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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

BEFORE: Borough Council
Andrea Lage, President
Kathy Coy, Vice President
Joseph Hockersmith
Angie Facchinei
John Alosi
Kerri Burrows
Bruce Hockersmith, Mayor
John Epley, Borough Manager

DATE: December 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Shippensburg Borough Office
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Shippensburg, PA. 17257

TAKEN BY: Diana L. Sydnor
Court Reporter

APPEARANCES:

Bryan Salzman, Esquire, appears on behalf of
Shippensburg Borough Council.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: We are meeting tonight and
 00:00:02 2 beginning with interviews. Since we don't yet have a quorum
 00:00:04 3 we're not officially calling the meeting to order but we are
 00:00:08 4 starting with interviews. Go ahead. Starting with Geno.
 00:00:12 5 Welcome, Geno. We are interviewing for the open position --
 00:00:18 6 well, the position that -- historically your position for the
 00:00:22 7 borough water authority.
 00:00:24 8 MR. TORRI: Yes.
 00:00:24 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: You know our usual.
 00:00:26 10 Would you like a moment to introduce yourself or questions
 00:00:30 11 first and then --
 00:00:30 12 MR. TORRI: I think everyone knows me.
 00:00:34 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: So why don't we go ahead
 00:00:34 14 with questions and then allow at the time Geno then to
 00:00:38 15 respond as well as ask any questions that you have --
 00:00:42 16 MR. TORRI: Okay.
 00:00:42 17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: -- As to any information
 00:00:42 18 that you wish, so, John, do you have questions for Geno?
 00:00:50 19 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: No, not really. Oh, let's see,
 00:00:52 20 I was thinking about as far as like possible increase in
 00:01:02 21 population in our area, is there any kind of plan or is there
 00:01:12 22 any plans for future expansion?
 00:01:18 23 MR. TORRI: Well, if you don't mind how about if I
 00:01:20 24 give a little information to answer that question?
 00:01:24 25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Sure.

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00:03:04 1 improved pressure and capacity. We've located a site and got
 00:03:06 2 state approval for a northeast tank to support the Exit 29
 00:03:10 3 commercial growth. We're not there yet but we're planning
 00:03:14 4 for it and so that's definitely ready to go as soon as the
 00:03:20 5 realty comes in.
 00:03:22 6 We've done repairs to Orrstown tank and we've met
 00:03:26 7 with DEP to increase the capacity flow out of well two, so we
 00:03:30 8 have more capacity than we were pumping, just didn't have the
 00:03:34 9 approval to do it, so now we have that so that's a little bit
 00:03:38 10 of an answer to John's question also.
 00:03:40 11 We've approved -- then we've also approved some
 00:03:48 12 projects to increase the added efficiency flow because you
 00:03:50 13 can have the flow but if you don't have the ability to move
 00:03:54 14 it around but we have projects now in the works to do that.
 00:03:58 15 New water source, we started off with five years
 00:04:00 16 ago with four sites. We've reviewed four sites. We worked
 00:04:04 17 with DEP to reuse water from Gunter Valley and that went on
 00:04:10 18 for, oh, a good 13 months. They shut the project down
 00:04:14 19 because of cost on their end. It was just getting too
 00:04:18 20 expensive to do what they wanted to do. They also kept
 00:04:20 21 reducing the amount of water that we would get from it, so we
 00:04:24 22 did go to DEP and SRVC for the water reuse program, and we
 00:04:30 23 are right now doing -- reviewing a site for site capacity.
 00:04:36 24 We're about ready to do some test drilling and a land
 00:04:38 25 purchase so we will have a -- very likely we'll have a fourth

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00:01:26 1 MR. TORRI: Let me just start by saying thanks for
 00:01:28 2 the interview. I appreciate that. It has been a challenging
 00:01:32 3 five years and challenging because of some changes.
 00:01:38 4 In my term we've had seven member seat changes
 00:01:42 5 which meant constant turnover of learning curve, and it has
 00:01:48 6 worked out and over the last three and a half years we've had
 00:01:56 7 five management changes with managers coming and going and
 00:01:58 8 having poor Nicole having to sit in the interim there, so
 00:02:00 9 that was difficult.
 00:02:00 10 My reason for requesting of reappointment is to put
 00:02:04 11 some consistency back in to the board and to the authority
 00:02:08 12 since -- with all those changes the learning curves, we've
 00:02:12 13 made them work. Fortunately we've had good people come back
 00:02:16 14 in, so that's worked out.
 00:02:18 15 As far as what have we done for growth things,
 00:02:22 16 we've managed to have a number of accomplishments and they
 00:02:28 17 fall under five categories actually. Service to the business
 00:02:32 18 community. We've reviewed projects. We visited sites.
 00:02:34 19 We've assigned EDU's to 22 businesses, either new businesses
 00:02:40 20 or extensions, so no business that's come to us with a
 00:02:46 21 request has been turned down. We've always provided the
 00:02:50 22 water to do that.
 00:02:52 23 Capacity issues comes next in line right here to
 00:02:54 24 your question there, John. As far as capacity we've
 00:02:58 25 increased capacity with the Timberhill tank which has

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00:04:42 1 well in line ready to take care of new growth and
 00:04:46 2 development.
 00:04:48 3 Maintenance, we've had upgrades to well one. We've
 00:04:50 4 had new computer systems at the plant, skatis (phonetic)
 00:04:56 5 systems at well three, upgrades to the generator at
 00:05:00 6 Huckleberry and Louis and our engineer have worked diligently
 00:05:04 7 to work with the state to get reviews of the waste treatment
 00:05:08 8 plant and any improvements needed there.
 00:05:12 9 We worked with residents, any leaks that they've
 00:05:14 10 had. We've addressed water requests, worked closely with the
 00:05:18 11 borough employees and our people to get the hydrants approved
 00:05:22 12 and worked with the treasurer to get our loan rate reduced
 00:05:28 13 which definitely impacts the rates that we have to charge.
 00:05:32 14 Ongoing basis we have four projects that are
 00:05:36 15 designed to improve the flow of the system and the capacity
 00:05:40 16 for growth in the area and we worked diligently all yearlong
 00:05:44 17 with management, our treasurer, members of council here to
 00:05:50 18 come up with a budget this year that has a formula which is
 00:05:54 19 updated for the management agreement compensation, so it's
 00:06:00 20 been a very busy five years, a very productive five years,
 00:06:02 21 but I really think little stability in the personnel there
 00:06:12 22 would be a plus for the system and for the community, so I
 00:06:18 23 hope that answers some of your questions there, John.
 00:06:20 24 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: That answered one. I have
 00:06:22 25 another question. You also were elected to the school board,

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00:06:26 1 and I was wondering do you feel you would be able to handle
00:06:30 2 both positions, both are a lot of time consuming, the school
00:06:36 3 board.
00:06:36 4 MR. TORRI: Well, fortunately, yeah, and that was a
00:06:40 5 real consideration to even be on the school board to even run
00:06:42 6 for it absolutely. My life situation has changed a little.
00:06:46 7 As I mentioned, my daughter has a job. The other one has a
00:06:50 8 job, so those constraints happened and I've also for the last
00:06:54 9 15 years worked with a publishing company. I am officially
00:07:02 10 ending that at the end of the year to free myself up for
00:07:08 11 personal things such as serving the community, so I'm --
00:07:12 12 because that was a full-time part-time job as it was also so,
00:07:18 13 yes, that was a consideration, absolutely. I wouldn't put
00:07:22 14 myself in a position and drive myself crazy but thank you for
00:07:28 15 asking.
00:07:30 16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kerri, do you have
00:07:32 17 question for Geno?
00:07:34 18 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I do not.
00:07:34 19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kathy?
00:07:34 20 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Well, I had some but you
00:07:36 21 answered some, so I'll skip around. Let's see.
00:07:44 22 MR. TORRI: Well, by answering them what I did is I
00:07:46 23 simply went in to and looked at the minutes. I reviewed the
00:07:48 24 minutes for the last four and a half years and thought, okay,
00:07:50 25 what have we done. Even when I'm constantly thinking it's

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00:09:46 1 to have at least two meetings with them and they kept
00:09:48 2 cancelling this month or else we would have had them. I
00:09:52 3 don't consider those partnerships. Those are working
00:09:54 4 relationship. Partnerships are with management team.
00:09:58 5 They're the ones that kept us afloat.
00:10:02 6 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Let's see.
00:10:18 7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Angie, do you have a
00:10:18 8 question?
00:10:18 9 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: I don't. Sorry. I might
00:10:22 10 think of something else.
00:10:26 11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: My one is simply this is
00:10:28 12 a great summary, but I'm curious about what's not on here if
00:10:32 13 there's anything that you think would be one of your goals or
00:10:36 14 objectives in the next five years or something that you would
00:10:40 15 like to see achieved in the next five years.
00:10:42 16 MR. TORRI: Well, there's a lot not on there, first
00:10:44 17 of all. I wrote some thing on my yellow sheet here because
00:10:50 18 there were a lot of things that had to be done behind the
00:10:54 19 scenes, but as far as objectives for the next five years and,
00:11:00 20 again, part of the reason for asking for the reappointment to
00:11:04 21 keep it consistent are the four projects coming up, the
00:11:08 22 critical projects and projects that had been discussed for I
00:11:14 23 will say for the last three years but because of the up and
00:11:18 24 down situation here never really got implemented before now
00:11:24 25 but we have them on the books.

