

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

June 22, 2011's Council Meeting was postponed until Tuesday, June 28, 2011 due to the untimely death of Councilman Frank DiMiceli earlier in the week. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Frank DiMiceli.

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN SNISCAK JR., ZABROSKI; COUNCILWOMEN FOX, WALCK;  
PRESIDENT STROMELO; MAYOR WALCK; SOLICITOR YURCHAK; &  
CHIEF SMITH

President Stromelo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Councilman Hawk was absent.

**MINUTES:** Approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 30, 2011 and the Regular Meeting held on April 27, 2011.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2011 and the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2011. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Avril (Abbie) Guardiani – 35 E. Center Street – stated how there were a number of residents in attendance from Center Street to address an issue with a property that was close to all of their properties; 34 E. Railroad Street. She stated that within the past three years, there have been tarps placed on the roof of the home. She stated that for the first two of those three years, there were people residing in the home. Ms. Guardiani stated that once they left, the tarps remained on the roof. She stated that the home was left wide open; all windows, no screens; all doors, no screen doors. She stated how the house was left open for 6 months. Ms. Guardiani stated how the house was sold by foreclosure to Wells Fargo Bank. She stated that right after that, she had contacted the code enforcement officer, Linda Narciso, and Chief Smith about doing something about the home, to condemn it. Ms. Guardiani stated how she could not thank them enough because they were up there the same day with the condemned signs. She thanked both Ms. Narciso and Chief Smith.

Ms. Guardiani stated how the house had been condemned for about a year. She stated that after the condemned signs were hung, not fit for human habitation, the house was stripped, by the people who had resided there, for the next two months because it was not secure. She stated how they came in and took out every pipe and they literally took out the kitchen sink. She stated that the heating system was done, sold out of the house. Ms. Guardiani stated that she found out how Wells Fargo had maintained ownership, came in and locked/closed all the windows and doors; it was secure to the best of their ability.

Ms. Guardiani stated how Ms. Narciso had found out that the property was sold to a mortgage company in Texas, Wholesale Mortgage. She stated how the company had bought the house in a lot of 200 homes, site unseen. She stated how they do not give a damn what was in Nesquehoning. She stated how they rolled the dice, bought 200 homes with the hopes of making a profit on 10 of them and the other 190 homes were just going to sit in the hopes that little Boroughs, like Nesquehoning, were not going to do anything about it. She stated how they were taking the profit from the 10 homes they could sell and they were walking away. Ms. Guardiani stated how the house was beyond description. She stated that when they would drive by on Railroad Street, they were not even close to looking at what they have to look at from Center Street.

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Ms. Guardiani stated how the house reeks of mold. She stated how the grass had been cut once and they were in violation of the weed ordinance. She stated how there were birds living in the home. She stated how the house was rotting. Ms. Guardiani handed out pictures of the house for all of Council to see. She stated that they were there to ask Council to turn up the heat. She stated how there was an owner to the home and the Borough should not pay one cent to demolish the home and neither should she. She stated how it was not a little fixer upper. Ms. Guardiani stated how the roof line was bowed and the back of the house was going to fall off. She stated that the person, who had made the mess, walked away and left it to all of them. Ms. Guardiani stated how there was a mortgage company or a company who owns it and they need to be told to tear the building down. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how he had walked around the property. He stated that they should do the same thing they did with the other properties. He stated about contacting the mortgage company and not playing any games. He stated about giving them a notice with a time limit and then start citing them if they do not comply. President Stromelo stated to Solicitor Yurchak about contacting the owner of the property.

Tom Merman – 512 E. Center Street – stated that he was glad to hear people were coming to the meetings to complain. He stated how they have the ordinances but there were no teeth in them. He stated how he was glad that they were updating their ordinances but he wanted to see action. He stated how he wanted to see grass cutting, encroachment, and all of it according to the ordinances. Mr. Merman stated how if they were not going to enforce them, then they should throw them away.

Councilman Zabroski stated how there was a Boy Scout, Jacob Snyder, in attendance because he was doing a project on local government and government in general.

### **POLICE REPORT**

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

\$1,210.43 fine money received from Magistrate Kosciolk; \$207.20 fine money received from Magistrate for Sanitation Fines/Bills; \$0.00 received in Carbon County Collections; \$45.92 received in DUI reimbursements; \$7.56 received in Motor Vehicle reimbursements; \$0.00 received from Carbon County Restitution; \$0.00 received from Attorney General for overtime reimbursement; \$1,623.92 received in State Fines; \$150.00 received in parking tickets; \$285.00 received in moving permits; \$90.00 received in accident reports; \$50.00 received in solicitation permits; 24 citations [4 non-traffic & 20 traffic]; 411 incidents reported for the month; alert form attached to report; 1 search warrant; 1 consent search; 5 traffic accidents (2 reportable – 3 non-reportable); 9 court appearances and the mileage total was 5,385 (787 – 2008 Crown Vic; 2,066 – 2008 Chevy Impala; 0 - 2003 Crown Vic; 871 – 2005 Expedition; 1,661 – 2009 Ford Crown Vic).

