

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN DiMICELI, HAWK, STROMELO, ZABROSKI; COUNCILWOMAN WALCK; PRESIDENT DeMARCO; MAYOR WALCK; & SOLICITOR YURCHAK

President DeMarco called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Councilman Sniscak, Jr. and Chief Smith were absent.

**MINUTES:** Approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2009  
Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 22, 2009. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

President DeMarco stated that upon request, Robert Stempa was present at the meeting. He stated that he appreciated it. Solicitor Yurchak stated how Mr. Stempa had complied with everything Council and the Chief has asked him to do. He stated that he personally felt that they have to put it to bed. President DeMarco stated that if the man who writes those letters does not show up. . . Solicitor Yurchak stated that he has looked at the property; everything was lined up, everything was neat, he was conducting a business and he has all the proper permits for it. Councilman DiMiceli stated that Solicitor Yurchak should write a letter to the person writing the letters that Mr. Stempa was in compliance with everything the Borough has asked of him. Mr. Stempa stated how the Chief had come after him because he was supposed to have been doing illegal stuff with his license plates. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had received a complaint and he had passed it on to the Chief. He stated that the Chief went down that day and everything was in compliance. Councilman Hawk stated that if a complaint was made, it will have to be followed up on by the police in the same manner as any other complaint. He stated that if it was unfounded, hopefully it was being documented that way. President DeMarco stated that as far as the Council and the Solicitor were concerned, it was over with.

### **POLICE REPORT**

(Copy of Chief Smith's police report was placed in the communication folder.)

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

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

President DeMarco stated that he also had a complaint regarding the neighbor at 226 E. Center Street. He stated that they will have to send someone up there because of the smell in the house due to the neighbor's dogs. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had already spoken to the Chief about it and that they have been on it. He stated that Officer Blisard had met with Public Safety and told him to take the appropriate action with condemning the house and getting with Carl Faust.

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

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Council entered into an Executive session at 7:13 p.m. for personnel matters. The Council members exited their Executive session at 7:44 p.m.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 04.23.09 Minutes from the meeting of the Planning Commission held in April

## **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Councilman DiMiceli stated that a letter should be sent to the Civil Service Members to remind them that they have to hold a meeting to organize.

## **PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT**

No report.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- 04.28.09 Carbon Engineering – Kovatch Subdivision/Land Development Review Comments
- 05.27.09 Carbon Engineering – Street/Road Improvements – FY 2008

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Robert T. Yurchak letter to Teamsters – Temporary Employee

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had talked to Robbie Best and the matter had been resolved.

- Uncertified Building Ordinance

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to advertise the Uncertified Building Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Fire Alarm Ordinance

Solicitor Yurchak stated that the Fire Alarm Ordinance was revised but he did not revise the fees. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would like the fees changed that on the third call it will go to \$1,000. He stated about the cost of the apparatus and how it could be changed by Council by Resolution. Councilwoman Walck asked who was going to be responsible for taking the calls and recording them. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it was going to be the fire chiefs. He stated that they were all going to document them and submit them to the police. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they want the police to respond as well so they can verify it on their own reports.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to make the changes to the ordinance and advertise. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Loss-Control Safety Policy

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to adopt the Loss-Control Safety Policy. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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### ➤ Property Maintenance Appeals Board

Solicitor Yurchak asked if they had anyone express any interest. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they had one but he lives in Georgia. Solicitor Yurchak stated that his recommendation was to thank him for his interest but go with the other the one from either Jim Thorpe or Leighton. Solicitor Yurchak stated that they will have to enter into an agreement then adopt an ordinance. He stated that he would start the paperwork and notify Mr. Nanovic.

### ➤ Robert T. Yurchak letter to Lynn E. Feldman, Esq. – Re: Sparich

### ➤ Robert T. Yurchak letter to Bank of America – Re: Sparich

### ➤ Robert T. Yurchak letter to M & T Bank – Re: Sparich

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he spoke to the Chief. He stated that he suggested that they go ahead and cut the grass. He stated that the Borough would put a lien on the property.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he did not know if anybody had a chance to look at the draft of the codification of the ordinances. He stated that he did a check list for everybody. He stated how there were a few things that Council would have to act on. Solicitor Yurchak stated about several things that he had listed (the list was placed in the communication folder) and there was a brief discussion with the Council members regarding some of the items on the list. The Council Members discussed as to who would administer some of the ordinances due to the fact that the position of Fire Commissioner was dissolved. Mr. Mermon asked if he heard correctly that they do not need a Fire Commissioner any more. Councilman DiMiceli stated “yes”. Mr. Mermon asked if they did not have a Fire Commissioner who would take control if there was a fire with the three separate Fire Chiefs. He stated that he was only trying to protect the community. Councilman DiMiceli stated that there were three plans that were designed in town for certain buildings. He stated that the first officer or Chief on scene might do an initial set up but when all the chiefs were there, they will work together. He stated that they do not have the problems that they used to have several years ago. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they do not need that position and they have not had it for two years.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to accept all the reports to this point (Planning through Solicitor’s). All voted yes. Motion passed.