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00:07:54 1 been busy, but what have we done. When you look -- I just
00:07:58 2 started printing this out, I thought, wow, we did do a lot
00:08:02 3 for all the ups and downs and hiccups and changes.
00:08:10 4 COUNCILWOMAN COY: What was one of the most
00:08:10 5 successful partnership and collaborations that you have been
00:08:14 6 involved with and what was your role?
00:08:16 7 MR. TORRI: Partnerships, well, our work with the
00:08:26 8 water precludes partnerships because we have to evenly
00:08:32 9 distribute our assets which is the water, so we really didn't
00:08:40 10 develop partnerships.
00:08:42 11 What we as an authority did develop was a good
00:08:44 12 relationship with our engineer and the management team here
00:08:48 13 even though it went -- came and went. Those two things right
00:08:54 14 there, and working with Louis keeping that foundation strong
00:08:58 15 kept the whole system going for that rocky three and a half
00:09:04 16 years, so that's the type of partnerships I think because,
00:09:06 17 you know, we dealt with a lot of businesses but we can't
00:09:10 18 afford to get too cozy with them or show preference, but we
00:09:16 19 did have to spend a lot of time with them in sessions making
00:09:20 20 sure what they wanted matched the system and always did and
00:09:26 21 that's also why we have some of the -- the four projects that
00:09:30 22 we have are designed to improve some upcoming projects which
00:09:36 23 are already in the books some of the warehouses that are
00:09:40 24 coming on line. They've already been approved, but they will
00:09:42 25 need some adjustments and we have -- actually have supposed

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00:11:26 1 We did start one of them last year and did a lot of
00:11:30 2 the groundwork for it. This year we'll be doing the digging
00:11:34 3 so to speak, so we did start one. So I would like -- I truly
00:11:40 4 would like to see those through because those are very
00:11:42 5 important for the community, and they will take at least
00:11:44 6 three years to get completed just because drilling a well
00:11:50 7 takes three years and we spent six and seven months just
00:11:56 8 trying to get a couple spots cleared -- cleared legally and
00:12:02 9 ran in to things, so that's my goal to see those through
00:12:08 10 because other things will come up but if these four aren't
00:12:12 11 completed, we will be in a difficult situation in the future.
00:12:18 12 We do need more additional water. We do need that
00:12:22 13 line going over to the other side of the highway. We do need
00:12:28 14 some attention out at the plant and whether that means
00:12:32 15 spending a couple million to -- actually the last estimate I
00:12:38 16 got was six million dollars to upgrade that plant or are
00:12:42 17 there other things that can be done, but those all have to be
00:12:44 18 addressed but some of those things can't even be talked about
00:12:46 19 until we get some of the infrastructure lined up for some of
00:12:50 20 those projects.
00:12:50 21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay. Is there anything
00:12:52 22 that you would like to add?
00:12:54 23 MR. TORRI: Add, whether I'm reappointed or not it
00:13:00 24 has been an honor and a pleasure to show up on Tuesdays. The
00:13:06 25 pleasure is in the sense of community service. Not all the

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00:13:12 1 evenings were pleasurable because of the situation, but it
00:13:16 2 certainly has been -- and something that I want to thank the
00:13:22 3 past boards and current people who are here when I got
00:13:24 4 appointed for that and would like to continue again for the
00:13:28 5 reasons I mentioned, so thank you.
00:13:30 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right. Thank you,
00:13:32 7 Geno.
00:13:34 8 MR. TORRI: Thank you.
00:13:40 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right, we have
00:13:40 10 another applicant for the position of the water authority
00:13:44 11 board and that is Angelo Tsambiras. If you take a seat
00:13:56 12 please.
00:13:56 13 MR. TSAMBIRAS: This is the hot seat.
00:14:00 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: That's the hot seat.
00:14:04 15 Angelo, what we typically do is offer you an
00:14:04 16 opportunity to give a brief introduction and then we go
00:14:08 17 around and each council member has an opportunity to ask a
00:14:12 18 question, and after that we open it to you to ask us any
00:14:16 19 questions or offer any additional information.
00:14:18 20 MR. TSAMBIRAS: Thank you. My name is - I go by
00:14:24 21 Angelo, but my real name is Evaggelos Tsambiras. I've lived
00:14:26 22 in Shippensburg since 1979. Well, I should say the
00:14:32 23 Shippensburg community. I lived on Richard Avenue for a
00:14:36 24 bunch of those years and then moved in to the borough itself
00:14:40 25 back in 2000.

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00:16:36 1 before he kind of jumped over the ledge, so I kind of vetted
00:16:40 2 him in to see if I thought he could hang, so I really don't
00:16:46 3 have any questions.
00:16:48 4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Might you have anything
00:16:50 5 that would help the rest of us based on your conversation
00:16:52 6 with him?
00:16:52 7 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I would say that I very
00:16:56 8 clearly shot him a very straight line of that it is very
00:17:02 9 overwhelming, that there's a lot to learn and that there's a
00:17:04 10 huge learning curve, but fortunately one of the magnificent
00:17:10 11 things about serving in Shippensburg is the management team
00:17:14 12 and that we have Louis who is always more than willing to
00:17:20 13 give up his time to thoroughly explain something. We have a
00:17:22 14 wonderful engineering team as well, so I did explain to him
00:17:28 15 that even though he will feel overwhelmed please ask a lot of
00:17:30 16 questions. I know Angelo as well that he's not going to be
00:17:34 17 afraid to do that. He's not going to just sit and wonder.
00:17:38 18 He's going to jump in with both feet, so I feel very
00:17:42 19 confident.
00:17:44 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: No question to direct to
00:17:44 21 him?
00:17:46 22 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: No question to direct to
00:17:46 23 him.
00:17:48 24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kathy.
00:17:50 25 COUNCILWOMAN COY: This is a question I had asked

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00:14:46 1 I know a lot of things that go on in the borough
00:14:52 2 and the townships. I've been a part of township government,
00:14:56 3 different committees and boards, and I currently serve on the
00:15:04 4 Civil Service Commission in Shippensburg Borough. I just
00:15:08 5 want to see if I can help.
00:15:10 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right. Thank you.
00:15:12 7 John.
00:15:14 8 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: If I remember correctly were you
00:15:18 9 involved in the insurance business and has been part of your
00:15:22 10 business background, did you ever have any dealings with say
00:15:26 11 water situations, making sure -- anything like that?
00:15:36 12 MR. TSAMBIRAS: I was and am still currently in the
00:15:40 13 insurance and investment business. The closest I got to any
00:15:48 14 dealings with water is other than flooding in my basement I
00:15:54 15 would say maybe occasionally selling a fund that had some
00:15:58 16 water interest in it, but I wouldn't -- I do not have any
00:16:06 17 knowledge of anything I've done in the area of water.
00:16:12 18 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: That was all the questions.
00:16:20 19 MR. TSAMBIRAS: Okay.
00:16:20 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kerri.
00:16:22 21 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I don't have a tremendous
00:16:24 22 amount of questions because Angelo actually -- because I am
00:16:28 23 for those of who might not know sitting member of the water
00:16:32 24 authority so Angelo actually sought me out to kind of figure
00:16:34 25 out if it was something that he would be interested in doing

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00:17:58 1 Geno as well. What's the most -- well, what is the most
00:18:00 2 successful partnership collaboration that you have ever been
00:18:06 3 involved with and what was your -- what was your role in it?
00:18:08 4 This doesn't have to be anything with water just anything you
00:18:12 5 might have been involved with even with the township.
00:18:14 6 MR. TSAMBIRAS: Well, I think just looking at what
00:18:18 7 I've done with the civil service commission I'm the chair on
00:18:22 8 that, and I haven't had anybody say that we haven't done
00:18:26 9 anything correctly. You know, we've done whatever --
00:18:32 10 whatever the chief says he needs something, we look at it.
00:18:38 11 Back when I was in the township I served on the zoning
00:18:42 12 hearing board for I think that was about 18 years and we
00:18:50 13 never had any problems there.
00:18:56 14 I helped with the regional police force and doing
00:18:58 15 some legwork and tried to save that back in the 90's. I
00:19:06 16 don't remember the specific dates now and that was -- it was
00:19:12 17 probably near the end of the 90's maybe the beginning of 2000
00:19:16 18 when the regional force disassembled for a better word and
00:19:22 19 that was a frustration because I was dealing with a
00:19:30 20 government entity that had their minds made up what they
00:19:34 21 wanted to do and it wasn't the borough.
00:19:40 22 In the business that I'm in I deal with
00:19:42 23 relationships all the time and I've been doing it for 36
00:19:48 24 years. Some of them -- most of them are individual, okay, on
00:19:56 25 an individual basis, but there has been times that I have

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00:19:58 1 served committees in the insurance industry and been proud of
00:20:06 2 what we've accomplished.
00:20:16 3 I just think that with my history of being on
00:20:16 4 boards I have the knowledge and I'm not afraid to jump in to
00:20:24 5 something even if it is water in this case.
00:20:30 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Via hot or cold.
00:20:32 7 MR. TSAMBIRAS: I don't like cold water.
00:20:36 8 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Lucky for you.
00:20:38 9 MR. TSAMBIRAS: But, you know, I feel that I can
00:20:40 10 bring something to the community and this board and the
00:20:46 11 borough other than just the civil service commission.
00:20:50 12 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Thank you.
00:20:52 13 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: I have no questions.
00:20:54 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Joe.
00:20:56 15 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: It wouldn't be fair of me
00:20:56 16 to ask questions when I wasn't here for the first one, but I
00:21:00 17 do know Angelo very well and I think he would do a wonderful
00:21:02 18 job.
00:21:04 19 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: I have a question. As an
00:21:08 20 investment and insurance agent you're -- you still work with
00:21:12 21 money and dealing with budgets and that, so what's your past
00:21:18 22 experience in zoning and also with --
00:21:22 23 MR. TSAMBIRAS: Well, I work with money all the
00:21:24 24 time, other people's money, okay. And it is other people's
00:21:30 25 money, and you have to remember that and you try to do the

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00:23:26 1 Orrstown, we need to find ways -- first of all, we need to
00:23:28 2 find more water supply, okay, to meet the growing need and we
00:23:32 3 need to be able to get that water to the customer because the
00:23:40 4 more customers we serve I think the better off the community
00:23:46 5 will be, so that's one of the things I think the water
00:23:52 6 authority should be doing over the next five years is
00:23:54 7 expansion and maintenance of all their facilities in
00:23:58 8 preparation for hopefully a lot of business coming to this
00:24:06 9 area.
00:24:10 10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay, thank you. Is there
00:24:12 11 anything that you would like to ask us or anything that you
00:24:14 12 would like to add?
00:24:14 13 MR. TSAMBIRAS: I just thank you for the
00:24:16 14 opportunity to sit with you and try to field your questions
00:24:20 15 and good luck.
00:24:26 16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you. Thank you
00:24:28 17 very much for coming tonight.
00:24:28 18 MR. TSAMBIRAS: You're welcome.
00:24:44 19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Mitchell Burrows,
00:24:56 20 welcome. The next three applicants are for the position of
00:25:02 21 the Shippensburg Area Park and Rec Authority.
00:25:06 22 We have currently an opening due to an unexpected
00:25:10 23 vacancy of the position, so this is a filling in of the
00:25:12 24 position and thus will be for a one year term just to be
00:25:18 25 clear. So welcome, Mitchell. Again, our standard is to

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00:21:34 1 right thing for the client and in this case if we're working
00:21:40 2 with money at the water authority, it's not the water
00:21:44 3 authority's money. It is the people's money, and we need to
00:21:48 4 do what's right for the people and, you know, we need to -- I
00:21:58 5 would think if you want Shippensburg to grow you need to
00:22:02 6 expand. You need to make sure the facilities are running
00:22:06 7 correctly, upgraded to the fullest extent and manage the
00:22:12 8 money well.
00:22:14 9 I've served treasurer of the Shippensburg Regional
00:22:20 10 Park and Rec Commission back in the -- I'm getting old.
00:22:26 11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: A while ago.
00:22:26 12 MR. TSAMBIRAS: It was a while ago, a long time
00:22:28 13 I've. I've served as treasurer of our church for many years
00:22:34 14 so I do know how to handle money and budgets, to make
00:22:40 15 budgets. I don't have a fear on that and I'm not bankrupt
00:22:46 16 yet.
00:22:48 17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All good. My question is
00:22:50 18 one of looking to the next five years. I know you haven't
00:22:54 19 been on the board, but just thinking about what might come
00:22:58 20 up, what might you imagine to be an important goal or
00:23:02 21 objective for those five years?
00:23:02 22 MR. TSAMBIRAS: Well, with all the expansion that's
00:23:06 23 going on around this community and this region which the
00:23:10 24 water authority, you know, has not only the Borough of
00:23:14 25 Shippensburg but, you know, the townships and Letterkenny,

