

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEN JACOBS, SNISCAK JR., STROMELO; COUNCILWOMAN WALCK; PRESIDENT DeMARCO; MAYOR WALCK; SOLICITOR YURCHAK; & CHIEF SMITH

President DeMarco called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Chief Smith left to go on a call and Councilmen DiMiceli and Hawk were absent.

MINUTES: Approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 18, 2008 and the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2008.
Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 18, 2008 and the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2008. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Bob Marouchoc stated how it was mentioned at the last meeting that Mr. Stempa was going to plant trees and shrubs to block the view. He stated that Mr. Stempa did plant trees, four of them, which was done 3 – 4 days after the meeting and nothing was done since. Mr. Marouchoc handed a picture of the trees to the Council.

Mr. Marouchoc stated that at the last meeting, he was confused because he thought how the Zoning Officer had a certain responsibility. He stated how he was told that it was the Code Enforcement Officer who had the responsibility when it pertained to Mr. Stempa's property. Mr. Marouchoc stated how he had asked the Borough Secretary for a copy of a document that listed the responsibilities for the Zoning Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that she did tell him how the Code Enforcement Officer deals with the Code Book and the Zoning Officer deals with the Zoning Ordinance Book. He stated how he read both of them. Mr. Marouchoc stated how he could not find anything in the codes that would direct or authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to go down and cite Mr. Stempa. Mr. Marouchoc quoted several sections from the Zoning Ordinance Book:

- Section 2.264 – parking, outdoor areas used for storage of vehicles must be paved.
- Section 5.580d – no storage of waste attractive to rodents or insects. He stated how he had told them how there was a pile of wood chips, which was attractive to large ants. He stated about the birds pecking at the pile.
- Section 2.246 – a junk yard was any land used for the storage of junk, including vehicles or parts thereof for two months or longer.
- Section 2.209 – automotive junk yard was a place where there were two or more motor driven vehicles which do not have a current state inspection sticker or license plate. Mr. Marouchoc stated how they all know that it was zoned residential and that he has a variance to operate an excavation company. He stated that he does not know whose responsibility it was but he expected the junk and the unlicensed vehicles to be removed because he was in violation.
- Section 6.507 – junk yards shall be screened from view from any public street. Mr. Marouchoc stated about putting a 35 foot fence up because he did not want to see it from Mill Street or Almond Street. He stated how he wanted something done within seven days and if nothing was done the next week he would go to see his attorney to seek advice to bring a suit against the Borough, the Council.

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Mr. Marouchoc asked what they would do if they were in his shoes, had to look at it every day and had decreased the value of their property. President DeMarco asked Gene Kennedy if he had any disputes with the variance or what Mr. Marouchoc had stated. Gene Kennedy stated that to put it to bed, Council should have Solicitor Yurchak review Mr. Marouchoc's comments and if he felt, issue a citation. President DeMarco stated how that would be all that they could do.

Gene Kennedy stated that they should forget whatever the Zoning Board said, forget that it ever happened and just issue a citation. President DeMarco stated that they will go from there. He stated that he was asking for a recommendation and advice from Mr. Kennedy, who was the Zoning Officer. Mr. Kennedy stated that when the Solar Panels come through, whatever the decision of the Zoning Board, just forget about it because that one did not work. Mr. Kennedy stated that whatever Solicitor Yurchak can find to cite, go ahead. Solicitor Yurchak asked if that was what Council wanted him to do. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated "yes." Councilman Jacobs and Councilwoman Walck stated how something had to be done. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mr. Marouchoc had been at the last 3 – 4 meetings. He stated how they have a general idea of what was happening.