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept Chief Smith's Police Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Linda Narciso read her report, which was placed in the communications folder.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to accept Linda Narciso's House & Code Enforcement report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Louis Paul gave his report for May – June as follows:

(Hot patch) Coal Street 36" pipe job base and top completed, Coal Street sewer line project base and top completed, water line on High Street base and top completed, School Street top completed, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue started the base repair (talked to Ron Tirpak about getting blacktop), cold patch fix complaints – Diaz Avenue, E. Mussmano Avenue, Messina Avenue, E. DiVinci Avenue, and High Street; (Vac truck – flushing inlets) Garibaldi Avenue – complaint, DiVinci Avenue – complaint, Railroad Street, Catawissa Street – complaint, Diaz Avenue, Padua Avenue, Rhume Street, and Allen Street – all completed; (Millings) upper High Street, Mussmano Avenue, DiVinci Avenue – all completed holes patched with the millings. He stated that instead of using modified, they used the millings down by the sewer plant.

(Line painting) in progress on Thursdays and Fridays. He stated how he has not gotten there because of the inclement weather. He stated that if there was an issue between line painting and code enforcement on grass, he will do the code enforcement first.

(Parks) fluff all swing area in all parks, "no smoking" signs put up all parks – completed; (Sewer) weekly garbage truck maintenance – completed, pressure washer repaired oil changed, green truck light repaired; (Flags) all flags were broke from hailstorm and they were waiting on insurance outcome to replace. He stated how they had found some laying around and some people in the Borough have turned some in so they have repaired them and they would be installing them on Thursday.

(Grass) all 12 sites cut biweekly and code enforcement.

Mr. Paul stated how he wanted to go back to the hot patching. He stated how there was a difference between hot patching and cold patching. He stated that what they have been trying to do in foresight, the streets that were going to be paved, he has been looking at them and cutting out damaged sections. Mr. Paul stated how the major cost of fixing roads was the base repair. He stated that if they get a contractor to top it, he can fly through it in a couple of days, but if he has to stop to do the base repair that was when the extra cost comes in. Mr. Paul stated how they were trying to absorb the cost. He stated how some will have to go out on bid and he had talked to Mr. Tirpak about it. Mr. Paul stated how the essential part of base repair was compaction. He stated how they were using a whacker, which was the best they could do. He stated how he had gotten some prices on a roller. He stated how he had placed a flyer in all of their bins and called every Council Member to look at a roller, which they have been using on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Paul stated how it was 2,700 pounds so they were able to put it on one of their trailers. He stated that if they would buy anything bigger they would have to buy a new trailer with dual wheels. Mr. Paul stated that the price of the roller was \$9,500.00. He stated how it articulates, dual drum steering and has a water pump. He stated how a new one runs \$15,000.00 - \$16,000.00. Mr. Paul stated that the one they had used (demo) worked really well and it was a very good price. He stated how it had a Honda motor, 2006 with 350 hours. He stated how they would get a 60 day warrantee and they would also stand behind it. He stated that if they would have problems, they would come to pick it up so the Borough would not have to travel to Allentown.

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Mr. Paul asked Council to consider purchasing the roller because it will save them money doing the base repair before the contractors come in to pave. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how he was up to look at it. He stated how they were having problems when it came to the roads and having to fix them. He stated how they have to prepare roads before they fall apart. He stated how the vibrator was designed for dirt, not blacktop.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. made the motion to purchase the roller.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how they have to get three quotes when the cost was between \$3,000.00 and \$10,000.00. Mr. Paul stated how he has other quotes but they were \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 higher. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they still need the three quotes on file.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. amended his motion to include, subject to Solicitor Yurchak review of all the quotes; Councilman Zabroski seconded the motion.

Councilman Zabroski asked Mr. Paul how much it cost to rent a roller. Mr. Paul stated how it was \$80.00 - &100.00 a day to rent one. Councilman Zabroski stated how it would pay for itself in a year. Councilwoman Fox asked on average, how many days would they be using it in a year. Mr. Paul stated "twelve". He stated that once he was done with the base repair it would sit and they will maintain it for next year. He stated how they were not able to blacktop from October to April because the plants were closed. He stated that once all the roads were swept, then they get into the complaints with the cold patch. He stated that from May until June was the time that they would be hot patching. Mr. Paul stated about doing inlet repairs in July before they get into the winter. Councilwoman Fox stated how that was what she was asking if it was 10 days that they used the roller. Mr. Paul stated how it was at least a month maybe two months. He stated how it would all depend on what blows apart and what was scheduled for paving. Councilwoman Walck asked if they could get something in writing about the service.

Councilman Zabroski stated about amending the motion to include "contingent on receiving a written service contract". All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 06.21.11 Minutes from Planning Commission meeting held on 8 June 2011

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had received the minutes from the planning meeting, which was in regards to the Brown property being subdivided. She stated how it was going to the Zoning Hearing Board on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if they had to have another meeting. Councilwoman Fox stated how they gave it a preliminary approval with conditions and that the proper variances were obtained with the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. McArdle stated how the plans did not show all of the laterals, which had concerned the neighbors.

### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

- 05.25.11 Sue Heckman – Resignation

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept the resignation from Sue Heckman from the Civil Service Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to advertise for Civil Service Members.