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00:25:20 1 allow you a chance to briefly introduce yourself. We all
00:25:24 2 have seen your letter hopefully guys.
00:25:26 3 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Yes.
00:25:28 4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: And then we'll ask you
00:25:30 5 questions and allow you a chance to ask us questions in
00:25:34 6 return.
00:25:34 7 MR. BURROWS: Well, obviously I'm Mitchell. I've
00:25:38 8 been in the area for about 10 years. I came in 2005
00:25:42 9 originally from Somerset where I grew up to come to the
00:25:46 10 university here. I studied history and philosophy. I did
00:25:52 11 well.
00:25:54 12 In about 2009 when I was getting done with school
00:25:58 13 the chef at what was called the Black Horse Tavern at the
00:26:04 14 Shippen Place Hotel left and I took it as another opportunity
00:26:08 15 for myself. In case you guys don't remember the job market
00:26:14 16 wasn't super super strong in 2009, 2010 especially for
00:26:18 17 somebody that studied history and philosophy, so I took it as
00:26:26 18 an opportunity and a challenge. It's something that I
00:26:30 19 definitely enjoyed. I worked a while for that.
00:26:32 20 When the business was taken over by Mike Kalathas
00:26:34 21 and Costa, Inc. from Chambersburg. He saw me as somebody
00:26:38 22 that continuously wanted more both to be involved and to make
00:26:44 23 the things around me better.
00:26:46 24 That eventually lead me to being the general
00:26:50 25 manager, and within just a couple of weeks I'll be co-owner

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00:26:54 1 of the restaurant entirely of the corporation, so it's
00:26:58 2 something I'm very excited about.
00:27:00 3 That being said, that along with me getting married
00:27:06 4 technically two years ago, we actually eloped and then we had
00:27:10 5 a real marriage.
00:27:12 6 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Did that too. Must be a
00:27:14 7 Burrows thing.
00:27:16 8 MR. BURROWS: So I've kind of grounded myself. I'm
00:27:20 9 definitely going to be in the area, and over the past year or
00:27:22 10 two I've made a point of becoming more involved and trying to
00:27:30 11 see what I could do to kind of give back and be more a part
00:27:34 12 of everything moving forward.
00:27:36 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right. Thank you.
00:27:38 14 John or should I start at Joe just to sort of take --
00:27:48 15 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: Okay.
00:27:48 16 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Two part question.
00:27:52 17 MR. BURROWS: Yes, sir.
00:27:52 18 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: First of all, I would like
00:27:56 19 to know your understanding of why, I mean, this regional park
00:28:02 20 and rec authority is brand new and your understanding why it
00:28:04 21 was created and then your view on regional recreation and its
00:28:12 22 importance?
00:28:14 23 MR. BURROWS: Well, I understand that this has been
00:28:16 24 an effort that's kind of been attempted several times in the
00:28:20 25 past.

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00:30:06 1 as well. I don't think he was capable of making the first
00:30:10 2 meeting, but we're kind of getting the core understanding of
00:30:14 3 what the coalition wants.
00:30:16 4 It deals more with the university side of things,
00:30:20 5 but obviously, you know, it's one in the same in this town.
00:30:24 6 You really have to accept that to move forward with anything,
00:30:28 7 but I guess I represent a part of the chamber of commerce
00:30:34 8 when it comes to what they're dealing with on campus.
00:30:38 9 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: Thanks for the background.
00:30:40 10 Just curious about that.
00:30:44 11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kathy.
00:30:44 12 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Could you explain some of your
00:30:52 13 budgeting experience that you may have?
00:30:55 14 MR. BURROWS: I'm pretty good with budgeting. If
00:30:58 15 you have ever been in the restaurant industry you'll
00:31:02 16 understand that it's one of the more difficult industries to
00:31:06 17 be in.
00:31:06 18 A lot of industries deal with supply and demand
00:31:10 19 issues. Our supply though has a very very short shelf life
00:31:16 20 so that makes it even more difficult and not knowing what
00:31:20 21 you're going to have day in and day out for a customer base,
00:31:22 22 it's a small town. I think every restaurant in this town
00:31:26 23 does pretty well Thursday through Saturday but, you know,
00:31:28 24 that's three out of seven days a week so you can't
00:31:30 25 necessarily hang your hat on that and go home.

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00:28:20 1 I feel, again, from what I understand that it has
00:28:26 2 been kind of either too multiple pronged or not enough effort
00:28:32 3 behind it to kind of withstand the test of time, and another
00:28:36 4 thing is you're talking about backyards in a lot of
00:28:42 5 situations and things that everybody wants to feel like they
00:28:44 6 have ownage to in the community which is recreational
00:28:50 7 facilities, and with that you're not always going to please
00:28:54 8 every single person. You have to have kind of the gumption
00:28:58 9 to move forward with what you think is the best, and that's
00:29:04 10 something that I really think that I would be capable of
00:29:06 11 doing. Further than that, again, I see it as an opportunity,
00:29:10 12 like I said, to serve.
00:29:16 13 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: Well, actually I'm just
00:29:16 14 curious about the community coalition that you mention in
00:29:20 15 your letter. Can you tell me a little bit more about it?
00:29:22 16 MR. BURROWS: Absolutely. This is something that I
00:29:26 17 had heard rumors of during Anthony Ceddia's term, Ann Wendle
00:29:32 18 who is the assistant dean of students, director of alcohol
00:29:34 19 and drug on campus approached me. I've gotten to know her a
00:29:40 20 little bit over the past couple of years, and she saw me as
00:29:44 21 somebody that deals with college students fairly often,
00:29:48 22 alcohol fairly often but somebody that cares and sees the
00:29:52 23 need for a scope of good and bad, acceptable, unacceptable
00:29:56 24 and realism versus idealism, so she brought me on board. The
00:30:04 25 university approved me. I think Bruce is part of the board

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00:31:34 1 I do the accounts for the Chambersburg Country
00:31:38 2 Club. I run all of the numbers for the University Grille.
00:31:42 3 I've been doing that for about four years now. I pretty much
00:31:48 4 get every single part of it.
00:31:50 5 I prepared for our accountant to submit it to the
00:31:54 6 IRS and stuff like that, sit down with her and make sure
00:31:58 7 she's aware of everything. With that and with the creation
00:32:02 8 of what we have is a joint venture between Shippen Place LLC
00:32:06 9 and Costa, Inc. which is the corporation that I'm a part of
00:32:10 10 because you have to have that to be able to legally profit
00:32:12 11 off of the liquor license which has to be held by the
00:32:14 12 proprietor of the hotel which is Shippen Place, LLC, so we
00:32:18 13 went through that.
00:32:20 14 I learned quite a bit about what's going on, a lot
00:32:24 15 of tax information. And, again, I think that's one of my
00:32:28 16 strengths. I'm not the most experienced person that you're
00:32:32 17 going to see for any position but I've never come across
00:32:36 18 something that I haven't been willing to tackle and I've got
00:32:40 19 a pretty good track record.
00:32:42 20 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Okay, thank you.
00:32:44 21 MR. BURROWS: Sure.
00:32:44 22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kerri.
00:32:46 23 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: The only question that I
00:32:48 24 have and I understand that you're involved with the
00:32:54 25 coalition, one of the obstacles with the authority is that

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00:33:00 1 because it is brand new this probably won't change for the
00:33:04 2 entire time that you're on, it can be fairly time consuming,
00:33:10 3 long meetings, a lot of correspondence between you and the
00:33:14 4 other members. It really is a huge huge huge time commitment
00:33:20 5 and there's no money in it. So it really is just something
00:33:24 6 that you have to basically do it for the right -- you're
00:33:30 7 doing it for the right reasons and there will be other
00:33:34 8 aspects of your life that will absolutely sacrifice and I
00:33:38 9 don't think that necessarily everybody understands that when
00:33:40 10 they're applying for these positions. So I just want to --
00:33:48 11 mine is kind of more of a statement. It is a huge huge huge
00:33:50 12 time commitment.

00:33:54 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Are you prepared. Is
00:33:56 14 that your question?

00:33:56 15 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Honestly, you know, is that
00:33:58 16 something that you are fully prepared to do?

00:34:04 17 MR. BURROWS: I'll say this. I don't have any
00:34:06 18 children right now and I make my own schedule. Those are two
00:34:12 19 things that allow me to be a part of as many service and
00:34:16 20 volunteer activities as I can and I'm also not going to bite
00:34:22 21 off more than I can chew. Some of the other volunteer
00:34:24 22 activities that I'm a part of, some of the other things that
00:34:26 23 I want to accomplish don't necessarily have to take as much
00:34:30 24 time, and when I get involved in something that demands more
00:34:34 25 of that time they can kind of take a back seat. You know, my

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00:36:14 1 my opinion on the subject with my partners and said that, you
00:36:18 2 know, there are things that I'm going to do outside of this
00:36:20 3 that are going to take place later on when I have a family.
00:36:22 4 That's going to happen and that's going to take a precedence
00:36:28 5 but I haven't failed to get the job done yet with them so
00:36:32 6 they have a pretty high degree of trust in me.
00:36:34 7 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: Thank you.
00:36:36 8 MR. BURROWS: Absolutely.
00:36:38 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: I'll wrap up with the
00:36:40 10 position is initially one year. If it opens up -- I'm
00:36:44 11 suddenly having a senior moment. It's either four or five --
00:36:44 12 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Four.
00:36:48 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Four year term, so along
00:36:48 14 those lines what would you think would be a goal that you
00:36:52 15 would see at those two different timeframes?
00:36:56 16 MR. BURROWS: You're talking about a goal within
00:36:58 17 the first year and possibly a goal within --
00:37:00 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: So the five year goal.
00:37:02 19 MR. BURROWS: Within a five year goal. The first
00:37:06 20 year I honestly want to understand every little bit about it.
00:37:10 21 I want to work as hard as I possibly can to improve it to
00:37:16 22 allow the people around me to be as good as they can be, and
00:37:22 23 I would say honestly a five year goal would be -- and I hate
00:37:26 24 to put it this way but, you know, kind of be the Smiths that
00:37:28 25 other townships and boroughs are trying to keep up with when