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**NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 23,023.65  
Receipts 85,285.33  
Expenditures 81,352.74  
Balance 04.30.09 26,956.24

**GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 8,768.88  
Receipts 5.41  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 04.30.09 8,774.29

**SPORTS COMPLEX FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 2,477.96  
Receipts 1.46  
Expenditures 214.29  
Balance 04.30.09 2,265.13

**SANITATION ESCROW**

Balance 12.31.08 18,685.53  
Receipts 5,850.00  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 03.26.09 24,535.53

**DEBT SERVICE**

Balance 03.31.09 1,130.78  
Receipts .70  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 04.30.09 1,131.48

**FIRE TRUCK FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 44,500.63  
Receipts 25.23  
Expenditures 6,096.63  
Balance 04.30.09 38,429.23

**CAPITAL PROJECT**

Balance 03.31.09 69,003.41  
Receipts 264.93  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 04.30.09 69,268.34

**SANITATION FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 165,172.85  
Receipts 92,562.48  
Sewer 7,501.32  
Expenditures 76,592.03  
Balance 04.30.09 173,641.98

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 7,595.78  
Receipts 73,565.31  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 04.30.09 81,161.09

**PLANNING FUND**

Balance 12.31.08 8,460.90  
Receipts 19.64  
Expenditures 99.99  
Balance 03.26.09 8,380.55

**GENERAL SEWER FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 83,714.21  
Receipts 23,290.79  
Expenditures 28,367.18  
Balance 04.30.09 78,637.82

**SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE**

Balance 03.31.09 46,833.36  
Receipts 38,656.24  
Expenditures 29,976.52  
Balance 04.30.09 55,513.08

**POLICE PENSION FUND**

Balance 03.31.09 394,433.31  
Receipts 1,691.77  
Expenditures 9,061.67  
Acct Appreciation 11,687.52  
Balance 04.30.09 398,750.93

**ACQUISITION & RENOVATION**

Balance 03.31.09 194,955.28  
Receipts 120.18  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 04.30.09 195,075.46

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**CD REPORT**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CURRENT VALUE 04.30.09</b>	<b>INTEREST 04.30.09</b>	<b>OPENING DATE</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>RENEWAL DATE</b>	<b>BANK</b>
PLANNING	\$ 14,917.28	\$ 37.42	05-08-05	4.05 %	08-15-09	JTNB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 366,294.30	\$ 920.06	05-08-05	4.05 %	08-15-09	JTNB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 11,382.05	\$ 32.13	12-03-08	3.44 %	06-03-10	JTNB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 13,194.19	\$ 33.10	05-08-05	4.05 %	08-15-09	JTNB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 101,431.33	\$ 304.54	06-02-05	3.92 %	06-02-10	JTNB

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report and CD Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

No report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

- 04.29.09 Nesquehoning Police Department – Block Parent Program

Mayor Walck stated how it was a safe kids program and copies were made for all of the children in the elementary school to give to their parents.

- **05.18.09 Anthracite Triathlon – Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Mayor Walck stated that the Anthracite Triathlon will come through Nesquehoning on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated how that needed some coordination with the Fire Companies, Ambulance and one police officer.

Mayor Walck stated that on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. they will be holding the D.A.R.E. graduation at the Panther Valley Elementary School.

Mayor Walck stated that the next Crime Watch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

01 April 2009 to 15 May 2009

Real Estate	\$216,276.76
Occupation	4,512.90
Per Capita	<u>5,762.40</u>
Total	\$226,552.06

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to accept the Mayor’s Report and the Tax Collector’s Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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### APPLICATIONS:

Lindenmuth, Michael I.

Summer Laborer

Miller, Matthew F.