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Councilman Zabroski asked how many they were going to be looking for. Mayor Walck stated how they just needed one at that time.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT**

No report.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- 05.20.11 2011 Street Reconstruction Project

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Mr. Tirpak was going to be drawing up specifications for overlay (Paving) on 5 different streets; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, W. Diaz Avenue from Angelini Avenue to Little Flower Avenue, and Angelini Avenue from Columbus Avenue to Diaz Avenue. She stated how they will need a motion to advertise the specifications as soon as she gets them so they were there for the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Fox asked about Center Street from School Street to Mermon Avenue. She stated how she had a report that it was bad but did not get a chance to check it out. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it was starting to go but it was not as bad as the other streets were that they would be doing. President Stromelo stated how they were doing the bad ones first.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to advertise for bids for the paving of the 5 different streets; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, W. Diaz Avenue from Angelini Avenue to Little Flower Avenue, and Angelini Avenue from Columbus Avenue to Diaz Avenue. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- 05.23.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Liberty Mutual - Vega-Santos – Motor Vehicle Spill Containment

• **05.25.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to District Court - Munoz – Impounded truck**  
Solicitor Yurchak stated how they had a hearing scheduled on Monday, June 27, 2011 for Mr. Munoz. He stated how Mr. Munoz did not show up so they got a judgment in the amount of \$8,150.00. He stated how he had 30 days to appeal it.

• **05.26.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to PUC - Reading & Northern Railroad Complaint**  
Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had just received a call that morning from a gentleman from the PUC, they wanted to schedule a meeting at the railroad track site on July 22, 2011 in the morning. He stated that they have to make a determination as to who would be there for the Borough. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked what time in the morning. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he did not have a time and that they were just trying to schedule at that point.

- 05.27.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Carole Wildoner – Hugh Lawrence/ Boro. of Nesq.

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- **06.01.11 Yurchak letter to PA DOT – No parking area along Mermon Avenue at traffic light**
- **06.12.11 Robert T. Yurchak memo to Council – No Parking on Mermon Ave. at traffic light**

Solicitor Yurchak stated about the no parking on Mermon Avenue on the Northbound section on the South side of 209 and how they were reducing the no parking by 20 feet. He stated how it was the parking on the hill (Mermon Avenue) by his office. He stated how it would be 50 feet of no parking instead of 70 feet.

- 06.01.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Robert Armstead – Landlord/Tenant Ordinance
- 06.02.11 Robert T. Yurchak – Memo concerning Ownership of Little League Field
- 06.07.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to MEM - Terminating agreement with MEM
- 06.09.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Carole Wildoner – Hugh Lawrence/Boro. of Nesq.
- 06.17.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Joseph Summit – Garage @ 10 E. Catawissa Street

- **06.22.11 CC Planning Commission – Zoning Ordinance Codification**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how they got the reply back from the Carbon County Planning Commission on the SALDO and Zoning. He stated how they sent it to Mr. Tirpak because one of the things they were looking for was a revised map for the zoning and also for the SALDO.

- 06.23.11 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Carole Wildoner – Hugh Lawrence

- **Resolution – Pension Board and Establishing a Plan for Administrative Improvement**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to adopt the Resolution to Establish a Pension Board and Establish a Plan for Administrative Improvement under Act 205 and Act 44. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Resolution – Election to participate in the Municipal Retirement System**
- **Resolution – Employee contributions to Non-Uniform Pension Plan**
- **Agreement – Payroll deduction for Pension Plan**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to adopt the Resolution not to participate in the Municipal Retirement System, to adopt the Resolution to allow non-uniform employees to voluntarily contribute to the Municipal Retirement System and to approve the Agreement for the non-union employees to have their contributions taken off as a payroll deduction. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Ordinance – Shade Tree – adoption**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Shade Tree Ordinance was advertised and was ready for adoption.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to adopt the Shade Tree Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Ordinance – Smoke, Heat, and Carbon Monoxide – adoption**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Ordinance was advertised and ready for adoption.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to adopt the Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated how there has been a complete re-writing of the Borough Code and it went to House Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup>; House Bill 1702. He stated how it was re-writing the entire Borough Code, which has not been done in many, many years.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how the House Bill for prevailing wage had not come out of House Committee yet.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all the reports to that point (EM to Solicitor's Report). All voted yes. Motion passed.

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**JIM THORPE NATIONAL BANK TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 72,028.04  
Receipts 167,334.45  
Expenditures 167,501.61  
Balance 05.31.11 71,860.88

**GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 10,324.63  
Receipts 2.19  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 10,326.82

**SPORTS COMPLEX FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 1,791.39  
Receipts 2,600.09  
Expenditures 889.48  
Balance 05.31.11 3,502.00

**SANITATION ESCROW**

Balance 04.30.11 90,767.87  
Receipts 5,827.84  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 96,595.71

**DEBT SERVICE**

Balance 04.30.11 1,935.58  
Receipts .41  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 1,935.99

**FIRE TRUCK FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 92,376.36  
Receipts 33,415.73  
Expenditures 10,930.20  
Balance 05.31.11 114,861.89

**CAPITAL PROJECT**

Balance 04.30.11 62,437.48  
Receipts 192.91  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 62,630.39

**SANITATION FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 45,745.73  
Receipts 89,487.26  
Sewer 43,448.44  
Expenditures 56,297.47  
Balance 05.31.11 35,487.08

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 107,115.09  
Receipts 764.14  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 107,879.23

**PLANNING FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 9,573.33  
Receipts 2.85  
Expenditures .00  
Balance 05.31.11 9,576.18

**GENERAL SEWER FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 113,215.74  
Receipts 43,670.60  
Expenditures 69,372.18  
Balance 05.31.11 87,514.16

**SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE**

Balance 04.30.11 22,823.47  
Receipts 34,739.90  
Expenditures 21,087.19  
Balance 05.31.11 36,476.18

**POLICE PENSION FUND**

Balance 04.30.11 638,196.47  
Receipts 1,486.31  
Expenditures 7,015.50  
Acct Depreciation 5,279.34  
Balance 05.31.11 627,387.94

