.

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Public comment on matters under Borough control. Here's your opportunity to speak about anything and everything, that we have any kind of oversight of. Is there any public comment?

- Yes, Frank Tarquinio, please.
- Hi, Frank Tasmania, there's, looking at the traffic, one of the things in Pennsylvania seems
- NDOT doesn't like to reduce weight.
- But they will do a study of truck plates.
- Truck's over a certain night.
- Based on the balance, based on what happens in the balance, we can get good trucks based on wins. I think we should ask them to do a study.
- You've got 50, 50 full-foot cars going on.
- That was built.
- That might be a way to both produce different career charts. Okay.
- Thank you, Frank. Good thought, thank you. Candace, is that part of the study that they're doing now? Do you know? As far as I know, it's just an accounting study right now. Any chance we could kind of get them to look at...
- larger length trucks, or... I can try and call them, but also make sure it's in the response. Okay. And Rich, there's a road task force meeting this Thursday? You could bring it up there as well. Yeah. Okay.
- Great, thank you.
- Any other public comment on matters under Borough control?
- Yes? Just a quick question. Are you talking about moving into something that is maybe a question or two or stop?
- Like a flop-style camera?
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George Lutfy

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No.

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No.

- No, that's not my plan, but cameras in general. I mean, there was a concern early on about cameras to enable us to,
- View crosswalks.
- That came up a year ago, so it's just a freewheeling discussion on cameras. Do we need cameras? Do we need cameras on police vehicles? Do we need cameras on buildings? I mean, you go to Europe, there are cameras at every corner.
- You know, so I don't know. That's a discussion for the Council to have in October. George, do you have any idea where you consider putting cameras?
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George Lutfy

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The cameras are installed currently, Preston. They're... they're strictly based...

- They're to find out who hits these bollards we have that protect our bluestone wall.
- They do not do any license plate recognition, no facial recognition, and they're only looked at when we notice a bollard has been knocked over.
- So, no one should have a concern about privacy in regard to this, so don't record audio.
- That, that, my main concern is just that, us being compensated for, damage to borough property by big rig trucks.
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Thanks, St. And ICE is not interested in our bollards getting hit, George.

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George Lutfy

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They wouldn't have access, even if they wanted it.

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Sorry, sorry, I had to throw it. It's like, okay, great. Anything else? Any other public comment on matters under Borough control? Yes.

- This is Barbara Tarquinio, 3rd Street, Milford Borough.
- So, as to the truck incident, I can include also, if you could, in the traffic study, the fact that those big trucks are going by a school right down that street, and also passing
- parks on the Broad Street side.
- Those are important points that PennDOT might consider when deciding to do this.
- Also, check with the National Park Service to see if they're still doing checkpoints per the agreement.
- That was reached in 2019.
- Awesome. Thank you, Paul. Also, I was in the answering park
- Two minutes ago, and there was 4 large dogs.
- In the park area, in the playground area, and at some point, I'll tell you, they started to fight.
- And it was right at the enthous to the park. They lunged at each other, so many kids screamed in the area, and ran into the street. So, mothers were rushing into the street to get their kids. We have to be really careful that dogs don't enter that area. Can we start issuing tickets on that?
- Well, yeah, I think it becomes a timing thing. So, if someone sees something, they need to call.
- I would suggest maybe with, space, that when that fence goes up all the way around it.

- September. Yep.
- And also for the time capsule, why don't you put the comprehensive plan?
- I like that. Thank you, Barbara.
- Anything else?
- Seeing none, we have to move into an executive session to discuss
- personnel matters, and a legal matter. Thank you for coming out. We'll, I don't even think we're gonna need to go back and vote or anything.