Borough/Garbage Truck

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 03.30.09 DEP – Grant opportunities to stabilize Nesquehoning Creek
2. 04.20.09 Nesquehoning School Apartments – Fire alarm & sprinkler system reports
3. 04.22.09 Keith R. McCall – Current condition of the Nesquehoning Creek
4. 04.23.09 Raphael J. Musto – Storm water problem, Nesquehoning Creek
5. 04.24.09 Aqua America Inc. – quality, reliable water & wastewater service
6. 04.24.09 Michael S. Greek – Public notice – Portable water storage tank
7. 04.24.09 Hazleton Oil & Environmental – Go green and save
8. 04.27.09 DCED – Assessing Your Financial Condition II
9. 04.27.09 DCED – Essentials In Police Operations
10. 04.27.09 Tom Corbett – Home Improvement Contractors are required to register
11. 04.28.09 Frank DiMiceli – Pending FCC Requirement for Emergency Services
12. 04.29.09 DCED – Earned Income Tax Collection
13. 04.30.09 Cynthia S. Ray – Zoning Hearing Board (St. Francis of Assisi Church)
14. 04.30.09 Jessica Black – Accessible Pedestrian Signal for a blind person
15. 04.30.09 PennDOT – Roadside Safety Features
16. 04.30.09 DCED – Federal stimulus bill, monitoring & disbursing
17. 05.01.09 Paul Kanjorski letter to Keith McCall – Federal appropriations – Nesquehoning Creek
18. 05.01.09 PSAB – Training Update – Swine Flu
19. 05.04.09 Liquid Fence – Waste water removal
20. 05.04.09 CC Solid Waste – Minutes, April meeting
21. 05.04.09 PSAB – Successful Project Management – workshop
22. 05.04.09 PSAB – 2009 Permit Required Confined Space Training – workshop
23. 05.04.09 PSAB – Update
24. 05.05.09 Dixon Sealer & Supply – Ultra Bond 2000 – Dust suppressant
25. **05.05.09 Barbara Rutch – Date for Community Yard Sale**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she had emailed Ms. Rutch back about the community yard sale. She stated that she received a return email stating about it being on June 20<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she had talked to the secretary from Lansford, the reason they have a community yard sale in Lansford was because they charge for a yard sale permit. She stated that the community yard sale was free of charge.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to declare June 20, 2009 community yard sale day with a rain date of June 27, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

26. 05.07.09 PSAB – Training Update – Project Management
27. 05.08.09 Robert J. Marouchoc – Non-compliance with Council's requests
28. 05.11.09 George Lazorchick – Downspout runoff ordinance
29. 05.11.09 PSAB – Training Update – Managing a Municipal Workforce during a crisis
30. 05.11.09 DCED – Document Retention workshop
31. 05.11.09 Liberty Oil – Prepay oil program
32. 05.11.09 DEP – Notice of permit correction – Surface Mining Route 309 pond improvements
33. 05.11.09 Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems – Waste handling equipment
34. 05.12.09 MECAB – Annual banquet and tour

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35. 05.12.09 newPA news – Newsletter
36. 05.12.09 Kirk, Summa & Co – Findings for 2008 audit
37. 05.15.09 PSAB – Managing a Municipal Workforce During an Economic Crisis
38. 05.18.09 Medico Industries – Government Day 2009
39. 05.18.09 DCED – Intermediate Accounting
40. 05.18.09 Michael S. Greek – Zoning Hearing Board, Demyanovich
41. 05.20.09 Eckert Seamans Chemical – Municipal Civil Service Labor Law in PA
42. 05.21.09 US Department of Justice – COPS Hiring Recovery Program application
43. 05.26.09 PA Real Estate Development Academy – Economic Development Finance Seminar
44. 05.26.09 Kumar Bindiga Navile, E.I. – UCC Board of Appeals
45. 05.27.09 DEP – Flooding & Erosion along the Nesquehoning Creek

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all applications and place them on file and to approve all communications and place them on file.

Councilman DiMiceli abstained from the application vote because there was a conflict of interest with a family member applying for employment.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilman DiMiceli moved and President DeMarco 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**

**MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR. CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO, CO-CHAIRMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI**

President DeMarco stated that they were going around with the street sweeper. He stated that they were up in the New Columbus section. He stated that they have also been doing some patching. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he has had several questions/complaints about the hills not being done. President DeMarco stated that before Councilman Sniscak, Jr. left he had told them to do the hills. He stated that he would call them to tell them again about hitting the hills.

President DeMarco stated about the Borough crew having to do some saw cutting. He stated that they will have to rent a roller for a week or two in order to patch the streets the right way.

Mayor Walck asked if they had any idea as to when they would be painting the lines. He stated that he has had a few people asking them about the lines (corners and cross walks). Ted Dacey stated about the no parking area on Mermon Avenue near the traffic light. He stated how people were parking where there should be no parking. Councilman Stromelo stated that they were painted 60' up but they were still parking right to the corners. President DeMarco stated that he would get in contact with the Borough Crew the next day. He stated that if they would have to broom sweep it to get it painted, then that was what they would have to do.