**2010 STREET PROJECT ACCOUNT**

Balance 04.30.11 .00  
Receipts 21,031.88  
Expenditures 21,031.88  
Balance 05.31.11 .00

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## CD REPORT

| <u>FUND</u>  | <u>CURRENT<br/>VALUE<br/>05.31.11</u> | <u>INTEREST<br/>05.31.11</u> | <u>OPENING<br/>DATE</u> | <u>CURRENT<br/>RATE</u> | <u>RENEWAL<br/>DATE</u> | <u>BANK</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| PLANNING     | \$ 15,739.83                          | \$ 33.35                     | 08-17-09                | 2.50 %                  | 08-17-12                | JTNB        |
| GEN. SEWER   | \$ 370,770.19                         | \$ 785.58                    | 08-20-09                | 2.50 %                  | 08-20-12                | JTNB        |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 13,921.72                          | \$ 29.50                     | 08-17-09                | 2.50 %                  | 08-20-12                | JTNB        |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 107,335.81                         | \$ 123.57                    | 06-04-10                | 1.40%                   | 06-04-13                | JTNB        |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 18,724.66                          | \$ 33.97                     | 06-22-09                | 2.14%                   | 06-22-11                | JTNB        |
| SANITATION   | \$ 20,728.07                          | \$ 37.61                     | 06-22-09                | 2.14%                   | 06-22-11                | JTNB        |
| CAPITAL PROJ | \$ 10,159.74                          | \$ 18.43                     | 06-22-09                | 2.14%                   | 06-22-11                | JTNB        |
| FIRE TRUCK   | \$ 9,926.23                           | \$ 18.01                     | 06-22-09                | 2.14%                   | 06-22-11                | JTNB        |

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and the CD Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

John McArdle asked Solicitor Yurchak if he had found out any more with the truck accident on the Broad Mountain. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he would check into it.

Mr. McArdle asked Council to consider trucking in 20 tons of sand. He stated how they use the sand as diking material.

Mr. McArdle stated how he was going to have to purchase calibrating test gas from Susquehanna Safety Solutions; chlorine and carbon monoxide for a total cost of \$437.75.

Mr. McArdle stated how he had budgeted \$6,000.00 for radios and pagers and was requesting to purchase 2 pagers with a 4 year warrantee and 2 portable radios with a 2 year warrantee off the COSTARS State Motorola Contract for a total price of \$3,846.50. He stated how he had talked to Gary Williams concerning the County Grant and they have not heard or have not received any confirmation yet. He stated how the Borough had not had any confirmation on the other grant yet. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had been denied on the grant. Mr. McArdle stated that rather than doing it all at once, he suggests that they set up a contingency plan to purchase small items so they were not hit all at once. Mr. McArdle stated how the cut over date was probably going to be October of 2012. He stated how the clock was ticking. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how that was to meet the new requirement. Mr. McArdle stated how it was for the January 2013 narrow banding. He stated how the Communications Center was going to start in June 2012. He stated how they were going to start with Police and Ambulance and they were going to save the Fire for last. He stated how they want to be cut over and compliant by no later than the end of October 2012. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked if they were trying to get it down to the bare minimum radios. Mr. McArdle stated "yes". Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they had to start buying so they were not hit with \$45,000.00.

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Councilwoman Fox asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner which grant they were turned down for. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about the Gaming Grant they filed on behalf of the three Boroughs. Councilman Zabroski asked Mr. McArdle if he had any kind of report of what the three Fire Companies were going to need. Mr. McArdle stated "yes". Councilman Zabroski stated that he did agree that they have to start purchasing some equipment. Mr. McArdle stated how the County was looking at two other sources for funding as well. He stated how they have been meeting regularly on it. Mr. McArdle stated how the county was looking for a support letter from Council similar to what they did on the other grant.

Mr. McArdle stated about the ladder truck passing the heating inspection. He stated that he wanted permission to purchase oil and a filter and they would take care of servicing it.

Mr. McArdle stated how he and Councilman DiMiceli had discussed, after writing the federal fire grant for 7 years and been turned down every time, to hire a grant writer. He stated about Jason Faryniak with FireMed Grant Solutions, which was based out of Allentown. He stated how he had met with Mr. Faryniak and the Fire Company had hired him for a grant for air packs. Mr. McArdle asked Council for approval to hire Mr. Faryniak to write the federal fire grant for a new aerial truck. He stated that the fee was \$1,500.00 and if the grant was denied that year, he would make the corrections and file it again the following year for free.

Mr. McArdle stated how the Fire Company wanted to do a traffic stop on Saturday, July 2, 2011.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve all of the requests made by Mr. McArdle (purchase sand, calibrating test gas, pagers and portable radios, and oil and filter; hire grant writer; and hold traffic stop). All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Walck stated about the Anthracite Triathlon on July 17, 2011. He stated about filing the paperwork with PennDOT in regards to the use of the State Highway – Route 209. He stated how they would probably come through Nesquehoning around 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Walck stated how he wanted to send a thank you letter to Officer Bogart from the Weatherly Police Department. He stated how he was the officer who certified and trained the Nesquehoning Police Officers in the use of the tasers.