Mr. Kennedy stated how it was not fair that the Zoning Board makes the decision and he was there taking a beating on it. He stated that he was done. He stated about no more Zoning Hearings, forget about them. President DeMarco stated about what was the sense of him granting them and then they come back and bite him. Mr. Kennedy stated that they should not include him in on it, that whatever Council wanted to do they should do it. He stated that he could only run against the wall so much before he runs out of gas and he was out of gas. Mr. Marouchoc stated that he understands that this was a small town and everybody knows everybody else. He stated how they could talk to a friend until they were blue in the face, but nothing was happening. President DeMarco stated about the issues that were in the agreement for the variance for the property and how Mr. Stempa took care of them. He stated how Mr. Marouchoc was not satisfied as a citizen of the town. He stated that if Mr. Marouchoc wanted to pursue it further that was fine also. President DeMarco stated that all it was doing was beating up the Zoning Officer and the Council Members. He stated how it was frustrating. Mr. Marouchoc stated how Mr. Stempa was not in violation of his variance but he was in violation of the Ordinances. He stated that he has no problem with the variance. He stated how Mr. Stempa had not complied with any of the violations as far as the Ordinances were concerned. President DeMarco stated that they will have Solicitor Yurchak do what he has to do on this issue.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Walck gave the Police Report for the month of September as follows:

\$667.84 fine money received from Magistrate Kosciolk; \$26.00 received in Carbon County Collections; \$0.00 received in DUI reimbursements, \$30.00 received in parking tickets; \$330.00 received in moving permits; \$45.00 received in accident reports; \$ 75.50 received in restitution; 371 total complaints received; 35 citations (0 non-traffic & 35 traffic); 7 criminal arrests and 4 felony arrests; 6 traffic accidents (1 reportable & 5 non-reportable); 15 court appearances and the mileage total was 3,924 (1,122 – 2008 Crown Vic; 1,0765 – 2008 Chevy Impala; 1,694 - 2003 Crown Vic; 32 - 2005 Expedition).

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

(Copy of Officer Blisard and Chief Smith's reports were placed in the communications folder.)

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to accept the resignations of the two Civil Service Members and send them a letter of appreciation for their service. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 10.03.08 Carbon Engineering – Borough Authority – Drought Contingency Plan
- 10.16.08 Carbon Engineering letter to Michael S. Greek – Green Energy Capital Partners

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **Advertise Amending the Police Pension Plan Ordinance**
- **Advertise No Parking Ordinance**
- **Advertise One-Way Streets Ordinance**

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to advertise the Police Pension Plan Ordinance, the No-Parking Ordinance, and the One-Way Streets Ordinance.

Councilman Stromelo asked about the no parking/one way on School Street. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was one-way traffic to Elm Street. Councilman Stromelo stated how it goes from parking on one side in one block to parking on the other side in the next block. He also stated about how from Mill Street to Elm Street they would have to switch the side they have been parking on. Solicitor Yurchak stated how that was what he was given. Councilman Stromelo stated that it should be no parking on the same side of the street, instead of zigzagging all the way down the street. Councilman Jacobs stated how he agreed that it was jumping around but it was the only way to make it a one-way street. President DeMarco stated how that was the only thing they could do to make it a one-way because there was more parking on the west side. Councilman Stromelo stated how it says about no parking on the west side from Catawissa Street to Elm Street. He stated how they will have to change sides from Mill Street to Elm Street. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would change to the other side of the street. He asked Councilman Stromelo if there was room for them to park on the other side of the street. Councilman Stromelo stated how they were able to park on both sides of the street.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Adopt Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance**

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to adopt the Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Advertise Wind Generator Ordinance**

Council Members tabled the Wind Turbine/Wind Generator Ordinance.

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- 09.24.08 Robert T. Yurchak – Memo – proposal on streetlights
- 09.27.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Keystone Publishers – Codification
- 10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Todd Mason
- 10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Bahgat Omer Ahmed Bahgat
- **10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to PA DEP – Surface Mining Permit**
- **10.08.08 DEP – to Robert T. Yurchak – Safety Concerns for Mining along Rouge 209**

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had written a letter to DEP concerning the Surface Mining and that he had placed a response in all the Council Members boxes. He stated how they said that the mining was being done pursuant to the permit and they were outside 100 feet from the road way, so everything was on the up and up with DEP and PennDOT. Councilman Jacobs stated that he did not think that it was 100 feet from the road way. President DeMarco stated that they will see what happens and they will keep their eyes on it.

- **10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to James J. Clauser – Panther Creek Trucking**

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had sent the letter to Jim Clauser regarding Panther Creek and the spillage out onto the roadway. He stated that Mr. Clauser via email, indicated that they may want to notify DEP and the Department of Mining. President DeMarco stated that Solicitor Yurchak should notify DEP as per Mr. Clauser's recommendation.

- 10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Lake Hauto Club – 466 Lake Drive
- 10.01.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Robert Marouchoc – Stempa property
- **10.07.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Robert Swartz – Sewer smell**

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had spoken to Mr. Swartz and he was willing to cooperate regarding any inspections provided he does not have to pay any inspection fees. He stated that Mr. Swartz indicated that he does not have the problem inside his house. President DeMarco stated that he had also talked to Mr. Swartz. He stated that Mr. Swartz had people up there and they did not smell anything. President DeMarco asked if they could send David Digilio up there. Councilman Jacobs stated that they have no device to determine if there was on order. President DeMarco stated about sending Davey up to check the connection under the porch. Councilman Jacobs stated about waiting until they have an odor complaint. President DeMarco stated about doing a dye test also. He stated how Councilman Jacobs should set something up with Davey to go up there and check the pipes and do a dye test.

- 10.07.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter – Curbing
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- 10.15.08 Robert T. Yurchak letter – High grass bill
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Solicitor Yurchak stated how there were some questions last month concerning exceptions in the Discharging of Firearms Ordinance. He stated that he has copied the ordinance and there were 5 – 6 exceptions listed. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had received something from Councilman DiMiceli about adding something in regards to putting animals down. He stated that he does not think that they should allow that within the Borough. Solicitor Yurchak recited the exceptions.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had contacted the Carbon County Planning Commission and got a copy of the fees they charge, which was in regards to separating the SALDO fee from the Zoning fee. He stated that he has also talked to Ron Tirpak concerning the fees and he was going to get back to him.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated that with talking to Keystate Publishers, they indicated about a problem with the Solicitation Ordinance. He stated on how they charge a fee for any door-to-door solicitation. He stated how under the watch-tower decision, which was the Jehovah Witness decision, they cannot do that when they were soliciting for religious purposes. He stated that they were suggesting a change to the ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he will need the authority to redraft the Ordinance. President DeMarco stated about Solicitor Yurchak redrafting the ordinance.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the Solicitor's Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 08.31.08	457,020.71
Receipts	61,320.25
Expenditures	138,362.46
Balance 09.30.08	379,978.50

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance 08.31.08	8,713.88
Receipts	11.65
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	8,725.53

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 08.31.08	81.84
Receipts	.11
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	81.95

SANITATION ESCROW

Balance 06.30.08	1,240.63
Receipts	8,711.37
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	9,952.00

DEBT SERVICE

Balance 08.31.08	1,123.69
Receipts	1.50
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	1,125.19

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 08.31.08	17,636.10
Receipts	23.58
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	17,659.68

CAPITAL PROJECT

Balance 08.31.08	50,925.05
Receipts	379.05
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	51,304.10

SANITATION FUND

Balance 08.31.08	125,451.61
Receipts	87,826.14
Sewer	43,719.43
Expenditures	40,185.51
Balance 09.30.08	129,372.81

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 08.31.08	82,895.40
Receipts	110.83
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	83,006.23

PLANNING FUND

Balance 06.30.08	9,712.12
Receipts	22.28
Expenditures	1,294.74
Balance 09.30.08	8,439.66

GENERAL SEWER FUND

Balance 08.31.08	77,319.21
Receipts	43,805.53
Expenditures	28,447.18
Balance 09.30.08	92,677.56

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 08.31.08	44,961.93
Receipts	12,380.98
Expenditures	32,782.68
Balance 09.30.08	24,560.23

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 08.31.08	436,967.97
Receipts	1,985.49
Expenditures	8,075.59
Acct Depreciation	23,546.68
Balance 09.30.08	407,331.19

FEMA FUND

Balance 08.31.08	3,020.53
Receipts	4.04
Expenditures	.00
Balance 09.30.08	3,024.57

ACQUISITION & RENOVATION

Balance 08.31.08	196,467.07
Receipts	261.95
Expenditures	1,000.00
Balance 09.30.08	195,729.02

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 09.30.08	INTEREST 09.30.08	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
PLANNING	\$ 14,654.87	\$ 36.71	5-08-05	4.05 %	8-15-09	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 359,849.55	\$ 901.40	5-08-05	4.05 %	8-15-09	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 11,154.05	\$ 32.86	2-28-08	3.60 %	11-29-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,962.08	\$ 32.47	5-08-05	4.05 %	8-15-09	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 98,853.96	\$ 327.65	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

Councilman Jacobs moved and President DeMarco seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the CD Report.

President DeMarco stated that they would advise Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to look into the rates for the CD that will be coming due at the end of November.

All voted yes. Motion passed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

John McArdle stated that on October 14, 2008 he attended the quarterly training, which was incorporated with the Elected Officials’ annual seminar.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Walck stated that he would like to thank and acknowledge Sue Kondrcek for her quick response to her help in apprehending the people who were involved in robbing the CVS. He stated about sending her a letter of congratulations/thank you in doing such a great job.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to send Sue Kondrcek a letter of thank you for her help and quick thinking in regards to the CVS robbery. All voted yes. Motion passed.

➤ **10.07.08 William Lombardo, Elementary School Principal – School Halloween Parade**

Mayor Walck stated how the Elementary School will be having their annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Walck stated that as per the request of President DeMarco, he had the Police and Police & Public Safety Members down to the Shubeck Property the night after the last meeting. He stated that everything was okay and it was a done deal.

Mayor Walck stated about the Panther Valley Pumpkin Parade being held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 in Lansford. He stated that the parade started at 3:30 p.m. Mayor Walck asked President DeMarco about being a judge for the parade. He stated that if he was not able to make it, to please ask another member of Council to take his place.

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President DeMarco stated that he was not able to make it. He stated about Councilman Hawk taking his place and he would have Secretary/Treasurer Ahner check to see if he was available. Mayor Walck stated that he would have to be at the west side of the stadium at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Walck stated that Trick-or-Treat Night was on October 30, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. He stated that they will have the crossing guards out.

Mayor Walck stated that the next Crime Watch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Office. He stated how he and Councilwoman Walck were up in Summit Hill on Monday night because they were looking into starting a Crime Watch Program in Summit Hill.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

01 August – 31 August 2008

Real Estate	\$2,462.61
Occupation	181.50
Per Capita	<u>198.00</u>
Total	\$2,842.11

EXONERATION:

DISAPPROVE -

Marianne Smith – Household income is over maximum allowed for exoneration

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept the Tax Collector's Report and disapprove the one exoneration. All voted yes. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 09.26.08 newPA news – Newsletter
2. 09.27.08 The Morning Call
3. 09.28.08 Philip Valenti – Update on Financial Collapse of Banks
4. 09.29.08 DEP – Surface Mining Permit, Carbon & Schuylkill Counties
5. 09.29.08 DCED – Trends in Tax Collection
6. 10.01.08 DCED – Planning for Local Government Day 2009
7. 10.01.08 PSAB – Update

8. 10.03.08 Helen Rehatchek – Resignation – Recreation Commission

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the resignation of Helen Rehatchek and to send her a letter of appreciation for her time of service. All voted yes. Motion passed.

9. 10.03.08 CC Commissioners – CDBG Funds – 2008

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had received the paper work for the \$40,000 for the street/road improvements for the spring of 2009. She stated how it was to resurface Allen Street from Railroad Street to Mill Street, Ratcliff Street from High Street to Ridge Street, and Mermon Avenue from Center Street to Railroad Street. She stated how she talked to Ron Tirpak and they will have another application to fill out shortly for 2010. She stated about giving any ideas as to what streets to Ron Tirpak.

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10. 10.05.08 Philip Valenti – Update
11. 10.06.08 DCED – Best Practices to Revitalize Pennsylvania’s Communities
12. 10.06.08 Steve Shannon Automotive - Warehouse
13. 10.07.08 Keystone Consulting Engineers – Nesquehoning Self-Storage
14. 10.07.08 PSAB – Announcing the passing of President Carman of PSAB
15. 10.11.08 Liquid Fence – Removal of waste water
16. 10.14.08 NEPA – Alliance Membership
17. 10.14.08 MECAB – Newsletter
18. 10.14.08 PA One Call – New formats
19. 10.14.08 Keith R. McCall – Water & wastewater infrastructure funding seminar
20. 10.15.08 DCED – Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance
21. 10.16.08 Peter J. Radocha – Rental prices

22. 10.16.08 PA Dept. of Labor & Industry – Relief from charges – 2009

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to pay the Solvency Fee for 2009 in the amount of \$737.08. All voted yes. Motion passed.

23. 10.16.08 Michael S. Greek letter to Green Energy Capital – Zoning Hearing Request
24. 10.17.08 PSATS – Seminar – Basic Training for Elected Auditors
25. 10.17.08 PLGIT – How to get more out of your investments
26. 10.20.08 DCED – How to Plan a Festival or Special Event
27. 10.20.08 PSATS – 457 Plan – Deferred Retirement Savings Program

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

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Jacobs 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STREETS

**MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO, CO-CHAIRMAN;
MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR**

President DeMarco stated that the paving on East Marconi Avenue was finished. He stated that it looked pretty good but he did not know if Ron Tirpak was going to do a final inspection. President DeMarco stated that West Marconi Avenue was almost complete. He stated that they were going to use more modified than what they had originally expected. Councilman Jacobs stated how they used a lot of modified for East Marconi Avenue when they were installing the curbing. He stated how 80% of the modified was excavated out by the contractor. President DeMarco stated how they had the mill machine there and really cut it down. Councilman Jacobs stated how he felt that they threw money away and that they could have just used dirt to fill in for the curbing.

President DeMarco stated how they were going to set up a meeting for the Street Committee.

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Ted Dacey asked if they were going to get the flags up for Veterans' Day. Councilman Stromelo stated about putting them out for Election Day and leaving them out until after Veterans' Day.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated how they were advertising for the new comminutor bids.

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

➤ Fuel Oil Bids

Councilman Jacobs asked if they wanted to freelance. President DeMarco stated that he would agree to freelance. He stated how the prices were fluctuating and how there were escalator clauses on two of the four bids. Solicitor Yurchak stated that they could table the bids until next month.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to table the fuel oil bids. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Jacobs stated how they would be ordering the ice catchers for on the metal roof on the garage.

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

Mayor Walck stated about the two applications he had received for part-time crossing guards. He stated that the background checks came out fine.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to hire the two applicants, Jennifer Burns and Robert Swartz, as part-time as needed crossing guards. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilman Stromelo stated that he had been made aware how there were several residents in town who were double dipping. He stated that they have been putting trash out on the street in the front of their house and also in the back of their house. He stated that it will cease by the New Year or they might get billed for two garbage fees.

6. RECREATION DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO, CO-CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO

No report.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated how they were \$100,000 less this year than what they were at this time last year. He stated how they have to cut down on their spending. He stated how they made the motion last month about approving purchasing up to a certain amount. He stated how they might want to reconsider that motion. Councilman Jacobs stated how the money that they now have has to last them into 2009.

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

Councilwoman Walck stated that in line with what Councilman Jacobs stated, they did make a motion last month. She asked if they wanted to go through purchasing again. President DeMarco asked if they wanted to reduce the amount that was granted with the motion. He stated that they could reduce the amount or eliminate the motion all together and go back to the old way. Councilman Jacobs stated how a purchase request in writing should be given to the Secretary/Treasurer to give to the purchasing committee. President DeMarco stated that they should give their request to the Secretary/Treasurer, who will in turn give the request to the purchasing committee. He stated that the purchasing committee can approve the request up to the \$1,000 per item with a limit of four items.

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

No report.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all committee reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.

JR. RECREATION COMMISSION

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Walck stated that he would like to acknowledge how the Nesquehoning Hose Company #1 had their 100th year anniversary banquet.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary-Treasurer