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00:34:38 1 rotary activities, the community coalition we meet once every
00:34:42 2 two months, you know, and then it's a little bit of
00:34:44 3 correspondence.
00:34:46 4 The main issue for me is, you know, if -- I'll
00:34:48 5 explain it as this. If I have a slow week socially I'll do
00:34:52 6 about 90 hours of work because I have to go. There's no
00:34:58 7 sitting around and hanging out unless I'm about 100 miles
00:35:02 8 from Shippensburg so and even then sometimes it's hard.
00:35:08 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: John.
00:35:08 10 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: My question is along the same
00:35:12 11 lines as Kerri because particularly during the summer when
00:35:16 12 it's going to scheduling of people and then maybe some people
00:35:22 13 might call in sick or whatever, and I know that the
00:35:26 14 restaurant business is you're almost married to this
00:35:34 15 restaurant basically. There's a lot of hidden hours there
00:35:38 16 that people don't know about.
00:35:40 17 MR. BURROWS: Oh, yeah.
00:35:42 18 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: I was wondering if that would be
00:35:44 19 an impediment for you as far as having to deal with those
00:35:52 20 staff, lifeguards and that kind of thing?
00:35:54 21 MR. BURROWS: A year ago I would have honestly
00:35:58 22 answered yes. Moving in to where we're going right now with
00:36:00 23 the corporation, me being involved in ownership, I can
00:36:04 24 honestly say that I would allow it not to be or I wouldn't
00:36:08 25 allow it to be an impediment and that's because I have voiced

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00:37:32 1 it comes to, you know, a jealousy of what we have and what we
00:37:36 2 have to offer for the communities and the local residents.
00:37:40 3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: What would that be? What
00:37:40 4 would be a Smiths' model or a Jones' model?
00:37:44 5 MR. BURROWS: Not only giving the things -- giving
00:37:46 6 the people the things that they want but the upkeep, the
00:37:50 7 follow through on the commitment. You can get volunteers
00:37:54 8 that will help you out and that will actually expand your
00:37:58 9 community outreach when it comes to programs that you'll have
00:38:00 10 and trying to kind of bring it full circle with everybody
00:38:04 11 that you involve in each of the little niches that are
00:38:06 12 required to make the whole process run smoothly.
00:38:10 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay. Thank you.
00:38:12 14 MR. BURROWS: Absolutely.
00:38:14 15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: If you have anything for
00:38:14 16 us or anything you would like to add?
00:38:16 17 MR. BURROWS: No, I'm happy. Last time I was here
00:38:18 18 it was a couple of years ago. It was for the chairs outside
00:38:20 19 the building I believe, so first time at the big table.
00:38:24 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Well, welcome.
00:38:26 21 MR. BURROWS: Thank you so much.
00:38:28 22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you.
00:38:28 23 MR. BURROWS: Yup.
00:38:32 24 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: By the way it's great to
00:38:34 25 hear there's more Burrows moving in the area. For the

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00:38:38 1 longest time we were the only ones.
00:38:40 2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: So the next person up for
00:39:06 3 the park and rec position is Nathan Goates. It's not
00:39:12 4 electrified but it is warm. Welcome. Did you hear the sort
00:39:18 5 of general --
00:39:20 6 MR. GOATES: I did. I hope I can respond to the
00:39:20 7 same questions.
00:39:20 8 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: We may mix it up. You never
00:39:26 9 know.
00:39:28 10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: First if you would like
00:39:28 11 to do a brief introduction of you or your interests and then
00:39:36 12 we'll ask you questions and give you an opportunity.
00:39:40 13 MR. GOATES: Sure, so I guess you guys read my
00:39:42 14 letter so you have some of the details. I just -- I really
00:39:50 15 believe in quality recreation in communities. I think it's
00:39:56 16 super important for the health of the community in general.
00:39:58 17 I would love to see -- I mean, I don't know all the
00:40:04 18 details of this authority, and it sounds like these things
00:40:06 19 are getting ironed out and evolving as the authority is
00:40:10 20 coming together, but I think we have some great resources in
00:40:16 21 the community, and I would love to see more involvement, you
00:40:26 22 know, practicals or working coalitions built between area
00:40:28 23 employers and other institutions in the area that have
00:40:34 24 interests in our community and resources and to build really
00:40:38 25 great things that increase the quality of life for the people

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00:42:36 1 and have actually done it. That's great. That's a part of
00:42:38 2 it, but I will ask you the first part so I won't ask you the
00:42:42 3 second part of my question the first time around but I will
00:42:46 4 ask you the first part. Do you have an understanding of how
00:42:50 5 we got to this point with truly a regional authority as to
00:42:56 6 what we had in the past?
00:42:58 7 MR. GOATES: I think I have a thumbnail sketch. I
00:43:00 8 don't have the whole history and I certainly would like to
00:43:02 9 know the whole history, but, I mean, as I understand it we
00:43:06 10 have two municipal governments on board that are pulling
00:43:08 11 their resources together to fund the authority or at least to
00:43:14 12 give the sort of basic funding for it, but it's also my
00:43:18 13 understanding that the borough used to be in the parks
00:43:22 14 business and doesn't really want to be.
00:43:26 15 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Not necessarily by choice
00:43:28 16 ever just so you understand that. I think most people here
00:43:30 17 believe in a broader type of recreational, a regional type of
00:43:36 18 recreation because it reaches more people and obviously
00:43:40 19 benefits a wider area.
00:43:44 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: The background to that is
00:43:46 21 that we were regional. The regional broke up.
00:43:50 22 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: It was regional -- it
00:43:50 23 wasn't an authority though. We've given it the teeth now to
00:43:52 24 last so this --
00:43:56 25 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Where recreation is

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00:40:42 1 that live here and increase the value of being here for
00:40:48 2 businesses and others with economic interests in the
00:40:52 3 community.
00:40:54 4 So I guess -- my background, so I'm a professor of
00:40:58 5 management at the university. I moved here in the 2006. I
00:41:06 6 have an MBA from the University of Utah and as an undergrad
00:41:06 7 studied recreation management but worked only very little in
00:41:10 8 the role. I worked for a mom and pop hotel resort thing for
00:41:16 9 awhile, did some snowmobile guiding in Colorado but have
00:41:24 10 tried to spend as much time in recreating in the great
00:41:28 11 outdoors as possible and have some experience organizing
00:41:32 12 events, cycling events mostly and which involves organizing a
00:41:40 13 lot of volunteers and dealing with a lot of, you know,
00:41:46 14 municipal and state government ordinances and regulations and
00:41:52 15 that sort of thing. So, you know, I believe that like the
00:41:56 16 healthy parks and rec department or authority should have
00:42:04 17 resources, you know, sort of physical resources like parks
00:42:08 18 and, you know, other things that it has and that those should
00:42:12 19 be kept up but also that there should be a focus on events,
00:42:18 20 things -- planning and opportunity for other people to use
00:42:20 21 park resources to, you know, do cool things for the community
00:42:26 22 for the people who live in the community.
00:42:28 23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you. Joe.
00:42:30 24 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Okay, well, you know,
00:42:30 25 obviously from your letter you have a passion for recreation

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00:43:58 1 different is unlike a water system or a sewer sister or a
00:44:00 2 trash system that only may benefit the people who reside
00:44:04 3 within a certain mile radius, the parks are largely visited
00:44:08 4 by people that are outside of that radius.
00:44:10 5 If you were to take Memorial Park and you were to
00:44:14 6 have somebody stand there and say where do you live, people
00:44:16 7 that visit Memorial Park, borough residents versus
00:44:22 8 Southampton Franklin residents or even Letterkenny Township
00:44:24 9 residents is going to far outweigh the actual borough.
00:44:28 10 Recreational is definitely a community situation, not a
00:44:32 11 municipality situation.
00:44:32 12 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: So that sort of leads to a
00:44:34 13 second question that I wasn't going to ask but, again, I have
00:44:40 14 sort of envisioned this as a growing authority with the
00:44:42 15 ability to attract other municipalities to join, and we set
00:44:50 16 it up that way that it can be expanded. So I guess my
00:44:54 17 question to you is and you don't even have to answer this but
00:44:56 18 to think about it if you would be appointed is how do you
00:45:00 19 accomplish -- how do you bring other municipalities in to
00:45:04 20 this authority as full members?
00:45:06 21 MR. GOATES: Well, the question as to how I'm not
00:45:08 22 sure but I -- I think the vision is great. It makes sense
00:45:16 23 that resources should be pulled. I mean, there's a lot of --
00:45:20 24 you know, I talk in the neighborhood that it's frustrating
00:45:24 25 that every single person has to own a lawnmower, like if we

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00:45:28 1 could pull our resources and have like one lawnmower per
00:45:32 2 block it would be much more effective.
00:45:48 3 My point being just that like I'm sure there's
00:45:50 4 plenty of opportunities to take advantage of economies of
00:45:52 5 scope and scale if you're working with other municipalities,
00:45:54 6 and it only makes sense because, as you said, as Kerri said,
00:45:58 7 that the people who are using those resources come from a
00:46:02 8 broader area as well.
00:46:06 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Angie.
00:46:08 10 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: Well, I know Nathan too,
00:46:10 11 just very little but fortunately, and I kind of have your --
00:46:16 12 just enough to know what your passion for sports and that
00:46:20 13 type of thing. I guess my only would be for funding like
00:46:24 14 what do you see as a vision for funding for the authority and
00:46:28 15 how could you lend to that?
00:46:30 16 MR. GOATES: So my understanding is that present --
00:46:34 17 the borough is committing a certain amount of money and
00:46:36 18 Southampton Township Franklin County is committing a certain
00:46:40 19 pot of money and then I guess other funding comes through
00:46:44 20 revenue from the pool and rental of the stadium.
00:46:52 21 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: And activity fees and --
00:46:54 22 yes.
00:46:56 23 MR. GOATES: So, I mean, it's hard to like give a
00:46:58 24 concrete proposal and sort of, you know, where I would see
00:47:02 25 funding coming from without understanding better what the

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00:48:54 1 second, and both of those require some sort of tricky
00:48:58 2 budgeting because you don't really know how many people are
00:49:00 3 going to show up to your event and you have to sort of, you
00:49:04 4 know plan, accordingly so, yeah, that's --
00:49:12 5 COUNCILWOMAN COY: That works. Thank you.
00:49:16 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kerri.
00:49:16 7 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I'm going to defer.
00:49:18 8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: John.
00:49:18 9 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: My thought is as you're a
00:49:24 10 professor at the university, I know quite a few hours meeting
00:49:32 11 classes but there's also a lot of hidden hours as far as
00:49:34 12 outside the classroom, papers, et cetera. Would you be able
00:49:42 13 to devote quite a bit of time -- would you be available to
00:49:50 14 manage professional activities and also this position? Is
00:49:56 15 that going to have a -- be able to accommodate what's
00:50:00 16 necessary as far as parks and recreation?
00:50:06 17 MR. GOATES: Yeah, I mean, of course, it would be a
00:50:08 18 challenge but, you know, I mean, I've tried to communicate --
00:50:12 19 as Angie said, my passion for recreation and I believe in it,
00:50:16 20 so it's something that I can, you know, get on board with and
00:50:20 21 am willing to spend some time and make some sacrifices to
00:50:24 22 participate but, I mean, you know, people are busy and I
00:50:30 23 think that anyone who is going to do a good job on the
00:50:34 24 authority is probably going to have other things going on in
00:50:36 25 their lives and so anyone, you know, is going to have time

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00:47:04 1 status quo is, but certainly I think there's a place for, you
00:47:12 2 know, sort of public money to be pushed in to a park budget,
00:47:16 3 but there's also room for, you know, funding that comes
00:47:18 4 through programs and I think there's more -- I think there's
00:47:24 5 opportunity for more programs than are offered and, I mean,
00:47:32 6 at that Turkey Trot 5K I was super excited to see how many
00:47:36 7 people showed up and those kind of events do a lot of good
00:47:42 8 for the community and can also, you know, be used as a
00:47:46 9 funding source, I mean, can be, not necessarily they should
00:47:50 10 be but those kind of events can be used as under source for
00:47:54 11 park and rec activities.
00:47:56 12 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: Thank you.
00:47:58 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kathy.
00:48:00 14 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Could you give some details on
00:48:04 15 what kind of budgeting experience you may have?
00:48:06 16 MR. GOATES: Well, I've never budgeted for a
00:48:16 17 living, I mean, I have an MBA so I'm familiar with sort of
00:48:22 18 accounts and pluses and minuses. You know, I help run the
00:48:30 19 cycling club at the university which has a budget and very
00:48:34 20 limited resources that we try to stretch as far as possible.
00:48:38 21 My philosophy with the cycling club is to try to --
00:48:42 22 cycling is an expensive sport for poor college students to
00:48:44 23 get in to and we try to stretch the money as far as we can to
00:48:48 24 encourage as many people as possible to get in to it. As
00:48:50 25 part of that we've put on one event and are putting on a

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00:50:40 1 conflicts and whatever, so but, I mean, I understand that it
00:50:46 2 will be a time commitment and so, yeah, I mean, I guess the
00:50:52 3 answer is yes, you know, I'm willing to.
00:50:56 4 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: Thank you.
00:50:56 5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: And then, yes, mine will
00:50:58 6 be the same as the one before sort of, again, the first
00:51:00 7 appointment is a year and then should future appointments
00:51:04 8 come they would be for a four year term. Do you have an idea
00:51:08 9 of what you might see as goals or vision for the one year
00:51:10 10 timeframe versus five year?
00:51:12 11 MR. GOATES: Yeah, that's tough, I mean, I imagine
00:51:16 12 that there will be a bit of a learning curve so I would hope
00:51:18 13 that in -- I hope that we get up to speed quick but it sounds
00:51:22 14 like there's some pretty important work to get done really
00:51:26 15 quick with this authority as a director needs to be hired and
00:51:34 16 some sort of groundwork laid out for like, you know, what
00:51:36 17 things are going to look like at the beginning, so I think
00:51:40 18 the first year plan is to get a director and to lay out some
00:51:46 19 vision for the future to lay out that five and 10 year plan,
00:51:50 20 figure out what the community needs are and what's going to
00:51:54 21 work for everyone's interest, but in the long run, as I said,
00:51:58 22 I would really like to see some meaningful coalitions built,
00:52:04 23 I mean, you know, I have friends at Volvo who control the
00:52:10 24 purse strings to their big charitable budget and they have
00:52:14 25 like all this money that they want to give to activities and

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00:52:16 1 things that are going to benefit the community that their
00:52:18 2 employees are part of, and they don't know who to give it to
00:52:22 3 and so, you know, any sort of event or, you know, anything
00:52:28 4 that they can sort of put their name on that's also going to
00:52:32 5 benefit their employees. And Volvo is not the only one. I
00:52:36 6 think all of these area employers and the university as well,
00:52:40 7 they all have an interest in what our community parks and rec
00:52:44 8 looks like and that's what I would -- that's what I would
00:52:46 9 really like to see happen in the near future is a meaningful
00:52:52 10 coalition built of some form or another that's hearing what
00:52:56 11 everyone's interests are in seeking to actively fulfill those
00:53:00 12 interests.

00:53:00 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Quick follow-up. Are you
00:53:02 14 shy about calling up folks and asking for money, I mean,
00:53:06 15 you've mentioned these partnerships, right, but they just
00:53:08 16 don't happen unless somebody makes that initial --

00:53:12 17 MR. GOATES: Right. Well, it depends what we're
00:53:14 18 asking money for. Yeah, I mean, this is something that's you
00:53:20 19 can ask for money for, and you can find ways to provide value
00:53:22 20 for the people who are giving the money, so this doesn't have
00:53:26 21 to be money that just disappears right, I mean, this can be
00:53:32 22 money that shows some real value for the people that are
00:53:36 23 giving it. It's not asking for money. It's developing a
00:53:40 24 partnership that benefits both parties I think.

00:53:42 25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you. Do you have

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00:55:14 1 know, and I've been around kids in the community and
00:55:20 2 Shippensburg Little League, midget basketball, officiated all
00:55:24 3 kind of things here in the community. I've been with for
00:55:28 4 years and the kids need something. As a police chief I see
00:55:34 5 it all the team. I'll dealing with kids that there's nothing
00:55:36 6 for them to do in this community. I think we need a center.
00:55:42 7 I don't think we need to talk about it any longer. I think
00:55:46 8 we need to step forward and at least try to provide a center
00:55:50 9 for these kids, somewhere where they can go when they come
00:55:52 10 after school other than walk the streets. I mean, the park
00:55:58 11 and rec is a good start, and we got two communities with the
00:56:04 12 authority but we're on a limited amount of time.

00:56:06 13 From the past this authority is carrying a monkey
00:56:10 14 on its back from what occurred in the past. There's a whole
00:56:12 15 lot of innuendos, things said, things some true, some not
00:56:14 16 true, but this authority has to come out running, has to know
00:56:20 17 -- has to have a plan of what they want to do and where they
00:56:22 18 want to go from. They can't two years, three years. This
00:56:26 19 first year has to be a big push, show the community and show
00:56:32 20 the sponsors that they have a plan that they want -- we have
00:56:36 21 to show some results. I think the people in the community
00:56:38 22 are tired of lip service. They want to see something, so
00:56:44 23 that's why I'm here.

00:56:46 24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you, Chief. Joe.

00:56:48 25 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: I won't ask Fred about his

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00:53:44 1 anything for us?

00:53:44 2 MR. GOATES: I don't think so.

00:53:48 3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right.

00:53:50 4 MR. GOATES: Thank you.

00:53:50 5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you very much.

00:53:54 6 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Next.

00:54:06 7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Welcome, Fred.

00:54:08 8 MR. SCOTT: Hello.

00:54:08 9 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: I just want to hear how
00:54:10 10 he's going to respond when we ask him to tell us about
00:54:14 11 himself. We don't know anything about him.

00:54:16 12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: You don't have to
00:54:18 13 introduce yourself exactly but if would you like to take a
00:54:20 14 minute to express anything in particular about your interests
00:54:22 15 in being on the park and rec authority you are more than
00:54:26 16 welcome to and then we'll do the round robin then.

00:54:30 17 MR. SCOTT: Really I didn't have an interest. I
00:54:34 18 knew about the opening because I've been on the other one and
00:54:38 19 Joe approached me, said about possibly opening up and I
00:54:42 20 thought about it. I sit here like a lot community people
00:54:48 21 saying the kids in the community need something, and all my
00:54:52 22 life I believed in if you don't try, you don't do, so I can't
00:54:58 23 -- realistically I talked to many people. There wasn't but
00:55:02 24 two people told me that I should do this and my boss wasn't
00:55:06 25 one of them, but it's a case of if you don't try, you don't

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00:55:50 1 passion for recreation because I coached baseball when he was
00:56:52 2 the player -- what was the title?

00:56:56 3 MR. SCOTT: Player agent.

00:56:58 4 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Player agent for the
00:57:00 5 senior division, and Fred and I had our issues every once in
00:57:04 6 a while but mostly things were very good, and he was very
00:57:06 7 organized at the time and ran the senior division the way
00:57:10 8 Little League baseball should be run, so I know where his
00:57:12 9 heart is with kids and recreation, but I will ask since he
00:57:16 10 was part of the old regional board which had no teeth and
00:57:24 11 served at the pleasure of the communities that sponsored it
00:57:30 12 and obviously it wasn't a pleasurable experience for a lot
00:57:34 13 because it didn't last, but this authority has teeth and is
00:57:38 14 set up for the long haul but it's also set up to grow and
00:57:42 15 that will be my question to you, Chief, how do we make this
00:57:44 16 authority -- how do we -- how do you work to make this
00:57:50 17 authority grow to surrounding -- other surrounding
00:57:54 18 communities and encouraging them to become full members as
00:58:00 19 well as the school district?

00:58:02 20 MR. SCOTT: You got to show them something. We got
00:58:04 21 a park. They got a park. What do we have special that they
00:58:06 22 don't have. We as a authority, we have to show them that we
00:58:10 23 have something that they don't have. We have programs that
00:58:14 24 they don't have. We have something the kids want to come to
00:58:16 25 that they don't have. We have to go to the school district

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00:58:20 1 and demand, not ask, demand that we have more access to their
00:58:22 2 facilities, that we can use their -- people in the community
00:58:26 3 can use their swimming pool one night a week, that we can
00:58:28 4 have access to their classrooms, to have access to the
00:58:32 5 gymnasium. Those things, we as a community have to make
00:58:36 6 available for people within the community. We pay taxes.
00:58:40 7 Why is the school so hesitant about letting us use the
00:58:44 8 facilities that they have up there.
00:58:48 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Thank you. Angie.
00:58:50 10 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: I can't think of a darn
00:58:52 11 thing. I just got so in to what you were saying and I lost
00:58:58 12 my train of thought so pass me. I might come up with
00:59:02 13 something toward the end. Sorry.
00:59:04 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Kathy.
00:59:04 15 COUNCILWOMAN COY: I was going to ask you about
00:59:06 16 your budgeting experience but I know that so we're not going
00:59:08 17 to go there. So if we could go kind of similar different
00:59:14 18 route from where Joe was how do you sell an idea and that
00:59:20 19 that's going to kind of overlap with what you say but if you
00:59:22 20 can come up with a different way -- how do you sell an idea?
00:59:24 21 If you have an idea you're going probably to have to sell it
00:59:28 22 to other people on the authority as well. How do you sell
00:59:30 23 your ideas?
00:59:30 24 MR. SCOTT: To other people. I guess the way to do
00:59:38 25 it is look them in the eye and tell them this is what it is

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01:01:16 1 able to show you that we're -- if I'm fortunate to be on that
01:01:20 2 we're a viable interest that is worth putting money in to us
01:01:24 3 and that's the biggest, to be able to have a facility that's
01:01:28 4 all around available, like I said, the school and eventually
01:01:30 5 have our own facility. I think that's the major -- one of my
01:01:36 6 -- I want to make one of my major goals. I talked to some
01:01:36 7 people and I talked to them and we all think it's feasible
01:01:38 8 that we can build our own facility for the community. It's
01:01:44 9 going to take a lot of money but if we don't put it out there
01:01:48 10 we will never know if some person has a couple extra thousand
01:01:52 11 dollars or a million dollars that they want to donate. You
01:01:54 12 never know. On the news today someone gave almost \$200,000
01:02:00 13 for people to pay their layaway.
01:02:04 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Wal-Mart, 79,000 someone
01:02:06 15 paid off all their layaways.
01:02:08 16 MR. SCOTT: So maybe we have somebody in
01:02:10 17 Shippensburg like that. I've talked to some people and I
01:02:12 18 think I have -- I think I got a nucleus. I think the Boys &
01:02:18 19 Girls Club and CARE and a couple other organizations within
01:02:20 20 the community, churches. If we all get together I think we
01:02:24 21 can accomplish it because we're all after the same thing.
01:02:30 22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right.
01:02:30 23 MR. SCOTT: Does that answer your question?
01:02:32 24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Does that answer it?
01:02:32 25 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I suppose.

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00:59:42 1 and show them what it is. If it's wrong, they can show me.
00:59:46 2 I'm a reasonable person. I don't have the best ideas. I can
00:59:48 3 change, but if I think I'm right I'm going to fight to the
00:59:52 4 death. I might lose but I'm going to fight.
00:59:54 5 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Thank you. I knew that too, but
00:59:58 6 I thought I better come up with something.
01:00:00 7 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I feel like I almost need to
01:00:04 8 ask him a question that's going to throw him for a loop. I
01:00:06 9 just don't know if I can come up with something good enough.
01:00:14 10 What do you see as being the -- what do you --
01:00:16 11 okay, I got to think how I can word this. What do you see as
01:00:22 12 being the biggest roadblock for this authority?
01:00:28 13 MR. SCOTT: Facilities. Five months out of the
01:00:34 14 year there's no income. We have nothing. When it gets cold,
01:00:40 15 November, December, January, February, March, four or five --
01:00:44 16 April, either way, four or five months there's nothing.
01:00:48 17 There is no income. We need facilities to make income. That
01:00:52 18 was the downfall -- one of the downfalls. We was tearing up
01:00:56 19 in the summer, but then once it got cold we had expenses but
01:00:58 20 had no income. We have to overcome that to be able to
01:01:04 21 survive. If we don't overcome it, I don't know if this will
01:01:08 22 survive because let's put it like this. Let's be realistic.
01:01:10 23 You're only going to put so much money in it. Southampton
01:01:12 24 Township, Franklin County is only going to put so much money
01:01:14 25 in it, so we have to be in a position that we're at least

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01:02:34 1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: John, what do you have
01:02:38 2 for the chief?
01:02:38 3 MR. SCOTT: One of the questions I asked the other
01:02:42 4 candidates was you have the position of being police chief
01:02:46 5 here in town and it's very time consuming but I was wondering
01:02:50 6 would you be able to devote enough time for the recreation
01:02:56 7 without having it impinge on your professional life?
01:03:02 8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Or his personal personal
01:03:04 9 life.
01:03:04 10 MR. SCOTT: If I didn't think I had the time to
01:03:06 11 devote to the system -- my name is very important to me. And
01:03:10 12 I don't try to put my name on nothing that I think that is
01:03:14 13 going to sort of embarrass me or my family, so if I didn't
01:03:16 14 think I have the time I wouldn't be here.
01:03:20 15 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: Thank you.
01:03:20 16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right, Chief, same
01:03:22 17 one, looking at one year sort of goals and five year goals I
01:03:26 18 think you've hit on it a bit.
01:03:30 19 MR. SCOTT: First year goal, to get the basis for
01:03:36 20 the next -- for first year's goal to set the -- do as much as
01:03:40 21 we can to show the community both the township and the
01:03:44 22 borough and the community that we're there, that we are there
01:03:50 23 and we're trying. That's the first year goal is to show the
01:03:54 24 community, and I think if we show enough improvement fight or
01:03:58 25 whatever you want to say in that first year, it will

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01:04:00 1 perpetuate in to the second, third and fourth year and fifth
01:04:04 2 year.
01:04:04 3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Do you have any idea of a
01:04:06 4 program that we don't currently have that you would like to
01:04:08 5 see implemented in that timeframe? You don't have to but, I
01:04:16 6 mean, that's fine. I just was wondering if you did.
01:04:20 7 MR. SCOTT: To me the authority -- it is not the
01:04:26 8 authority's responsibility to get the programs. It's the
01:04:28 9 director's responsibility. I'm supposed to make it available
01:04:32 10 -- I'm supposed to make it easier for the director to do her
01:04:34 11 job -- him or her job just like you do for me as the police
01:04:38 12 chief. Your job is to make it easier for me to do my job and
01:04:42 13 mayor and I think that's my job. It's not my job to make
01:04:44 14 programs. If she's hired or he's hired to do a job it's
01:04:48 15 their job to make that -- to bring up the programs and come
01:04:52 16 up with the revenue. I'm supposed to make the facilities and
01:04:54 17 everything else available for them.
01:04:56 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Fair enough. Do you have
01:04:58 19 anything?
01:05:00 20 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: With your being chief of police
01:05:04 21 do you see any negative impact should you happen to be
01:05:10 22 successful with being appointed to the board?
01:05:14 23 MR. SCOTT: No, I think it's an asset for the
01:05:16 24 community as the chief of police and dealing with juveniles
01:05:20 25 and parents and organizations from my history I think it will

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01:08:54 1 (Invocation and Pledge)
01:08:54 2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Let's start with the --
01:08:58 3 well, actually let's open it up for public comment, and then
01:09:02 4 we'll go on to reports just kind of creature of habit.
01:09:04 5 Is there anyone here that would like to address
01:09:06 6 council during the public comment period? All right, then
01:09:10 7 we'll move on. The Mayor.
01:09:12 8 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Breaking news. The Christmas
01:09:16 9 party scheduled for the firefighters activity center Thursday
01:09:22 10 evening has been moved to the Shippensburg University Rec
01:09:26 11 Center due to an overabundance of people who have signed up.
01:09:32 12 There are over 600 people intending to participate in the
01:09:38 13 event with a waiting list at this point.
01:09:44 14 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Is this the Stewart
01:09:46 15 Foundation dinner?
01:09:48 16 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: No. Scott Brown organized the
01:09:56 17 Christmas party. I think it's in conjunction with the
01:10:02 18 chamber. It's the party that happened last year and the year
01:10:06 19 before at the firefighters activity center, and it's outgrown
01:10:10 20 its venue.
01:10:12 21 So, secondly, on a personal note you will notice --
01:10:20 22 possibly after the 24th you will notice a sign -- for sale
01:10:24 23 sign in front of 304 West King Street. Janice and I have
01:10:28 24 come to an agreement that that house is not big enough for
01:10:32 25 the both of us so we're actually going to try it in a smaller

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01:05:22 1 be once I'm no longer chief I'm just Fred Scott and be it
01:05:28 2 whatever. Being Chief Fred school makes a difference when I
01:05:32 3 call you than just Fred Scott. That's an asset.
01:05:38 4 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: You will always be Chief
01:05:44 5 Scott.
01:05:44 6 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: We'll name you chief emeritus.
01:05:48 7 That is my -- you know, that is my one concern, the negative
01:05:54 8 aspect of the being the chief of police and being on the park
01:06:02 9 and recreation board.
01:06:02 10 MR. SCOTT: I just have to update myself on the
01:06:06 11 music because the last time the lady asked me about 50 cents,
01:06:08 12 I thought she was talking about money and she was talking
01:06:12 13 about the recording store. I'll have to do better on music.
01:06:18 14 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Thank you.
01:06:18 15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Chief, do you have
01:06:20 16 anything to ask us or anything to add?
01:06:22 17 MR. SCOTT: No, I just appreciate your
01:06:24 18 consideration. Whatever choice you make I'll still be chief.
01:06:28 19 I'll still do what I got to do.
01:06:30 20 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Thanks, Chief.
01:06:30 21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay, with that just to
01:06:32 22 make note we didn't formally open the meeting as we didn't
01:06:36 23 have a quorum so we will take the time now to do the formal
01:06:40 24 steps of actually starting the meeting and we will do the
01:06:42 25 invocation and pledge of allegiance.

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01:10:40 1 location but it is my intention and our intention to remain
01:10:44 2 in the Borough of Shippensburg until the end of 2017 at which
01:10:50 3 time the Lord willing and the creek don't rise we're willing
01:10:54 4 to fly, but that's the beginning of the downsizing at 304
01:11:06 5 West King Street, and it is available for sale and if
01:11:08 6 somebody comes up and buys it tomorrow we're going to have to
01:11:12 7 get.
01:11:12 8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: But you'll get in to the
01:11:14 9 borough.
01:11:14 10 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: We'll get in to the borough
01:11:16 11 somewhere. There are a lot of empty beat up houses up on
01:11:20 12 Orange Street that I could possibly fix up in my spare time.
01:11:24 13 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: That would be a lot of
01:11:26 14 naps.
01:11:28 15 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Other than that I think we're
01:11:30 16 ready for the holiday period and the domestic squabbles and
01:11:38 17 things like that that often take place over the holiday
01:11:42 18 period but our department appears to be in position to handle
01:11:50 19 those types of things with Fred and his directorial voice
01:11:54 20 straighten up because Santa clause is coming.
01:12:02 21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Finance and Budget. We
01:12:04 22 have the budget to be approved on the agenda tonight so we
01:12:08 23 didn't do any other meeting.
01:12:12 24 Employee Relations. We did have a meeting with the
01:12:14 25 negotiating group on Monday and we will have some discussion

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01:12:20 1 of that in exec. Transportation?
01:12:24 2 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Nothing.
01:12:26 3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Public Works?
01:12:28 4 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Nothing.
01:12:28 5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Planning Zoning?
01:12:30 6 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: I don't have anything.
01:12:32 7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Technology?
01:12:34 8 COUNCILWOMAN FACCHINEI: Nope. Nothing.
01:12:34 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Shippensburg Area EMS?
01:12:38 10 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Haven't the new notebooks been
01:12:40 11 ordered?
01:12:40 12 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: They're blue for next year.
01:12:44 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Welcome, Heather. Just
01:12:46 14 talk over the mayor.
01:12:50 15 MS. FRANZONI: So for November 2015 we ran about 80
01:12:54 16 calls in the borough. December 1 to date about 25 calls
01:12:56 17 within the borough.
01:12:58 18 This year to date we had 849 calls within the
01:13:02 19 borough and total to date as a station we 4,603 which is
01:13:06 20 obviously the highest we've ran on record.
01:13:10 21 Memberships were sent out in the last month. We
01:13:10 22 kept them at the \$75 which was kind of one our -- when we
01:13:16 23 initially got the ALS service was to lower membership cost
01:13:18 24 for the residents. Of course, we honored that again this
01:13:20 25 year. Memberships were sent out at the \$75 rate. We're also

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01:14:28 1 working hard to continue to retain and recruit all volunteers
01:14:30 2 including the career staff.
01:14:34 3 The last thing that we wanted to kind of update you
01:14:36 4 on, we're going to work with Adams County Regional which in
01:14:40 5 the EMS world is very new to the Adams County EMS system
01:14:44 6 which ultimately happened because Wellspring collapsed so what
01:14:48 7 happened is Adams County Regional had to basically pull a
01:14:50 8 bunch of resources, pull a bunch of equipment, a bunch of
01:14:54 9 trucks and start running 911 calls kind of without being
01:14:56 10 prepared.
01:14:56 11 What that came down to is they asked us to help
01:14:58 12 them write a regional grant so we were up there this week to
01:15:02 13 help them work on that grant and because they are a new
01:15:04 14 system and we're similar with being a new system and being
01:15:08 15 the new guy in trying to get the support but on the other
01:15:10 16 hand with the collapse of Wellspring 73 has actually picked up
01:15:14 17 some of the first due area now in Adams County. It's kind of
01:15:18 18 default in how the box cards are ran so if nothing else is
01:15:22 19 coming we're next in line with the collapse of the system.
01:15:24 20 So for this grant it's going to help offset all the
01:15:28 21 costs we have in the future, whether it's equipment, fuel,
01:15:32 22 whatever. At some point for the FEMA grant we might ask the
01:15:34 23 borough in a separate agenda for a letter of endorsement for
01:15:38 24 the FEMA grant, but I would, of course, explain that in the
01:15:42 25 future agenda just so you guys didn't see it or hear about it

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01:13:24 1 doing a couple of events in the elderly community to insure
01:13:28 2 that they all have their memberships.
01:13:30 3 Last weekend we went up to Episcopal Towers, played
01:13:32 4 like a holiday bingo with them, made sure they all had their
01:13:34 5 memberships, were able to fill it out.
01:13:36 6 On Thursday I'm sending crews out to the cottages.
01:13:38 7 We're doing a conjoined event with them out there to make
01:13:42 8 sure that they have their memberships if they need help
01:13:44 9 filling them out, so we're trying to get out in the community
01:13:46 10 a little bit, and another thing if council is okay with it if
01:13:48 11 we could leave some blank ones here we would like to just,
01:13:52 12 you know, have some sort of direct space if they don't feel
01:13:56 13 comfortable trying to find their way around the big station
01:13:58 14 if we're just able to leave them here.
01:14:02 15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Have you left any at the
01:14:02 16 community center?
01:14:04 17 MS. FRANZONI: Yes, I've actually had one of the
01:14:04 18 other officers to take one to Branch Creek, yeah, so we're
01:14:08 19 going to send some over there if everyone is okay we'll leave
01:14:12 20 some here as well.
01:14:12 21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Yes.
01:14:14 22 MS. FRANZONI: Our new EMT class which I talked to
01:14:16 23 you all about last year starts in January. So we'll get a
01:14:20 24 whole new group of EMT's which will hopefully increase our
01:14:24 25 volunteer, increase retention. That committee is still

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01:15:46 1 and weren't aware of it. We wanted to keep you updated on
01:15:48 2 the changes not far from the county line so if you have any
01:15:52 3 questions on it or you hear something about it you can always
01:15:54 4 feel free to call me.
01:15:56 5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay, thank you. One
01:15:56 6 quick question. If somebody was interested in a new EMT
01:16:00 7 class how would they find information?
01:16:02 8 MS. FRANZONI: They can call the duty officer
01:16:04 9 phone, 717-729-0210. The duty officer will be able to get
01:16:12 10 them in contact with our training officer Connie McGill and
01:16:16 11 she'll be able to get them set up.
01:16:20 12 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Is that something that's on
01:16:20 13 our website or something that could be put on our website?
01:16:22 14 MS. FRANZONI: Yes.
01:16:22 15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Is it on your website?
01:16:26 16 MS. FRANZONI: Yes, it's on my website as well
01:16:28 17 under trainings. As soon as you get on there all the
01:16:32 18 information about the EMT class is on there.
01:16:32 19 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: When does the registration
01:16:34 20 end?
01:16:34 21 MR. HARTSOCK: Actually we'll take registration up
01:16:38 22 until the class is filled and we're at 20 so I think we have
01:16:42 23 five spots left.
01:16:44 24 MS. FRANZONI: If you know family or friends who
01:16:46 25 are interested, if they want to become a member and if

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01:16:48 1 they're accepted as a member -- conditionally accepted as a
01:16:52 2 member at 73, we'll offset their costs within a contract to
01:16:54 3 give back then to the station.
01:16:58 4 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Do you want to give the
01:16:58 5 information to John. Maybe we can put it on the website and
01:17:02 6 then for future recruitment type of events as well.
01:17:06 7 MS. FRANZONI: That would be awesome. I can email
01:17:08 8 it to you, John.
01:17:12 9 MANAGER EPLEY: That would be great.
01:17:14 10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Randy isn't here tonight.
01:17:16 11 We did get a report though. EMS.
01:17:20 12 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Not here.
01:17:22 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Park and Rec Advisory
01:17:24 14 Board. Again, that can be taken off the standard list
01:17:32 15 because we don't have an advisory board anymore and the park
01:17:36 16 and rec authority doesn't have to report to us so you're
01:17:38 17 welcome to if you want to.
01:17:42 18 Bryan, do you have anything at this point?
01:17:42 19 MR. SALZMANN: I don't.
01:17:44 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Chief?
01:17:44 21 MR. SCOTT: Not much going on. It's been
01:17:50 22 relatively quiet due to the holidays, students graduated.
01:17:52 23 The drunks are normal, so other than that it's been pretty
01:17:54 24 quiet.
01:18:00 25 We would like to -- I talked to you -- well, it

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01:19:04 1 good. Are you going to say something?
01:19:08 2 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Yes.
01:19:10 3 MR. SCOTT: What are you going to say?
01:19:12 4 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Have we had any deaths related
01:19:14 5 to heroin overdose that you know of in the Borough of
01:19:18 6 Shippensburg at this point?
01:19:20 7 MR. SCOTT: EMS takes them to Chambersburg Hospital
01:19:24 8 and they pass away there. Unless we know -- unless we get
01:19:28 9 drugs at the scene we really don't get involved in it because
01:19:34 10 no telling where they ingested the drugs at. I know
01:19:38 11 Chambersburg and Carlisle has a few. To my knowledge there's
01:19:42 12 been individuals pass but none here in town. It's been kind
01:19:44 13 of slow since we knocked that one guy off and things have
01:19:50 14 been kind of slow here in town.
01:19:52 15 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: Nevertheless we should be
01:19:54 16 concerned about the epidemic?
01:19:56 17 MR. SCOTT: Everybody is. Everybody is concerned
01:19:58 18 about it.
01:19:58 19 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: And the public should know that
01:20:00 20 the ultimate result of the use of heroin in most all
01:20:06 21 probability -- or not most but most all cases ends in death.
01:20:12 22 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Franklin County did take a
01:20:14 23 gigantic gigantic hit with heroin the week before last. They
01:20:16 24 had a tremendous amount of overdoses. In four days I think
01:20:22 25 there was a total of seven. That was deaths and then there

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01:18:02 1 came up a couple months ago about the cameras. What we're
01:18:06 2 talking about, I would like to know if it's possible to put a
01:18:08 3 demonstration on first of January to see exactly what we're
01:18:12 4 talking about.
01:18:14 5 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Well, our first January
01:18:14 6 meeting -- their first January meeting is a reorganization
01:18:20 7 meeting, so it's not on our typical day so it's probably
01:18:22 8 better if you do it for the second meeting.
01:18:24 9 MR. SCOTT: That's fine.
01:18:26 10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: That would be January
01:18:28 11 4th, Monday.
01:18:30 12 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: That would be the first
01:18:30 13 meeting, but if you go moved it to the second meeting.
01:18:32 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Right, that's what I'm
01:18:34 15 saying. Instead of Tuesday it would be the fourth, the
01:18:36 16 Monday and then the other would be the standard third
01:18:38 17 Tuesday.
01:18:40 18 MR. SCOTT: You can ask what questions. The public
01:18:42 19 can see what we're talking about -- what we're thinking about
01:18:44 20 doing. I didn't know if I can get your help, Kevin.
01:18:48 21 MR. PLASTERER: Sure.
01:18:52 22 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: So, Chief, the 19th of
01:18:54 23 January, that would work?
01:18:54 24 MR. SCOTT: That would be fine. I'll get it set
01:18:58 25 up. That's about it. Cars are going. Equipment is pretty

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01:20:24 1 was --
01:20:26 2 MR. SCOTT: I don't know what --
01:20:26 3 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: Twenties and 30's of
01:20:28 4 overdoses that were reported at the hospital. It was a
01:20:32 5 tremendous amount.
01:20:32 6 MR. SCOTT: I don't know if the batch was bad or
01:20:32 7 the dosage was high but we haven't had -- like I said,
01:20:38 8 burglary is down since we knocked off that one guy but
01:20:40 9 eventually it won't take long before somebody fills their
01:20:44 10 spot.
01:20:44 11 COUNCILWOMAN COY: It seems like it was pretty
01:20:48 12 quiet over graduation. Did you notice that or was it just me
01:20:48 13 being in the downtown area? I thought it was relatively
01:20:50 14 quiet.
01:20:50 15 MR. SCOTT: It's been quiet. It's been relatively
01:20:54 16 quiet out. The weather has been good too.
01:20:56 17 COUNCILWOMAN COY: That's what I thought it would
01:20:58 18 have been a lot worse, so that was a good thing.
01:21:00 19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: All right, thank you,
01:21:02 20 Chief. John, what do you have for us?
01:21:02 21 MR. SCOTT: Excuse me, one second. I know council
01:21:08 22 has been very supportive of the police department but since
01:21:10 23 this is Kerri Burrows last meeting I want to acknowledge her,
01:21:14 24 appreciate all the support you have been to the police
01:21:16 25 department, screaming and hollering for us and I want you to

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01:21:20 1 know we do appreciate it.
01:21:24 2 MAYOR HOCKERSMITH: I told him to say that.
01:21:24 3 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I know you did.
01:21:28 4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: She still knows all our
01:21:30 5 email and phone numbers that we may hear a thing on occasion
01:21:32 6 or two. All right, John.
01:21:36 7 MAYOR EPLEY: I just provided council with an
01:21:38 8 updated report just tonight. I'm sorry it's so late but I
01:21:42 9 was trying to update it as quickly as I could.
01:21:44 10 I do have some other items to talk to council
01:21:46 11 about, but I believe one of them is an agenda item and a
01:21:50 12 couple other things we'll do under other business.
01:21:52 13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Okay.
01:21:55 14 Council, do you have any questions for John? I
01:21:58 15 know we haven't had a chance to process this update so we can
01:22:00 16 always ask him individually through the week.
01:22:10 17 All right, we'll then go on to the business agenda.
01:22:12 18 First up is consideration to approve the minutes from
01:22:12 19 December 1st.
01:22:14 20 COUNCILWOMAN COY: So moved.
01:22:16 21 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Second.
01:22:16 22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: A motion by Kathy and a
01:22:18 23 second by Joe. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
01:22:22 24 those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0.
01:22:26 25 Next is the appointment of members to vacant and

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01:23:46 1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Discussion.
01:23:46 2 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I have no problem starting
01:23:50 3 this discussion. I took the -- what I would consider leap of
01:23:58 4 faith during the water authority because I saw that there was
01:24:02 5 a need for a change, and when I got on the water authority it
01:24:08 6 was a huge learning curve for me. I learned a tremendous
01:24:12 7 amount in a very short amount of time. I have so much more
01:24:14 8 to learn, but I really feel that there's a lot more that
01:24:18 9 needs to be done, and I personally feel that Mr. Torri is not
01:24:24 10 the right person to move forward with, so I will make a
01:24:28 11 motion to appoint Angelo.
01:24:32 12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Is there a second?
01:24:34 13 COUNCILWOMAN COY: I'll second it.
01:24:36 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: We have a motion by Kerri
01:24:38 15 and a second by Kathy to appoint Angelo to the Borough
01:24:42 16 Authority. Any further discussion?
01:24:42 17 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: I have to say I've known Angelo.
01:24:48 18 I met him about 20 years ago, and I've always had a cordial
01:24:54 19 relationship with him, and I know that he's a very competent
01:25:02 20 individual and what he doesn't know he'll be able to find
01:25:08 21 out, and based on that I feel comfortable supporting Angelo's
01:25:20 22 nomination.
01:25:24 23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Any other discussion?
01:25:28 24 Hearing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries
01:25:34 25 6-0.

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01:22:32 1 open board positions, and what I would propose is that we do
01:22:34 2 the appointments where there were no choices to be made,
01:22:40 3 simply the reappointments of people that were already on the
01:22:40 4 board and for whom there was no one challenging the position.
01:22:44 5 MANAGER EPLEY: Those are listed at the bottom of
01:22:46 6 the sheet that I provided with all the appointees to be
01:22:48 7 appointed.
01:22:50 8 COUNCILMAN ALOSI: Page nine.
01:22:52 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: I'm thinking we are
01:22:54 10 looking for a motion to appoint Steve Coover for HARB,
01:23:00 11 Elizabeth Maurer-Minnich for HARB and Planning Commission,
01:23:02 12 Christopher Woltemade for Zoning Hearing Board, Steven
01:23:06 13 Brenize for Industrial Development Authority, Ray Cullen for
01:23:08 14 the Enterprise Zone Loan Committee and Grace Keiter for the
01:23:08 15 Civil Service Commission.
01:23:12 16 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: So moved.
01:23:12 17 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Second.
01:23:12 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: Motion by Joe and a
01:23:14 19 second by Kathy. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
01:23:16 20 those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0.
01:23:22 21 Then let's start with the first one is the
01:23:24 22 Shippensburg Borough Authority. We had two applicants, Dr.
01:23:28 23 Geno Torri who is looking for a reappointment and Angelo
01:23:44 24 Tsambiras.
01:23:44 25 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: So discussion?

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01:25:34 1 Next is the consideration for appointment for the
01:25:38 2 remaining one year of the term for the park and rec
01:25:42 3 authority. For that we have three interviewees. Would
01:25:48 4 someone like to start discussion?
01:25:48 5 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: Yeah, I'll be glad to open
01:25:52 6 the discussion on this, and it's wonderful to see really
01:26:00 7 qualified candidates which we have three tonight.
01:26:06 8 As the chief mentioned in the beginning before we
01:26:08 9 had any I had actually asked him to throw his name in to the
01:26:14 10 ring -- or his hat in to the ring in this, and I think
01:26:16 11 initially he turned me down flat out, you know, are you
01:26:22 12 crazy. And then after he thought about it and knowing how
01:26:26 13 the chief has been involved with kids not just through his
01:26:32 14 time with the police department which I think he's always
01:26:34 15 given young people a very fair shake when he could, but
01:26:40 16 involved in recreation in the past with the previous regional
01:26:44 17 board and even before that with Little League and what have
01:26:48 18 you, I do think that in this case with an authority just
01:26:54 19 starting out needing to get its feet on the ground and maybe
01:26:56 20 even pushed along in some places that he is the candidate to
01:27:00 21 do that.
01:27:00 22 Now that being said, I don't want to discourage
01:27:04 23 Nathan or Mitchell from coming back and volunteering again
01:27:08 24 because we did have three good candidates here tonight.
01:27:12 25 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I would actually echo

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01:27:14 1 exactly what Joe was going to say. Actually if I could meld
01:27:20 2 the three personalities in to one person it literally would
01:27:24 3 be like the utopian candidate, but the reason why the chief
01:27:28 4 -- or Fred Scott is the person that I would lean to is really
01:27:34 5 just because he is so much more familiar with the way
01:27:38 6 municipal government works because of what he does, and I
01:27:42 7 think that that is really -- would be a huge strength and
01:27:46 8 help for the authority because they are just starting out and
01:27:52 9 they do I think in a lot of ways would very much appreciate
01:27:58 10 that kind of direction and push and how things work, and he
01:28:02 11 also does have a tremendous amount of resources at his
01:28:06 12 fingertips just because he has just been such a visual part
01:28:08 13 of the community for so many years, but, once again, Mr.
01:28:14 14 Burrows and Mr. Goates, I didn't want to say Goates if it was
01:28:20 15 Gates so, Mr. Goates, amazingly qualified candidates. I
01:28:26 16 really appreciate your time and we'll just put you on the
01:28:30 17 mailing list for all future appointments that come open so
01:28:34 18 you guy can feel free to come in, but I do appreciate your
01:28:38 19 time. Thank you.

01:28:44 20 COUNCILMAN HOCKERSMITH: If there's no other
01:28:46 21 discussion I'll make a motion that we appoint --
01:28:48 22 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: More discussion. Go ahead,
01:28:50 23 Andrea.
01:28:50 24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAGE: I was just going to say.
01:28:52 25 It is tough that we kind of have some balance between someone

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01:28:56 1 we know and has been on the park and rec commission before
01:29:02 2 and that brings with it a lot of benefit, but there's also a
01:29:04 3 benefit to some fresh perspective and so I'm really torn and
01:29:08 4 I think that we have someone that's new in the community --
01:29:12 5 well, not new in the community. That's terrible because I'm
01:29:14 6 considered new in the community. I came in '94 and I don't
01:29:18 7 like to think I'm new. It's not nice to say somebody that
01:29:20 8 came in several years ago is new. I don't mean it that way.
01:29:24 9 I guess I'm showing my age. I'm thinking of you as younger,
01:29:30 10 sorry, but that's trying to get involved has a lot of growth
01:29:36 11 within this community. Imagine a family coming up and I
01:29:38 12 think has the enthusiasm with -- Nathan is a neighbor and a
01:29:42 13 friend. I know that he has a passion for recreation and not
01:29:46 14 just the traditional forms of recreation but also
01:29:52 15 nontraditional, and I believe he's a very creative mind and
01:29:54 16 has connections to the business world that could be
01:29:58 17 insightful for a new authority that is looking to not just
01:30:04 18 depend on the municipalities to support them but to look
01:30:08 19 outside of those funding sources and to look at building
01:30:12 20 connections with business who let's face it are some of the
01:30:16 21 folks that we might be able to ring some dollars from in
01:30:18 22 addition to improving our programs and revenues from that, so
01:30:24 23 I really do believe that there could be a benefit from that
01:30:28 24 new and different perspective and one that has a background
01:30:32 25 in recreation, so I think that we do have a challenge before

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01:30:38 1 us. I think that there are benefits in looking at --
01:30:40 2 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: I actually agree with
01:30:42 3 everything that you said and when the authority was
01:30:46 4 originally formed that was kind of my idea, you know, let's
01:30:50 5 get new fresh perspectives. Let's mix it up. Let's not get
01:30:54 6 the same names, and I think that that is a huge benefit.
01:31:02 7 My big concern is that -- and I think something
01:31:06 8 that maybe we kind of didn't fully understand because we're
01:31:12 9 here and we have the support of our management team. The
01:31:16 10 park and rec authority does not have that kind of full-time
01:31:22 11 staff to support them in their decisions. They're kind of
01:31:26 12 out there on their own and they're feeling their way around
01:31:28 13 on their own, and I think that while we do have a lot of
01:31:32 14 fresh blood and great insight on the authority as it is, I
01:31:36 15 think my personal opinion is one of the things that they may
01:31:40 16 need now somebody that does have that insight and that
01:31:42 17 experience with municipality to go forward and, I mean, other
01:31:48 18 than that I agree with you 100 percent.

01:32:00 19 COUNCILWOMAN COY: Honestly, I really am torn. I
01:32:04 20 believe that the chief does -- Mr. Scott as we'll go that
01:32:12 21 way.
01:32:14 22 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: He's earned that title.
01:32:16 23 COUNCILWOMAN COY: He has definitely -- he
01:32:16 24 definitely is, you know, I don't want to throw him under the
01:32:18 25 bus, but I also believe and I'm swaying -- no offense but I'm

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01:32:24 1 swaying towards Mr. Goates because he interviewed really well
01:32:28 2 and he answered a lot of the things that I was thinking. He
01:32:32 3 hit them on the head so, I mean, not that the chief might not
01:32:34 4 have said that. We know him and so he didn't answer so I am
01:32:40 5 torn. I'm really torn between the two.
01:32:44 6 COUNCILWOMAN BURROWS: One of the things that the
01:32:44 7 chief said to me and I actually looked at Andrea when he said
01:32:48 8 this because, once again, it was a completely different
01:32:50 9 perspective because when we originally did the initial
01:32:52 10 interviews for the authority my questions were what programs
01:32:56 11 would you like to see added. What's the biggest assets to
01:33:02 12 Memorial Park and I think over the last seven or eight months
01:33:04 13 one of the things that I've come to terms with is that isn't
01:33:08 14 what they're there for. Just like we're not here sitting
01:33:12 15 around this table to make managerial decisions. That is the
01:33:16 16 reason why they have a park and rec manager. They are there
01:33:18 17 to support the park and rec manager, and the park and rec
01:33:22 18 manager is the one that is going to be moving the park
01:33:24 19 forward and that was one of the biggest things that when she
01:33:30 20 said that, I'm like, yes, exactly, ding, ding, ding and I
01:33:34 21 actually looked at Andrea when he said that because how much
01:33:36 22 my opinion of what is needed has changed in the last seven
01:33:42 23 months for that authority because I think it's been a
01:33:46 24 learning experience for all of us, so that same thing --

01:33:50 25 COUNCILWOMAN COY: It was just what you have in
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