Mayor Walck stated about the voluntary recycling program/compost pile he had mentioned last month. He asked if they had any interest in doing it or finding a place. He stated how it would save on the amount of material that was going to the landfill. Mayor Walck stated how it would have to be policed by some good citizens. He stated how he thought they should look into getting the project started. He stated about getting feelers out for volunteers. Councilman Zabroski stated how Macungie used to have one and how they had senior citizens who volunteered to watch it. He stated how it was only for the Borough residents. He stated how they had two piles, one for grass and one for other yard clippings. He stated how they would mulch everything up and mix it together for residents to take the following year. He stated how it was kind of like mushroom soil.

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Mayor Walck stated how he thought that it was worth looking into. Councilwoman Fox stated how they could check with other towns. Councilman Zabroski stated how they were looking at leaves, small twigs and grass. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they could make it mandatory. Councilwoman Walck stated about getting some ideas first from other towns. Councilman Zabroski stated how it was mandatory but they also picked up the leaves from around town. Ms. Narciso stated how they had it in Allentown but they needed to purchase a bag and tag. She stated how they did not take the leaves and grass with the garbage. President Stromelo stated how they would look into it.

Mayor Walck stated how the next crime watch meeting would be July 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Walck stated how the Fireworks Ordinance will be enforced and any violators would be cited.

Mayor Walck stated how he would like to set up a meeting with the Police and Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Walck stated that out of six applicants for part-time police there were three that should move on in the hiring process.

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

17 May 2011 – 20 May 2011

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Real Estate | \$160,663.95 |
| Occupation  | 2,131.50     |
| Per Capita  | 1,871.80     |
| TOTAL       | \$164,667.25 |

21 May 2011 – 31 May 2011

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Real Estate | 363,126.81 |
| Occupation  | 5,644.80   |
| Per Capita  | 6,291.60   |
| TOTAL       | 375,063.21 |

**EXEMPTION:**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| April Moyer    | Minor        |
| Francis Maurer | Student      |
| Todd Slakoper  | Non-Resident |
| Patricia Webb  | Non-Resident |

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all the reports to that point (Emergency Management, Mayor, and Tax Collector) including the exemptions. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. 05.20.11 Towamensing Twp. – Use of their garbage truck
2. 05.23.11 Reading & Northern Railroad – copy of letter to PUC regarding rail line
3. 05.23.11 PSATS – Leadership Academy

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4. 05.23.11 Barry Isett & Associates – Proposal for professional planning services
5. 05.25.11 DCED – Economic Advancement Program Project officially closed
6. 05.25.11 Commonwealth Financing Authority – Local Share funds not available
7. 05.26.11 Riley & Company – Audit & Accounting Services
8. 05.26.11 Comm. of PA – Audit report of the Borough Pension Plans to 31 Dec 2009
9. 05.27.11 PA DOT – Special Events Road Closing Request Form
10. 06.02.11 PSAB – Update
11. 06.03.11 PAB – Training Update

### **12. 06.06.11 CC Commissioners – CC Narrowband Conversion Project**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to send a letter to the County in support of the grant application for the Narrowband Conversion Project. All voted yes. Motion passed.

13. 06.06.11 MCT – 2011 Community Heroes
14. 06.08.11 Kirk, Summa & Co – Financial statements ending 31 Dec 2010
15. 06.13.11 Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn – MEM
16. 06.13.11 Michael S. Greek – Zoning Hearing Board Notice - Brown
17. 06.15.11 Avril (Abbie) Guardiani – Recycling Program

### **18. 06.16.11 Powell, Rogers & Speaks – Collection of Delinquent P.C. & Occ.- Proposal**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Powell, Rogers & Speaks was a collection agency that collected delinquent Per Capita and Occupational. She stated how there was someone in and gave a proposal in order to take over the collections of the delinquent accounts. She stated how the Budget Committee should hold a meeting to review it.

19. 06.16.11 CC Conservation District – Completeness Review – Rte 54 Curve Realignment
20. 06.20.11 PIRMA – Update

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

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

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to deposit all receipts, approve all bills to be ratified and pay all other bills. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. STREETS

**MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR., CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

President Stromelo stated to Solicitor Yurchak about writing a letter to the Nesquehoning School Apartments concerning the bus parking on Catawissa Street instead of them double parking.

President Stromelo stated about the paving on the 5 roads. He stated how they will be looking at a total reconstruction on Willow Lane. He stated how part of Angelini Avenue will be reconstructed also. President Stromelo stated about storm drains by the bridge and on W. Mill Street. He stated how they were waiting on N. Mermon Avenue because of the railroad crossing.

### 2. SEWER

**MARY FOX, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI**

Councilwoman Fox stated that the PennVest Loan for the Sewer Plant was paid off.

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had finished sandblasting on unit #3.

- **Quotes for Sanitary Sewer Project #11**

Councilwoman Fox stated about the bids for the Sanitary Sewer Project #11, which was the main sewer line replacement on W. Mill Street. Bid results: Dirt Work Solutions, LLC - \$36,023.00; C.E. Ankiewicz Construction & Excavation, Inc. - \$59,541.00; Ankiewicz Enterprise, Inc. - \$77,900.00; Kobalt Construction, Inc. - \$81,300.00; RGC Development, LP - \$83,320.00. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Mr. Tirpak looked over everything and informed her that Dirt Works Solutions was good. She stated how that was the price that he expected it to come in at. Councilwoman Fox asked when they were going to start. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they could start as soon as the contract was signed and all the paperwork was done.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to award the bid for the Sanitary Sewer Project #11 to Dirt Work Solutions, LLC at the contract price of \$36,023.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Quotes for Sanitary Sewer Project #12**