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### 2. SEWER

**DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
FRANK DiMICELI**

- **Sewer Chemical Bids**

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to reject all bids and re-advertise to rebid the sewer chemicals. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Hawk stated that they were pretty busy last month. He stated that they did get the medium and the charcoal changed out up in the bio-filters. He stated how they had to replace an automatic valve and a timer in the one unit. Councilman Hawk stated that they had to replace a pump at one of the lift stations along with some of the control electronics. He stated that they had to replace an exhaust fan in the blower room down at the plant.

Councilman Hawk stated that he wanted to see some kind of clothing for the part-time worker down at the Sewer Plant. He stated that he was in the same situation as the others with having to have extra clothes.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to allow Robert Pilla to purchase 3 pants, 3 shirts, and 1 pair boots/shoes not to exceed \$200.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **05.22.09 Bruce A. Nalesnik – 334 E. Catawissa Street – surcharge**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Bruce Nalesnik was questioning if he would have to pay his surcharge amount. Councilman Hawk stated that he would agree with him because he knew that the Authority had been looking at the water. He stated that they have not been able to determine where it was leaking at. He stated that they have checked all of the fixtures that were plumbed into the sewer system and it was not those. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how one of the Authority workers was informed that the one toilet downstairs had a tendency to not shut off. She stated that the total consumption was 171,000 gallons. She stated that if it was leaking in the house, they had a nice indoor swimming pool. She asked if it did not go down the sewer, where had it gone. Councilman Hawk stated that he knew how he had some underground piping. President DeMarco stated how that was a lot. Councilman DiMiceli asked if they knew where the lines were outside. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the consumption was now down. She stated that when she had talked to them last week; there were four units on this one meter; their consumption was down to 2,000 gallons in seventeen days, which was about 500 gallons per unit in over half a month. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that if it was an underground line, it would not have fixed itself, it would still be leaking.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she thought that the next thing they were going to ask was to be waived from the water amount also. Councilman Hawk stated that he thought that they did already and they had told him that it did not matter where it was going; they were going to be charged for the water. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she wanted to ask them to check the meter that day to see where they were at for consumption for almost the entire month and she forgot to ask.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to table the matter until a determination had been made as to where the water had gone. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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### **3. BUILDINGS            RICHARD ZABROSKI, CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK, CO-CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO**

President DeMarco stated that he had talked to Ron Tirpak concerning the police department renovations. He stated that Mr. Tirpak had been swamped with work and has not had the time to get it together. He stated that Mr. Tirpak told him that he had put so much in there that was not needed so it should bring it down quite a bit.

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

Councilman DiMiceli stated that last year they had talked about being able to purchase another police car so they could get themselves on a rotation schedule. He stated that they were able to come up with some of the money in the budget. He stated that there were two bids/prices submitted. Councilman DiMiceli stated that one was for a used car, which looked like a good deal. He stated that the other car was a new car, which would carry a full warrantee. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it was in the COSTARS program.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and President DeMarco seconded to purchase a 2009 Ford Interceptor with police package at the price of \$27,797.00.

Louise Mele asked what they need a new police car for. Councilwoman Walck stated that car #93 was really shot. She stated that it had high miles. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it was costing a lot of money with repairs. He stated that they usually only use the expedition during the winter, because the cost of that vehicle. Ms. Mele stated that they should be doing something to tighten the belt. Mr. Dacey asked when we received the bids. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they came in within the last couple of weeks. He stated that they had tried to put some money in the budget last year for a car. Mr. Dacey stated that he was questioning the price of the car. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were pre-bid and approved by the state through the COSTARS contract. Councilwoman Walck stated that they really had to do something with the cars because two of them were tied up. She stated that it was a decision if they wanted to pay close to \$17,000 for a used car. She stated that they would all probably like to buy the used one, but they will have nothing but problems with the used one. President DeMarco stated that it was \$500 a pop for repairs. Councilman Hawk stated that President DeMarco had looked into a grant to purchase another vehicle. He stated how that would be a ways off before we could do that, until the state gets their house back in order. Councilman Hawk stated that rather than sinking money into a car that they know was not going to last, the borough was fortunate enough to get some additional income. Mr. Mermon asked how it looked in the general fund budget to take care of some of the roads. He also asked if they were looking to raise millage come budget time. President DeMarco stated that they were fortunate enough to come into some money through the merger of Jim Thorpe National Bank and Nesquehoning Savings Bank. He stated that they might be able to take care of the roads.

President DeMarco stated that they were also working on K-streets projects. He stated that it will take time. He stated that they were trying everything they could to get it done.

All voted yes, except President DeMarco and Councilman Stromelo who were not voting. Motion passed.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would like to have a timetable concerning the background checks on the police applicants. He stated that he would like to have them two weeks prior to the next council meeting. Mayor Walck stated that he would like to have the background checks completed by the end of next week. He stated that if it was agreeable with police/public safety and himself after sitting down with an applicant, to bring him on board because they need a part-timer. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if they would get to that point, they could line up the polygraph. Mayor Walck stated that he would rather not wait until next month. He stated that they were getting into vacation time and looking at the budget they were going to need part-timers to fill in the gaps.

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

Councilman Stromelo stated how he had wanted to wait for the meeting to get tires for the truck. He stated that while they were waiting, the caps came off and they had to get them done. He stated that they had put four tires on the front drive axels.

Councilman Stromelo stated that Mr. Pilla was working down at the Sewer Plant for the next couple of months, they will need someone to fill in. He stated about having the Sanitation Committee review the applications that were on file to hire someone as needed only to fill in for garbage.

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to hire a part-time, as needed, garbage picker based on the Committee's recommendation. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilman Hawk stated that there was a tentative meeting scheduled for Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Stromelo stated that they had the approval from last meeting to purchase fans and lighting for the Recreation Center. He stated that they have gotten the fan/lights but would like to know if it was going to be the Borough Workers to install them or should they get someone else to come in to install them. Councilman DiMiceli asked how much time would be needed to change them. Councilman Stromelo stated that they were already there. Councilman DiMiceli stated that Mr. Pilla could go up and do it before Mr. Digilio goes out. Councilman Stromelo stated that they had talked about the floor and it was the floor at the back door. He stated that it was replaced but it was deteriorating again. Councilman Stromelo stated how it should be ripped up and replaced. He stated that the back door will also need to be replaced.

Councilwoman Walck stated that the flags would be replaced shortly. She stated that there was a project going on for an Eagle Scout award and that was why the new flags were not put up.

Councilman DiMiceli asked if there were any grants out there for parks even if it was matching. President DeMarco stated that there was nothing. He stated that when he had talked to Keith McCall regarding a police car, Keith had told him they were two billion in the hole and he did not know what was going to happen. Councilman Stromelo stated how there was only one period when they were able to apply for it also. He stated how that was back in April. Councilman Stromelo stated how the Growing Greener was a matching grant. He stated that if they would see something, they would apply for it. He stated that there was nothing out there to get. Councilman Stromelo stated how they still had to get together about the lights in the park.

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**7. BUDGET**

**DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
DON DeMARCO**

Councilman Stromelo stated how they should not forget that the mortgage was due on the building. He stated how it was due in July. He stated that if they do not do something, the bank will pull the money out of the general fund.

**8. PURCHASING**

**ROSE WALCK, CHAIRWOMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI**

No report.

**9. FIRE/AMBULANCE  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FRANK DiMICELI, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO CHAIRMAN;  
RICHARD ZABROSKI**

- **Nesquehoning Fire Company Report – April**
- **Nesquehoning Ambulance Corp Report - April**

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would like to read the report for April:

- 1 dwelling fire
- 1 motor vehicle accidents
- 6 automatic fire alarms
- 1 landing zone
- 1 mutual aid to Jim Thorpe
- 1 spill containment.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how the ambulance response for April was 35 and 625 miles. He stated how there were 6 EMS calls handled by KME employees during work for a total of 52 so far this year.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how the aerial truck needed to be recertified. He stated that he would like council permission to have the testing company come in to recertify the ladder truck as required. Councilwoman Walck asked what the cost was. Mr. McArdle stated that he budgeted around \$7,000. He stated that he did not get any prices.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to get the aerial truck recertified. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how there was a dry-hydrant up in the Estates in the area of the railroad tracks. He stated that it was brought to his attention that someone from the railroad went and put up a gate with a lock. He stated how the fire companies did not have access right now. Councilman DiMiceli stated how he contacted Commissioner O’Gurek, who was helpful in getting a device on the gate that will allow the fire companies access.

President DeMarco asked if the burn ban was still on and if they were going to leave it on. Mr. McArdle stated that he would leave it on yet because the water levels were still down.

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

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office

**JR. RECREATION COMMISSION**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President DeMarco stated about the Mill Street water line replacement project. Councilman Hawk stated that they should be working on it sometime in the Summer (July/August). President DeMarco stated that he was going to have Ron Tirpak attend the next meeting because of also doing the sewer lines when they were replacing the water lines. Councilman Stromelo asked if they were going to make everyone hook directly onto the system. He stated that the building next door runs through the two houses. He stated that it would have to come right through the lot.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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