

## **MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN DiMICELI, HAWK, JACOBS, SNISCAK JR., STROMELO;  
COUNCILWOMAN WALCK; PRESIDENT DeMARCO; MAYOR WALCK;  
SOLICITOR YURCHAK; CHIEF SMITH; & ENGINEER RON TIRPAK

**MINUTES:** Special Meeting held on January 10, 2008 and the Regular Meeting held on  
January 23, 2008

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the January 10, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes and the January 23, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Joe Fauzio presented the Council Members with a copy of the first page of the minutes from June 1, 1992. Mr. Fauzio stated that he was requesting the issue of the property line at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in New Columbus (the lateral footage 150' of Garibaldi Avenue), which was the road to Karl Pecha property, that was questioned back in the minutes from 1992 be looked into again. He stated that nothing was ever finalized back in 1992.

Mr. Fauzio requested that the Borough purchase a file cabinet for the Civil Service Commission to be kept in the Borough office to store important documents.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to purchase a file cabinet not to exceed \$250.00 for the Civil Service Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Fauzio stated that there will be two individuals coming into the Borough office on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to complete the oral examination portion of the hiring process. He stated that the next step would be the polygraph testing.

Anthony Buccilli (27 W. High Street) stated that he had been cited several times for snow not being removed from his sidewalks and his vehicle not being moved for three days. He stated how there were several homes that did not have their sidewalks cleaned off because his children have to walk on them on the way to school. He also stated how there was a truck, which was sitting down behind the borough office, that had not been moved in a while. He stated how the snow was piled up around this truck. Mr. Buccilli asked how come he was being cited when that truck was not tagged. Chief Smith stated that if he sees something in his neighborhood, he needs to call the Police Department to report it. He stated to Mr. Buccilli that he knows his neighborhood better than the police.

Mr. Buccilli stated how after he applied and received a handicapped parking spot, he received a bill for a yearly maintenance fee. He stated that he was never notified of this yearly fee. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when they pick up the application, they were told how there was a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee and a \$100.00 annual maintenance fee. Councilwoman Walck suggested that, in the future, it be written on the application.

Ted Dacey stated that on behalf of the VFW, he was presenting a check for \$200.00 to Chief Smith to be used for equipment for the Nesquehoning Police Department.

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Tony Mele stated how there were deplorable homes located at 124 and 127 W. Columbus Avenue. Mr. Mele asked what could possibly be done concerning these two homes. He stated how one home was wrapped in a tarp. He stated how both of these houses were a hazard. Chief Smith stated how he, Mayor Walck and Officer Blisard went through the house at 124 W. Columbus Avenue. He stated that the owner was supposed to bring it up to code. Mr. Mele asked if they could condemn the properties. Councilman DiMiceli stated how a sticker was not going to do anything. Mr. Mele stated that something has to be done. Chief Smith stated that they would take care of it.

Mike Weaver from W. High Street asked about the installation of the Clergy Parking Sign. He stated there was parking on only one side of the street and he has always parked across from his residence. Mr. Weaver stated that, since the sign was put in front of the parsonage, there was not enough room for the residents to park. President DeMarco stated how they would move the sign to the side of the parsonage on Ratcliff Street.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Smith gave the Police Report for the month of January as follows:

\$777.97 fine money and \$128.24 fine money for Sewer and Garbage received from Magistrate Kosciolk ; \$7.33 fine money received from Magistrate Homanko; \$35.00 received in Carbon County Collections; \$345.00 received in parking tickets; \$315.00 received in moving permits; \$180.00 received in accident reports; 407 total complaints received; 32 citations (8 non-traffic & 24 traffic); 4 criminal arrests; 11 traffic accidents (5 reportable & 6 non-reportable); 19 court appearances and the mileage total was 4,466 (1,080 – 2000 Crown Vic; 454 – 2008 Chevy Impala; 2,059 - 2003 Crown Vic; 873 - 2005 Expedition).

### **HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Chief Smith stated that the Council members received his and Officer Blisard's Code reports.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Danny Tristani had contacted her concerning his zoning on his property. She stated that he wanted to know where they were at and if it was being changed. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had sent Mr. Tristani a letter to try and satisfy the bank in order for Mr. Tristani to get his loan. He stated that he had not received any response to his letter. President DeMarco stated that Secretary/Treasurer Ahner should give him a call and see if his loan was approved and if he could wait until after the codification of the ordinances.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had talked to Mr. Kennedy and he informed her of the problem again at 224 W. Catawissa Street. She stated that his recommendation was to hire a cleaning service to clean up the house and place a lien on the property.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to hire a cleaning service company to clean up the property inside and outside and have the charges for this service placed as a lien on the property located at 224 W. Catawissa Street. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept the Police and Housing & Code Enforcement Reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

No report.

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### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### **➤ 02.05.08 Approve Reorganizational Meeting Minutes**

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes from the Civil Service Reorganizational Meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli thanked the Civil Service Commission Members for their efficient testing procedures with hiring of the new police officers.

### **PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT**

President DeMarco read a written report submitted from Robert J. Marouchoc. The report was as follows: Mr. Marouchoc attended the February 4, 2008 PCAC Meeting. Prior to the Meeting, a copy of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 CEMS Report and the Water Monitoring Report and the first three quarters of the 2007 Opacity Monitoring Reports were mailed to committee members. Contents of those reports were discussed at the meeting and there were no discrepancies noted. These reports were sent to DEP. (A copy of Mr. Marouchoc's written report was placed in the Communications folder.)

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

President DeMarco asked Engineer Ron Tirpak where he was on the progress of the street repairs estimate. Mr. Tirpak stated that he would have it completed before the next meeting. President DeMarco stated that they may hold a special meeting prior to the next regular Council Meeting to discuss the conditions of the streets and the order of repairs.

- 01.24.08 Carbon Engineering – 2007 Sewer Charges/Rush Township
- **Approve Advertisement for Invitation for Bids**
  - a. Project No. 1 – Concrete Roadway Slab on Garibaldi Avenue
  - b. Project No. 2 – Sanitary Sewer Project No. 10

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to approve to advertise for bids for Project No. 1 – Concrete Roadway Slab on Garibaldi Avenue and Project No. 2 – Sanitary Sewer Project No. 10, which is located on Marconi Avenue. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at such time they will be opened publicly. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Tirpak stated that the residents on the streets of the bid projects will be receiving letters concerning installing curbing.

Councilman Stromelo asked Mr. Tirpak about the fees assessed for the street encroachment permits. He stated how they had to be corrected because of the rising cost of materials to repair the openings. Mr. Tirpak stated that he would get a new cost estimate worked up.

Mr. Tirpak asked Council about the letter and spreadsheet that he received from the Borough from PPL. It was stated that it was in regards to the attachments on the poles. It was requested for Mr. Tirpak to get in touch with PPL to find out what had to be removed and what was fine to be attached.

Borough Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. President DeMarco stated that they entered into the Executive Session for contractual and personnel reasons.

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### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- 01.26.08 Blue Mt. Inspection Services – 203 W. Mill Street
- 01.28.08 Robert T. Yurchak – 203 W. Mill Street
- 01.31.08 Robert T. Yurchak – Hill/Borough of Nesquehoning/Wuttke

Solicitor Yurchak stated that they had a recommendation from the Borough's Insurance Carrier to settle the suit with Nick Degiglio in the amount of \$47,500.00.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to approve the recommendation from the insurance carrier to settle the lawsuit in the amount of \$47,500.00.

Tom Mermon asked why they were settling if the Borough was not in the wrong. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it was cheaper for the insurance company to pay a settlement than it was to run-up more costs by taking it to court.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that the State Senate passed Senate Bill No.1, Open Records Act. He stated that there have been several changes to the Open Records Act and it will go into effect on January 1, 2009. Solicitor Yurchak stated that the main difference with the proposed Open Records bills is that the burden has been shifted to the municipality to prove that the record is not a public record. Currently, the burden is on the requester to prove that it is a public record. Local agencies (boroughs, etc.) must create an Open Records Office and designate one person as the Open Records Officer. The local agencies would be required to appoint an appeals officer as well. All records would be deemed open unless specifically exempted under the act. The time to respond to a request is still 5 business days, but there are no allowances for billing for research time.

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**NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	235,431.54
Receipts	41,641.65
Expenditures	120,021.95
Balance 01.31.08	157,051.24

**SANITATION FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	79,510.49
Receipts	202,429.42
Sewer	74,151.39
Expenditures	68,305.85
Balance 01.31.08	139,482.67

**GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	8,620.51
Receipts	19.08
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	8,639.59

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	26,381.38
Receipts	222.58
Expenditures	8,960.85
Balance 01.31.08	17,643.11

**SPORTS COMPLEX FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	80.96
Receipts	.18
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	81.14

**PLANNING FUND**

Balance 09.30.07	10,918.37
Receipts	27.55
Expenditures	.00
Balance 12.30.07	10,945.92

**SANITATION ESCROW**

Balance 09.30.07	6,718.47
Receipts	11,633.34
Expenditures	.00
Balance 12.30.07	18,351.81

**GENERAL SEWER FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	32,285.84
Receipts	89,421.06
Expenditures	28,407.18
Balance 01.31.08	93,299.72

**DEBT SERVICE**

Balance 12.31.07	1,111.65
Receipts	2.46
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	1,114.11

**SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE**

Balance 12.31.07	23,754.15
Receipts	40,572.99
Expenditures	20,273.64
Balance 01.31.08	44,053.50

**FIRE TRUCK FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	31,697.56
Receipts	70.15
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	31,767.71

**POLICE PENSION FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	510,449.51
Receipts	2,924.77
Expenditures	9,351.72
Acct depreciation	19,349.95
Balance 01.31.08	484,672.61

**CAPITAL PROJECT**

Balance 12.31.07	74,493.87
Receipts	436.07
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	74,929.94

**FEMA FUND**

Balance 12.31.07	2,988.19
Receipts	6.61
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.08	2,994.80

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**CD REPORT**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CURRENT VALUE 01.31.08</b>	<b>INTEREST 01.31.08</b>	<b>OPENING DATE</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>RENEWAL DATE</b>	<b>BANK</b>
PLANNING	\$ 14,322.31	\$ 48.20	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 351,683.43	\$ 1,145.37	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 10,894.08	\$ 29.49	2-28-03	3.25 %	2-28-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,667.92	\$ 42.63	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 96,304.18	\$ 320.05	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report and the CD Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept all the reports to this point. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

John McArdle stated that since the February Council meeting he had completed the ICS 300 class, which involved 2 weekends of classroom training time. He stated that he has not decided if he will be taking the ICS 400 for Command Staff being held in April, which the course will be held in Montgomery Township. Mr. McArdle stated that he had started to prepare the Emergency Operations Plan update. He stated that as part of the plan update, he would like to seek approval to have Attorney Yurchak prepare agreements to various contractors and businesses to provide Emergency Assistance to the borough in the time of an Emergency.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Walck stated that Chief Smith would be starting the D.A.R.E. program at the Panther Valley Elementary School on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Mayor Walck stated how March was Red Cross Month and asked if they would fly the Red Cross Flag at the Recreation Center.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to send all of the police officers for their updates on April 1 & 2, 2008 and April 15 & 16, 2008. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated that he received a letter from Mahoning Township Lion’s Club extending an invitation to attend a meeting on initiating a low cost Carbon County Animal Spay/Neuter Program. He stated that the meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mahoning Valley Ambulance building. He stated that Dr. Mary Lombardo will be conducting the program.

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Mayor Walck stated that he had received a request from the Chief to attend a class. He stated that he did not have all of the information and would have all the details by the next meeting. He stated that the Chief had time to register.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

01 January– 31 January 2008

Real Estate	\$ .00
Occupation	.00
Per Capita	<u>.00</u>
Total	.00

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept all the reports to this point. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### APPLICATIONS:

1. 01.25.08 Dustin Focht – Any position available
2. 02.09.08 Anthony Schiano – Road Crew
3. 02.19.08 Vincent Dart – Driver

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to accept the three applications and place them on file. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 01.11.08 Liquid Fence Co – Latest invoice for removal of waste water (01.14.08)
2. 01.22.08 PSAB – Nominations for Second Vice President
3. **01.22.08 NEPA – Municipal Technology Assistance Program (MTAP)**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she had submitted an application for a Grant from the MTAP in the amount of \$250.00. She stated that the Grant was for the Borough starting a website.

4. 01.23.08 Harleysville Life – Death benefit – Santore
5. 01.23.08 DCED – Municipal Secretary, Clerk or Administrator Program
6. 01.23.08 Leztek Systems – Local Computer Company
7. 01.24.08 Hertrich Fleet Services – COSTARS Member – Vehicle Contract
8. 01.24.08 Philip Valenti – Homeowners and Bank Protection Act
9. 01.28.08 Auditor General – Audit report – Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association
10. 01.28.08 Northeast Variety Band – Available for 2008 season
11. 01.29.08 PPL – Ban on mercury vapor lamp ballasts
12. 01.26.08 PSAB – Borough Code Revision Committee
13. 01.30.08 CC Conservation District – E & S Control Application & fee schedule revision
14. 01.30.08 PSAB – Update
15. 01.31.08 Ametek – Seeking renewal of NPDES Permit
16. 02.01.08 MECAB – Meeting
17. 02.01.08 PSATS – Leadership Institute
18. 02.01.08 NEPA – Municipal Road Maintenance & Safety training
19. 02.01.08 CC Department of Solid waste – 2008 Hauler License

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### **20. 02.01.08 Robert C. Edwards Foundation – Scholarship**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they had received the Robert C. Edwards Foundation Scholarship Applications again this year. She stated that she had already sent it to the Panther Valley High School and Marian. She stated that it was a scholarship for \$1,000.00 for High School Seniors who live within the Borough of Nesquehoning.

21. 02.01.08 Robert M. Gaughan – Letter of thanks for helping with fire in Lansford

### **22. 02.04.08 Boy Scout Troop #744 – Eagle Scout – Brent Homcha**

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to approve a resolution for Brent Eric Homcha for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. All voted yes. Motion passed.

23. 02.05.08 DCNR – Parks & Recreation Academy

24. 02.07.08 PSAB – Support House Bill #904

25. 02.07.08 DCED – Newsletter – PA Base Development Committee

26. 02.08.08 CES – Flat rate tipping fee

27. 02.08.08 DEP – Air Quality Program State Only Operating Permit

28. 02.11.08 Mark Nalesnik – CERT Course

29. 02.11.08 DCNR – 2008 Community Grants Application Cycle

30. 02.13.08 GEOFF Penske Buick – COSTARS Contract

31. 02.13.08 DCED – Training for Municipal Secretaries & Administrators

32. 02.15.08 Chuck Remsberg – Officer-involved shootings

33. 02.15.08 PA Planning Association – New PA standards for Residential Site Development

34. 02.18.08 Liquid Fence Co – Latest invoice for removal of waste water (02.21.08)

35. 02.19.08 PSAB – Legislative Conference

36. 02.20.08 CC Conservation District – MPDES Permit Plan Revisions

37. 02.20.08 Patti Hinkle – Recycling Program Development & Implementation Grants

38. 02.21.08 CC Conservation District – MPDES Permit Plan Revision (Kovatch)

39. 02.21.08 Mark Nalesnik – EOP Update Letter

40. 02.21.08 PA Municipalities – Municipal information

41. 02.22.08 Municibid – Update

42. 02.25.08 PennDOT LTAP – Asset Management

43. 02.25.08 DCED – Spring Road Maintenance

### **44. 02.26.08 KME Fire Apparatus – Permission to hold a Fight the Fire 5k run/walk**

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to allow Zachery Lebo to hold the Fight the Fire 5k Run/Walk within the Borough of Nesquehoning on July 12, 2008. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **45. 02.26.08 Sal & Frances Abitanta – Additional parking for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

Council stated that this issue was on hold until they decided which churches would be closing.

46. 02.27.08 PSAB – Update

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to approve all communications and place them on file. All voted yes. Motion passed.

## **BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS**

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to deposit all receipts, approve all bills to be ratified and pay all other bills including the expenditures of the Home Program. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. STREETS                    **MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO, CO-CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR**

Councilman Stromelo stated that the traffic light was back in operation. He stated how they had received some complaints on the snowplowing and they had a few breakdowns.

Councilman Stromelo moved to purchase a 24", 10.5 horsepower snow blower from J.C. Small Engine. Motion failed for lack of a second. President DeMarco stated that since the season was almost over, they could hold off for a little while.

Councilman Stromelo stated that the Truck Driver position was posted at the Borough Garage. President DeMarco stated that they should post the position for a Sanitation Truck Driver and a Sanitation Picker.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to authorize the postings of the bids for the Sanitation Department at the Borough Garage. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that Father Bishop was grateful for the way the streets were plowed.

### 2. SEWER                    **DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI**

Councilman Hawk stated that the heater went out down at the Sewer Plant. He stated that he informed David Digilio to get a space heater for the time being until he can get the heater fixed or replaced.

### 3. BUILDINGS                **FRANK JACOBS, CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK, CO-CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO**

No report.

### 4. POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY                **MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR, CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI, CO- CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that there were a few things that needed to be tweaked for Chief Smith's contract and it will probably be brought before Council at next month's meeting.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how the Committee wanted Solicitor Yurchak to draw up a complaint form for the police. He stated that they will no longer accept a letter as a complaint. He stated that the complaint form can be picked up in the Borough office and it will need a notarized signature. He stated that the form will contain a statement about making false reports.

### 5. SANITATION                **MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI**

No report.

### 6. RECREATION                **DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO, CO-CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK**

Councilman Hawk stated that the Kiddie Bingo, which was previously scheduled, was canceled and was going to be rescheduled.

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Councilman Hawk stated how he received a request from Father Bishop from the Our Lady of Mount Carmel church to hold an egg hunt in the New Columbus Park on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. He stated that he did not see a problem because there would be no cost to the Borough.

### **7. BUDGET                      DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO**

➤ **02.11.08 To approve a resolution establishing authorized signatures for the Police Pension**

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to approve the Resolution for the signatures of the Police Pension Fund. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Jacobs to have Secretary/Treasurer Ahner apply to the state and become a certified notary public.

William Hunsicker asked if the Secretary/Treasurer would be allowed to use the notary stamp for the residents for a small fee. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he did not know but would check into it.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Hawk stated how the Budget Committee reviewed the salaries of other Secretary/Treasurers in the area and looked at the additional duties that have been assigned since the contract.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to increase Secretary/Treasurer Ahner's wages by \$1.58 per hour, starting with the next pay. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President DeMarco stated that Secretary/Treasurer Ahner should keep track of time spent on Zoning, Sewer, Sanitation, and Police on a quarterly basis. He stated that they will take some of her wages out of those funds.

Councilman Jacobs stated that he was reviewing the purchase of street materials and they have spent over \$11,000.00 so far this year.

### **8. PURCHASING                      ROSE WALCK, CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK Di MICELI**

No report.

### **9. FIRE/AMBULANCE                      FRANK DiMICELI, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO CHAIRMAN; PUBLIC SAFETY                                      MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR**

➤ **Generators for Fire Companies**

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to purchase two generators (New Columbus \$3,593.28 and Hauto Fire Companies \$3,275.13) for emergency shelters.

The Council Members discussed not having enough tax money to carry them to April, getting donations to fund the generators, if the generators were in the budget and how the Borough was already paying Hauto for a Fire Truck.

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Councilman Hawk stated that since there was more of a need for the generator in New Columbus that they purchase that one now and wait for the tax money to purchase the generator for Hauto. Councilman DiMiceli stated that New Columbus would pay for the generator now and the Borough would reimburse them after the tax monies come in.

Councilman DiMiceli amended his motion to purchasing a generator for New Columbus Fire Company, which the Fire Company would pay for and then be reimbursed, and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. amended his second.

President DeMarco called for a roll call vote.

- Councilman DiMiceli - yes
- Councilman Hawk - yes
- Councilman Jacobs - no
- Councilman Sniscak, Jr. - yes
- Councilman Stromelo - no
- Councilwoman Walck - no
- President DeMarco - yes

Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how the Borough was going to come up with a standard release form for the Fire Companies. He stated that this release would be filled out annually and it was because of liability issues with Workman’s Comp.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept all the Committee Reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**JR. RECREATION COMMISSION**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ted Dacey stated about the accumulation of ice and snow around the Recycling bins located on Locust Street. He stated that it was a hazardous area and that it was difficult to get to the bins. It was determined that the Nesquehoning Boy Scouts had volunteered to maintain the area when the bins were erected at the site. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she would call Mr. Dellecker to get someone up to clean around the bins.

Mr. Dacey asked about getting the mirror repaired on Musmanno. President DeMarco stated that he would have the Borough Crew take a look at it.

Councilwoman Walck stated that she just wanted to explain why she had voted no on the generators. She stated that she just thought that they (Borough and Fire Companies) should have tried to get donations from local businesses in the area to purchase the generators before the Borough spends taxpayers’ money.

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Larry Fox asked if the heat was hooked up to the generator at the Recreation Center. Mayor Walck stated that it was not but in the event of an emergency it would not take any time to hook it up.

Mayor Walck stated that he might be able to get some donations from Air Products for the generators. Council gave Mayor Walck approval to get donations for generators for the Fire Companies.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary-Treasurer