Councilwoman Fox stated about the three quotes they had received for the Sanitary Sewer Project #12, which was installing a main sewer line from Yard Street to Stock Street with an easement through Hauto Valley Fire Company's property. Quotes: Stoney Lonesome Excavating - \$12,400.00; Peter J. Radocha & Sons, Inc. - \$8,130.00; Bobby Stempa - \$8,250.00.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to award the project for the Sanitary Sewer Project #12 to Peter J. Radocha & Sons, Inc. at the contract price of \$8,130.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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- **Sewer Chemical Bids**

Main Pool & Chemical Company, Inc. – Floating Degreaser – \$728.75; Regular Degreaser - \$440.00; Anti-foam - \$260.75; Gas Chlorine - \$110.00; Sodium Hypochlorite - \$19.50; Line - \$6.65

Northeast Chemical & Supply Company – Sodium Hypochlorite - \$19.39; Lime - \$6.96

Univar – Floating Degreaser - \$1,669.00; Gas Chlorine - \$129.00; Sodium Hypochlorite - \$42.00; Lime - \$7.94

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to award all the sewer chemical bids to Main Pool & Chemical Company, Inc. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Fox stated how she had gotten a request from Mr. Pilla about purchasing a pressure washer for the Sewer Plant. She stated how he would use it at the units rather than using the Vac Truck. She stated how he had given them information on three different pressure washers. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the cheapest of the three was \$599.99 and it was a 3,000 psi with a 2.5 Honda engine. She stated that they all had 2.5 Honda engines with the 3,000 psi. She stated that the other two things that he was requesting were a 90 foot hose for a draining kit and the extra hose mount because it having a 50 foot hose. Councilwoman Fox asked if it was better getting it from there or to check Lowes. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she did tell Mr. Pilla to check other places than just Northern Tools. Councilman Zabroski stated how they should purchase it but they should do it like they did before how it was contingent on . . . Solicitor Yurchak stated about authorizing Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to make the purchase but not to exceed a certain dollar amount.

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to authorize Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to purchase the pressure washer and accessories not to exceed \$750.00 purchase price after researching prices. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **3. BUILDINGS MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR. CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK DiMICELI**

- **Security Camera Quotes**

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they had received two quotes for security cameras for the borough building. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she attempted to get a third quote from Jeff Leslie and Shawn Kresge. She stated how Mr. Leslie was in, measures and got all the information but never submitted a quote. She stated how it was for the Borough Building. She stated how it was new cameras, monitor, recording device, installation and set up on the computer.

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to purchase the security systems and have them install it from ADT. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to authorize Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to use the back office and also to use the back office as Council Chambers, because it had been remodeled. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Stromelo stated about the flags that were damaged and how they were waiting on a response from the insurance company.

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### **4. POLICE      DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO, CO- PUBLIC SAFETY      CHAIRMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI**

President Stromelo stated how they still had not received anything from the chief on his agreement.

President Stromelo stated how they were going to meet with the chief to pick a color for the awnings so they can finally get that finished.

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

President Stromelo stated how he was approached by Mr. McArdle concerning a dumpster. He stated how he did some checking and the cheapest one was from Valley Enterprise Containers, which was located in Blanchard, PA. He stated how a 2 cubic yard container was \$440.00 a 3 cubic yard container was \$555.00 and a 4 cubic yard container was \$630.00. He stated how they want to get one for the Police Station/Recreation Center and one for the Sewer Plant as well.

President Stromelo stated how they needed to hire another part-time as needed garbage picker. He stated how they reviewed the applications and the one in line would be Joseph Starosta.

Councilman Zabroski moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to hire Joseph Starosta as a part-time as-needed garbage picker. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Stromelo stated how Mr. Galgoci wanted to remain on the payroll in the event he would get laid off again.

Councilman Zabroski stated how there were several things brought up at the last meeting on the integrity of things that he wrote in regards to the sanitation. He stated how in defense last meeting he did not have anything prepared with him because he did not think that he would need it. Councilman Zabroski stated how he wanted to share something with the audience and with Council. He stated how he wanted to walk through what he did and how he came up with the numbers he had.

Councilman Zabroski stated that if they look at the per ton cost, Hegin's \$59.00 beats Tamaqua \$76.00 per ton. He stated about just taking the generic running of the garbage truck, no major service because he did agree with President Stromelo that anything can break down at any time. He stated how he was just looking specifically at the mileage, fuel cost, and the upkeep that they can track. Councilman Zabroski stated that if they look at the fuel, they asked the employee to fill up and drive to Hegin's and then to do the same with Tamaqua. He stated that it was \$110.00 for 22 gallons to go to Hegin's and \$40.00 for 8 gallons to go to Tamaqua. Councilman Zabroski stated that if they do that, they break everything down to compare apples to apples rather than apples to oranges. He stated how everything was basically based on 10 tons per trip, which was about average. He stated how they make 144 trips per year, which was basically 4 times a week and 4 weeks a month for 12 months. He stated how that was across the board if they were going to Hegin's or Tamaqua. He stated that if they would look at it per ton, it was \$4.00 per ton to go to Tamaqua and \$11.00 per ton to go to Hegin's.

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Councilman Zabroski stated how the second part was labor. He stated that if they would average it out with one full-time driver at \$18.61 per hour and a picker at \$14.33 per hour. He stated about adding in their benefits, which was about \$10.00 making it uniform across the board. He stated how it was \$28.61 and \$24.33 per man hour for the labor. He stated how it took 2 hours and 15 minutes to go to Hegins and back and 50 minutes to go to Tamaqua and back. Councilman Zabroski stated about averaging out the numbers on a per ton charge with 10 tons per trip. He stated how they would have \$2.65 per ton for Tamaqua and \$11.38 per ton for Hegins. Councilwoman Fox asked Councilman Zabroski about them getting paid 8 hours a day even if they would only work 4 hours. Councilman Zabroski stated how he understood but they could be utilized in other aspects. Councilwoman Fox stated how they could not utilize them because of the contract.

Councilman Zabroski stated that the third thing they were looking at was tires. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they were not able to alter the garbage truck route because the contract stated that when they were done picking garbage up, they would work for the Borough. President Stromelo and Councilwoman Fox stated how it did not say that. President Stromelo stated to Councilman Sniscak, Jr. how he had made the contract. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how he did not make the contract. President Stromelo stated how he was on the negotiation committee. Councilman Zabroski stated how he did not want to get into an argument. He stated how he was just trying to defend himself because he was called a liar. Councilwoman Fox stated how she just wanted to make it known that they were getting paid 8 hours. Councilman Zabroski stated that if they would look at the labor that was what it would cost to drive to Hegins or to Tamaqua. Councilwoman Fox stated how they would be paying them to sit at home. Councilman Zabroski stated how it was not anything else, not picking garbage, just drive time.

Councilman Zabroski stated about the tire usage. He stated how it was a little tricky because they only had 5 years to study. He stated that over 5 years, they totaled three sets of tires. He stated how they changed them 12 times. He stated that each tire was approximately \$315.00 per tire with a total over the 5 years of \$11,340.00. Councilman Zabroski stated that if they would average it out for the tons with a yearly average and divide it up to the tons. He stated how it came to \$1.58 per ton for the tire wear over the last 5 years. He stated how they could not get a Tamaqua figure because they did not have it. He stated how the mileage was roughly 52 miles more to go to Hegins than it was to go to Tamaqua. He stated how he basically just cut the \$1.58 in half. Councilman Zabroski stated how they were only looking at the drive back and forth, which was an additional 52 miles per trip.

Councilman Zabroski stated how the last thing was the oil changes. He stated how he again just wanted to do the simple generic stuff with what funded the garbage truck. He stated how they did 4 oil changes a year, which was roughly \$581.00 per time. He stated how the drive time and the mileage put on the truck in a year could be cut in half, so there were two oil changes to one. He stated how there was \$1.61 added to the tons to go to Hegins and \$0.81 added to the tons to go to Tamaqua. Councilman Zabroski stated that if they would add everything up, the total cost per ton to go to Tamaqua was \$84.24 and the total cost to go to Hegins was \$84.81. He stated how that was how he came up with his numbers and that was why he said that they did not save money by going to Hegins. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how that was not all of it. Councilman Zabroski stated how that was all he looked at. He stated how he was called every name in the book last month in saying how he came up with his numbers. President Stromelo stated how everything that he had put out in the flyer was all lies. Councilman Zabroski stated how he understood that. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how there were no maintenance costs in there. He stated how they spent over \$8,000.00 in repairs to the truck.

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Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked if his wife would drive 300 miles a day to work and he drives 600 miles a day to work, who was going to pay more for maintenance. Councilwoman Fox stated how it would depend on how they drive. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that it was 2½ times more the distance and she was saying it would depend on how they drive. He stated how they were going to try and tell him that it was not going to cost them any more money. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how there was one more step that he did not take, amortization. He stated about how much they paid for the garbage truck, \$150,000.00 plus interest, \$170,000.00 total. He stated how the people who sold it to them told him that the truck should last 12 – 15 years. He stated how it was not going to last 12 – 15 years. He stated how it broke down over Memorial Day. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked President Stromelo why he left them dump in Tamaqua four times that week. President Stromelo stated how he did not. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they dumped four times in Tamaqua. President Stromelo stated how it was with the small truck. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked why, when they save money going to Hegins. President Stromelo stated “yes”. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked why they dumped in Tamaqua. President Stromelo stated how that was where he told them to go because the driver wanted to get home.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that if they would figure in amortization, they would be losing money. President Stromelo stated to Councilman Sniscak, Jr. how that was why they were conniving. He stated how the loss of money was the driver busting everything up. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it was not. He stated how they were figures. President Stromelo stated how he would give their figures to Councilman Hawk. He stated how Councilman Hawk would review them. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated about bringing in an independent auditor. Councilman Zabroski stated how he does that for a living. He stated how he was an operations manager for 10+ years. He stated how he had to do that with any piece of equipment he bought. Councilman Zabroski stated how it was not an argument or anything else. He stated to Mr. Jacobs how he had asked him last meeting about the figures and how he had told them that he had them but he just did not have them with him. He stated how that was what he did and that was how he came up with the figures. President Stromelo stated how he was including labor which had no factor in it.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it was the fact that the truck fell apart because they drove it 76,000 miles and it should only have 30,000 miles on it. President Stromelo stated how the truck did not fall apart. He stated how the truck will last 200,000 – 300,000 miles if it was taken care of. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked if it was the employee’s fault that the truck was breaking down. President Stromelo stated “yes”. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they were blaming it on the employees. He stated how the general lost the war, slaughters a bunch of troops; it was not his fault; it was the damn cowards; they lost the battle. President Stromelo stated how they spent over \$13,000.00 because he drove it back with the axel busted. He stated that if he did not know there was a problem, then he should not be driving it. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated about blaming it on the employees. President Stromelo stated that a couple of weeks ago, he was called because there was oil running out of the rear. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked about bringing in an independent auditor. Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated to President Stromelo that he would make him a deal; they would bring in an independent auditor to go over the figures, whosever figures were wrong, they would pay for the audit and then resign from Council. He stated that anyone who was backing them would resign as well. President Stromelo stated how Councilman Hawk would review it. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it was so stupid, it was unreal. President Stromelo stated how he was stupid. He stated how they would give all the figures to Councilman Hawk for review.

- KME – International chassis – truck up-fitted for use as sanitation truck

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### **6. RECREATION     DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO**

Councilwoman Fox stated how PPL was going to take the tree down; the first tree on Garibaldi Avenue in the New Columbus Park. She stated that they will be cutting it to below the lines. She stated how it was laying on some wires. She stated how she had gotten a quote for \$800.00 to take it down but PPL will take it down for nothing.

- **Quotes for lighting for the New Columbus Park Basketball Court**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had received three quotes for the lighting at the basketball court in the New Columbus Park. She stated how she had talked to Ron Tirpak and he suggested contacting PPL because they might be able to get them to install poles and get the power to the lights, which could be covered under the street lights. She stated how they might install the new meter and just charge them for the additional meter.

President Stromelo stated how he still had the by-laws to give to the Recreation Commission. He stated that they did not have a meeting last month and that their next meeting would not be until next month.

### **7. BUDGET AND PUCHASING     DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK, CO-CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO**

- **Tax Reimbursement for Jacob Arner - \$153.79**

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to refund the tax overpayment to Jacob Arner in the amount of \$153.79.

Councilwoman Walck asked what it was for. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was for an appeal he had won for his 2008 and 2009 taxes. She stated how they had reimbursed him some earlier. Councilwoman Walck asked if that would take care of the rest. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated "yes".

All voted yes. Motion passed.

### **8. FIRE/AMBULANCE PUBLIC SAFETY     FRANK DiMICELI, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK**

President Stromelo stated about the Lake Hauto Club getting permission to flush the dry hydrants at the Lake. Mr. McArdle stated that they had already been done.

President Stromelo stated how they received a request from the Lake Hauto Club: they would appreciate if the Borough would clean out the drain boxes within the Lake Hauto Club community; their employees will lift off the grates to provide access to the boxes. He stated how they would also appreciate if the Borough could sweep the streets within their community. President Stromelo stated how Mr. Snyder had called him and asked him. He stated how he had told Mr. Snyder to submit letters to the Council so they could act on it. President Stromelo stated that he did not know if they wanted to do it and charge them something. Councilwoman Walck stated that she would think that they would have to. President Stromelo stated that they would need to know what the charges would be. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were paying taxes for the Carbon County side. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was a private community. President Stromelo stated how they did not want them in there unless they call them. Councilwoman Walck stated how she thought that they should be charged.

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President Stromelo stated how they should figure out if they want to let them. Solicitor Yurchak stated about getting an estimated amount of what it would cost. President Stromelo stated about not doing it at all. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that if it was a private community, they should let them go to Tamaqua and let them come in to help them. He asked why they should get involved. President Stromelo stated that they would tell them that with all the projects coming up that they were too busy at that time. Councilman Zabroski stated that the last time he was approached they wanted to flush something. Mr. McArdle stated how they wanted the storm drain flushed, because they had a blocked line. President Stromelo stated how they had a lot of projects going on and he did not know if they could spare anybody for a couple of days. Mr Paul stated how they do not have the manpower. He stated how he did not mind helping anybody. Councilwoman Walck asked about the liability if something would get broken or if there was damage to property. President Stromelo stated how they would opt not to go up to the lake.

- Frank DiMiceli – Firefighters Grant Program Applicant
- **Fire Department Summary Report for May**
- **Ambulance Summary Report for May**

Councilwoman Walck read the reports for May:

13 responses for the month;  
3 automatic fire alarm  
2 fire police  
2 structure fire  
1 landing zone  
1 CO  
1 wires  
2 trees  
1 odor

She stated how there was a total of 69 responses for the year. Councilwoman Walck stated how for May there were 44 ambulance responses and 895 miles traveled. She stated how it brought the total for the year to 230 calls and 4,997 miles. She stated how there were 12 EMS calls handled by KME employees during work, which brings the total to 60 for the year, which they really appreciated it.

### **9. STREET LIGHTS**

**FRANK DiMICELI, CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK**

No report.

### **10. GRANTS**

**MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR. CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRMAN; RICHARD ZABROSKI**

Councilwoman Fox stated how she had talked to Bill Richards and there was nothing until after the budget was passed. She stated how she also heard back from Krista from Barry Isett and she wanted over \$1,000.00 to get the businesses together. She stated how she had also been playing phone tag with Dale Fruedenberger.

### **JR. RECREATION COMMISSION**

No report.

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Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to accept all Committee Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Zabroski stated that on July 31<sup>st</sup> the Little League will be holding their end of the year party. He stated how it was going to be held at the Little League Field and if it was raining they were hoping to be able to use the Recreation Center.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Fox asked about the donations to the Libraries. She stated about sending them each \$500.00. Councilwoman Walck stated about sending the donation to the Carbon County Friends of Animals, which was budgeted at \$500.00 also.

President Stromelo stated how they will be accepting names to fill Councilman Frank DiMiceli's unexpired term.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer