

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEN HAWK, JACOBS, 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. Cadet Troop 4096 started the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2011 and the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2011.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2011 and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2011. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Carol Zickler – 2 E. Center Street – stated how she wanted to introduce her replacement, Sherry Ryan, because she was retiring and it was going to be her last meeting. She stated how Ms. Ryan was going to take over the column and the meetings. President Stromelo welcomed Ms. Ryan and thanked Ms. Zickler for her years of service.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how he wanted to introduce three of his friends from Australia, Jody, Jenny and Debbie. He stated how they wanted to see how democracy worked. President Stromelo stated how it was nice to have them there.

Jean Susko – 237 W. Marconi Avenue – stated how she was the new leader of Cadet Troop 4096 of Nesquehoning. The Cadets introduced themselves: Haley Karnish, Mickayla Susko, Katelyn Karnish, Carley Kresge, Jocelyn Steigerwalt, & Alexis Grammes and gave a short presentation: “We are Cadet Troop 4096 of Nesquehoning”. We would like to ask the Borough of Nesquehoning for permission to clean up the parks of Nesquehoning as part of our Silver Award Project. On Saturday, October 22nd, on ‘Make a Difference Day’, the Cadet Troop Members would like to pick-up litter and pull weeds in both Nesquehoning Parks. In the Spring, we would like to create a Community Clean-up Day for anyone in the Borough who would like to help us clean up the parks. This would include pulling weeds, raking leaves, picking up litter, and sweeping the debris off the basketball court. Our leader would also like to try to remove some of the graffiti off of the play equipment. In May or June, we would like to re-paint the metal where needed on the play equipment. We would also like to submit a written proposal for a plan with details for future planting. Thank you for your consideration from Cadet Troop 4096.”

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to allow the Cadet Troop 4096 to clean up the Nesquehoning Parks and to provide planting details at a future date. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to send a thank you letter to Carol Zickler for her years of dedicated service. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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Tony Mele – 158 E. Columbus Avenue – asked what, if any, action had been taken on the water runoff problem on E. Columbus Avenue. President Stromelo stated how he had discussed it with the Borough's Engineer, Ron Tirpak, and with Solicitor Yurchak. He stated that Mr. Tirpak had advised them how it was a property issue and the land they were talking about was owned by Gene Rutch. He stated how it really was not Borough property. President Stromelo stated how the Water Authority was addressing their part of it at the top. Mr. Mele stated how there were 2 water lines and a sewer line that run through the property. He stated how the Borough did not own it. President Stromelo stated how it was an easement.

Bill Rehrig – 160 E. Columbus Avenue – asked who put in the drainage ditch. President Stromelo stated how that was done when they installed Padua Avenue. Mr. Mele stated how the drainage ditch was a bad design to start with. He stated how the water had been coming off the mountain for 40 years. He stated how they never had problems until they put in the 2 water lines and the sewer line. Mr. Mele stated how Mr. Tirpak put the ditch in. He stated how the water used to come down the road, Padua Avenue, and go into the ditch, which was a natural drain. Mr. Mele stated how the drainage ditch was redesigned after the water and sewer lines were installed. He stated how the drainage ditch was put on top of the ground and lined with stone. He stated that the ditch eventually filled up. Mr. Mele stated how they did not have to spend thousands of dollars to dig a trench and put in pipeline. He stated how they should just open up the ditch. He stated how it ran for 15 years. He stated how there was no water running through the woods down to MapleShade. He stated how they never had any problems until the ditch filled up. Mr. Mele stated how it overflows and washes Mr. Rehrig's yard out. Mr. Rehrig stated how there was 3 feet under his fence that was washed out. He stated how it was close to washing out his pool, which would have been 75,000 gallons of water more washing down over the mountain. Mr. Mele stated how Mr. Rehrig had to have material hauled in twice. Mr. Rehrig stated how it was almost up to his door. He stated how it was coming down that fast; it was almost up to his pool and was hitting his shed. He stated how he had pictures of it. Mr. Mele stated how it could be taken care of the next day because it was only 50 feet long. He stated about taking some rocks out and opening up the ditch. Mr. Rehrig gave copies of the pictures of the water running down past his house to President Stromelo. President Stromelo stated how the ditch should be able to handle a normal rain. Mr. Rehrig stated how it did not handle the rain water at all anymore. President Stromelo stated how they would get the Street Committee to look at it with Mr. Tirpak. Mr. Mele stated how it could be corrected in a day or two. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated about Louis Paul attending the meeting also. President Stromelo stated how the Water Authority did have some issues with their drain. He stated how it was blocked but they had gotten it open. He stated how holding a meeting to see what could be done.

Councilman Jacobs stated that before they redid Padua Avenue years ago the water used to fan out, but that was where Mr. Rutch was now parking his equipment. He stated how it was confined to one area. Mr. Mele stated how it had its own path through the woods. He stated how the ditch they put in did its job but it was now full. Louis Paul stated how he was there looking at the situation. He stated how one of the problems was the drain at the top, where the Water Authority was. He stated how the small rocks block the drain so it overflows and runs down the street and goes over the curb. Mr. Paul stated how the Water Authority needed to redesign the creek and put big rift-raft rock there so it did not block the drain. He stated that if the drain would not block, it could handle all the water and Mr. Rehrig would not get flooded. Mr. Paul stated how it was a simple problem that could be corrected with big boulders like they did similar in the Creek on the other side. He stated that if they would order rift raft and go up with a piece of machinery; the Water Authority could correct that problem. He stated how that was what he thought could be done. Mr. Mele stated how it has done it for 40 years.

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Mr. Paul stated how that was the first problem. Mr. Mele stated that by the time it got down to the bottom of the hill at Columbus Avenue, it would overflow into the natural drain. Mr. Paul stated that if they had a big inlet, 24 inch pipe, and that pipe was blocked, they will have a tremendous amount of water running down the street that overshoots the curb and goes down into the property. Mr. Paul stated how the drain was handling the water on that day and if the drain would block that night, they were going to have the same problem. Mr. Rehrig stated how it was running down and going into the drain. Mr. Paul stated how he was talking about the drain in the woods. Mr. Rehrig stated how the runoff was not handling the water. Mr. Mele stated how they could have an 8 foot pipe but the water was still going to run into Mr. Rehrig's yard if the ditch was not open. Mr. Paul stated that the drain blocks up top and that was where the problem existed. He stated how he was not going to dig on private property. President Stromelo stated how they would get a street committee meeting scheduled with the engineer, Ron Tirpak, and with the Water Authority to see what could be done. He stated how they knew there was a problem and they will see what they could do.

Mike Matalone – 129 E. Columbus Avenue – asked what was being done with the house across the street, 124 E. Columbus Avenue, with the oil spill. He stated that on any given day, if the wind was blowing right, he could smell it from his porch. He stated how he had to check to see if this oil burner was leaking because the odor was so strong. He stated how it had been going on for 2 – 3 years and nothing had been done since it first happened. Mr. Matalone stated how the building inspector was at the house that day. Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated how DEP was involved with it because of the contamination. He stated how they could not go in and do anything. Councilwoman Walck stated how there were letters sent. President Stromelo stated how it was moving at a snail's pace. Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated how they could not go near that place to do anything because the federal and state was involved. Chief Smith stated how the contaminated soil had to be specifically bagged. He stated how, when it happened, there was a woman there from DEP taking soil samples. He stated how she had told him that there was a politician involved. Chief Smith stated how the Mayor made multiple phone calls on it. He stated that at the last he knew, it was with DEP. Chief Smith stated how they had exhausted all of their resources. He stated how they did everything by the book. He stated how he arrested him for all the code violations. He stated how he did not know what else to do because it was with DEP. Mayor Walck stated how he still had copies of letters that were sent to and from Congressman Kanjorski. Councilwoman Walck stated how Congressman Kanjorski wrote to DEP also. Mayor Walck stated how he was also in touch with DEP. Mr. Matalone asked if anybody could move into the house. President Stromelo, Mayor Walck, Chief Smith and Councilman Sniscak Jr. all stated “no”. President Stromelo stated how they were going to write a letter to DEP and ask them for the status of the property.

Mr. Matalone stated about the speeding on E. Columbus Ave. He stated how he could write down the license plate numbers of the cars. He stated about having an officer sitting on his porch. Mr. Matalone stated how a woman almost hit a construction worker the other day. President Stromelo stated to Mr. Matalone that if he knew who it was, he could let Chief Smith know. Councilwoman Walck asked Mr. Matalone if it was happening at a specific time. Mr. Matalone stated how it was all day.

Joseph Tout – 8 N. Tippetts Road – stated how he wanted to talk to the Council Members about Tippetts Road. He stated how Tippetts Road leads to the Borough Culvert Bridge, which has a weight restriction. He stated how Tippetts Road then goes on to private property, private road, which was for Lake Hauto Members. Mr. Tout stated that recently Lake Hauto had taken away the use of the turnaround at the bottom of Tippetts Hill. He stated how the trucks were coming down Tippetts Road and had no place to turn around.

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Mr. Tout stated how the first sign that was posted with weight restrictions was 2/3 of the way down the road. He stated how they should post the sign up on Route 54. He stated how they should post the same sign at the avenues. President Stromelo stated how they should be able to take care of that. He stated how they might even have extra signs at the Borough Garage. Councilman Jacobs asked Mr. Tout if Lake Hauto owned that piece of property. Mr. Tout stated how they had put boulders there.

Mr. Tout stated how they might want to look at the Culvert Bridge. President Stromelo stated how he had talked to Engineer Ron Tirpak a few weeks ago. He stated how the bridge inspections were coming up. Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated about a sign that would list the bridge restrictions and also how there was no turnaround. President Stromelo stated how they would have to get them made but they could move the other one up for now.

Tom Merman – 512 E. Center Street – stated how he had asked last month about a driveway encroachment on Railroad Street. He stated how there were several encroachments around town. He stated how the Borough has ordinances concerning trees. He stated how the Borough also had ordinances concerning no repairing vehicles on the road. Mr. Merman stated how he does not see the ordinances being enforced. He stated how it should be in a book and before anybody does anything around their property, they should come to see if it was permissible so they do not have to fight with their neighbors. He stated how neighbors should not have to fight with each other. President Stromelo thanked Mr. Merman for his input. Mr. Merman asked if they have an answer for him. President Stromelo stated how they were working on it.

President Stromelo stated how they also had a student from Marian Catholic High School, Samantha O'Donnell, who was there to observe how a Council worked, for a school project.

President Stromelo stated how they had Resolutions to present to honor the three fire chiefs, John McArdle, Jim Nardoizzi, and David Walls. President Stromelo presented the Resolutions to the fire chiefs for their dedicated service. He asked the fire chiefs to tell the people in attendance how long they have been with the fire companies. John McArdle stated how he has been a volunteer with the Nesquehoning Hose Company for 33 years and the fire chief for the last 20 years. Jim Nardoizzi stated how he has been involved with the New Columbus Fire Company for 22 years and the fire chief for the last 10 years. David Walls stated how he has been involved with the Hauto Volunteer Fire Company for 29 years and he did not know how long he has been the fire chief, a long time. President Stromelo stated how the Borough appreciated their dedicated service. President Stromelo thanked them all and told them to keep up the good work.

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POLICE REPORT

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

\$1,191.10 fine money received from Magistrate Kosciolek; \$85.00 fine money received from Magistrate for Sanitation Fines/Bills; \$26.24 received in Carbon County Collections; \$24.05 received in DUI reimbursements; \$5.75 received in Motor Vehicle reimbursements; \$0.00 received from Carbon County Restitution; \$0.00 received from Attorney General for overtime reimbursement; \$0.00 received in State Fines; \$75.00 received in parking tickets; \$260.00 received in moving permits; \$135.00 received in accident reports; \$0.00 received in solicitation permits; 22 citations [5 non-traffic & 17 traffic]; 378 incidents reported for the month; alert form attached to report; 0 search warrants; 0 consent search; 5 traffic accidents (2 reportable – 3 non-reportable); 20 court appearances and the mileage total was 5,887 (1,142 – 2008 Crown Vic; 2,134 – 2008 Chevy Impala; 0 - 2003 Crown Vic; 730 – 2005 Expedition; 1,881 – 2009 Ford Crown Vic; 762 – 2011 Ford Crown Vic).

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

- 09.08.11 Wildoner Insurance Agency – Unoccupied vehicles stored, uncut weeds

Housing & Code Official's, Linda Narciso, report was placed in the communications file.

Councilman Jacobs stated that on #13, he had filed the complaint because a citizen in that area complained to him about it. He stated how he was up to see it and he was told how it was not in violation. He stated how he was up there the other day and it was the same situation as where they were talking about people blocking the sidewalks. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was being said that it was not in violation. He stated how it was up against the property line and that the rear wheels were hanging out beyond the radius. He stated that there was only a radius because there was no curbing on that block. He stated how they were saying that it was okay and there was no problem. Councilman Jacobs stated how it had been there over a month in the same location. He stated how he did not think it was the required distance from the intersection. Councilman Jacobs stated how he felt that there was a violation. Councilman Sniscak Jr. asked what the distance was. Councilman Jacobs stated "15 feet". Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated that if it was on their property, the 15 feet should not make a difference. Councilman Jacobs stated how they were in the same situation, even though there were no sidewalks, with blocking the walkway. President Stromelo stated how they could take a look at it. Councilman Jacobs stated how he wanted them to look at it. Councilman Zabroski asked if it could be a condemned trailer. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the camper was current with license, insurance, and inspection. President Stromelo stated how they will look at it and get a meeting together.

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak Jr. seconded to accept the Housing & Code Official's report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Louis Paul gave his report for August - September as follows:

(Streets) pothole complaints W. Railroad Street and Oak Street – completed, Greco inlet box and pipe collapse – completed, Mill Street 3 inlet boxes installed – completed, 6th Street paving project, pipe, and inlet box – in progress, Kattner tunnel and inlet box reinforcement steel and 3 years of concrete – completed, complaint on fence fixed and stable – completed; (Grass) all parks and 12 sites were cut bi-weekly; (Line paint) School Bus Stops – completed; (Washouts) Tippets Road, Padua Avenue, Tonolli Road, #3 stone put back in place, stable shoulders – completed; (Ditch lines) Elementary School, Mermon Avenue, Mussmano Avenue water problems – completed; (Code enforcement) all completed at that time; (Bridges) look okay, large tree removed from creek, Ouly – seeded and repaired – completed; (Inlets) some inlets have collapsed due to heavy rains and will be scheduled for repairs; (Sealing) end of October – November inlets that were installed, Water Authority and patch work that was completed that Summer.

Mr. Paul stated how he wanted to give credit to his workforce with all the rain. He stated how they kept the inlets clear and open in all of the crazy weather. He stated how he thought that they did an excellent job with keeping everything open.

Mr. Paul stated how he urges that all Council Members and Mayor fill out the maintenance request forms and touch base with President Stromelo. He stated how there were monthly records of jobs completed and jobs in progress. He stated how it eliminates problems between taxpayers and staff.

Mr. Paul stated how he had given all of Council a copy of a letter for them to read. He stated how he had received some quotes on patching. He stated how they were only estimated costs. Mr. Paul stated how they should read the letter, if they had any questions, they should ask him and he would go over it with them. He stated how they were only estimated costs. Mr. Paul stated how they spent about \$1,500.00 last year and did Coal Street, half of E. Diaz Avenue, and all of the inlets they installed. He stated how he was going to have to seal around the inlet boxes, which were around 25, and all the Water Authority's repairs.

Councilman Sniscak Jr. stated how he went over the roads with Mr. Paul and there was no truck traffic on them. He stated how tarring and chipping was the way to go. He stated how they could knock out six streets for \$42,000.00. He stated how it could be done in a week. Councilwoman Walck stated how it would have to go out on bid. President Stromelo stated how they can go over it. Mr. Paul stated how he wanted to sit down with all of them because he had some ideas. He stated how he was trying to get the best bang for the buck. Councilman Jacobs stated how tarring and chipping might be the way to go. President Stromelo stated how they will try to have a meeting sometime in the following week.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- **Planning Commission Meeting minutes for September 2011**
- **Mary Fox letter to Frederick Brown – subdivision of 58 W. Columbus Avenue**
- **Mary Fox resignation from Planning Commission.**

Councilwoman Fox stated how everyone had the minutes from the September 21, 2011 meeting. She stated how both plans were approved, Frederick Brown's subdivision at 58 W. Columbus Avenue and the County's subdivision, Lions Club, on W. Mill Street. Councilwoman Fox stated how there was a letter to Frederick Brown in regards to relocating the sewer lines.

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Councilman Sniscak Jr. asked who was going to pay for the curbing on W. Mill Street. President Stromelo stated "the County". Councilman Jacobs asked when they were going to start the curbing on W. Mill Street. President Stromelo stated how it was supposed to be started as soon as the weather breaks.

Councilman Sniscak Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to accept the subdivision plans for Frederick Brown at 58 W. Columbus Avenue. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Sniscak Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the resignation of Mary Fox from the Planning Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.

All of the Council Members thanked Mary Fox for her years of service.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

No report.

PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

- 09.12.11 Panther Creek Partners Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilman Jacobs stated how he did not know that they were meeting or he would have attended the meeting and voiced his concerns. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how their next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 3rd.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Ron Tirpak letter to Randall Smith – Lion's Club Property
- Ron Tirpak letter to James Martino – Street/Road Improvements – FY 2010
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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Robert T. Yurchak letter to E. H. Pooled – 34 E. Railroad Street
- DaRe & Gough – Sada Enterprises
- Robert T. Yurchak letter to Michael P. Gough – Sada Enterprises
- Robert T. Yurchak letter to Clyde Gagnon – High Grass Bill
- Robert T. Yurchak letter to Michael Kulp, Jr. – Motor Vehicle damage
- Robert T. Yurchak letter to E. H. Pooled – 34 E. Railroad Street
- Property Maintenance Code

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had sent a second letter to E. H. Pooled concerning the William's property and they had until the 29th to respond. He stated how he did not get the certified card back. He stated that once he got the card back, he would recommend that they go forward with the nuisance action.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had a draft of a Property Maintenance Code for them to review.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had exchanged emails with Blue Ridge and they were okay with Borough doing a Resolution. He stated how they wanted to do an ordinance but did not give him enough time for advertising for an ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was a Resolution to extend and renew the cable terms for 10 more years. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. asked if there was no price increase from the last 10 years. Solicitor Yurchak stated how there was nothing listed on the Resolution. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they had raised cable rates. Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Borough gets a percentage. He stated that if the Borough would raise the percentage, it would just get passed on to the consumer.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the Resolution for Blue Ridge Communications to extend and renew the cable terms for 10 more years. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had received a call from Ron Tirpak and Dan Miscavige, Packer Township Solicitor, regarding the wind turbine project going in on top of the mountain. He stated that from what he understood, most of it will be in Packer Township. Solicitor Yurchak stated that about two years ago he had done a draft ordinance for wind turbine regulations. He stated how he had updated the ordinance, as per Ron Tirpak's recommendations, and had a draft copy for Council to review.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how Mr. Paul had given him a copy of the paperwork from the Constable indicating that the title of the truck was awarded to the Borough. He stated how he has been in touch with Bill Richards about getting the title for them.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had reviewed the information of the Pension Board. He stated how the Council Members had to decide who was going to be on the board. Councilwoman Fox asked if it was something that they were mandated to do. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he thought that they had to do it. He stated how they had to look at what the scope of the pension was to see what union they wanted to be a part of it.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he has been working on a complaint towards MEM. He stated how he had discovered that there were two actions filed in Lancaster County, Mannheim Borough and Elizabethtown Borough. He stated how they have already gone to judgment and both of them won. He stated how one was a default judgment and the other was a judgment after they did not respond to discovery. He stated how he needed a little more information to finalize it and then it would be ready to go.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had been speaking with Attorney Ozalas regarding the railroad and he asked what the Borough wanted done with all of the crossings. He stated how he had talked to Ron Tirpak and he actually said about reconstructing all of the crossings which would cost about \$250,000.00 for all four of them. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he needed the scope of what they wanted done and then they would go from there. President Stromelo stated about getting in touch with Ron Tirpak to get some specifications.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he was in touch with the First Niagara Bank, COG account, and the bank manager was going to get him a form that would release the account and close it. Solicitor Yurchak stated that Ron Blisard and Trevor Lawrence were still listed as signatories.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated how the tax collecting committee wanted the Borough to redo the tax collecting ordinance. He stated how he did not like the draft ordinance they sent. He stated that he was not recommending to do anything with it at the present time. He was bringing it to the Councils attention that the tax collection committee wanted them to do it but he feels that their ordinance was enforceable. He stated how they did not have to because all they wanted to do was to make all the ordinances uniform.

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

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JIM THORPE NATIONAL BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 206,989.56 |
| Receipts | 136,431.82 |
| Expenditures | 159,992.72 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 183,428.66 |

SANITATION FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 99,020.42 |
| Receipts | 92,552.42 |
| Sewer | 16,402.35 |
| Expenditures | 82,888.91 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 92,281.58 |

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 10,331.13 |
| Receipts | 2.19 |
| Expenditures | .00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 10,333.32 |

HIGHWAY FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 107,924.31 |
| Receipts | 22.92 |
| Expenditures | .00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 107,947.23 |

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 11,817.45 |
| Receipts | 1,878.19 |
| Expenditures | 1,869.33 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 11,826.31 |

PLANNING FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 9,581.78 |
| Receipts | 2.85 |
| Expenditures | .00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 9,584.63 |

SANITATION ESCROW

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 199,591.47 |
| Receipts | 5,860.22 |
| Expenditures | .00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 205,451.69 |

GENERAL SEWER FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 98,057.00 |
| Receipts | 16,517.35 |
| Expenditures | 83,986.23 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 30,588.12 |

DEBT SERVICE

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 1,936.80 |
| Receipts | .41 |
| Expenditures | .00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 1,937.21 |

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 47,000.89 |
| Receipts | 44,372.08 |
| Expenditures | 39,200.16 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 52,172.81 |

FIRE TRUCK FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 150,596.72 |
| Receipts | 10,021.85 |
| Expenditures | 14,346.91 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 146,271.66 |

POLICE PENSION FUND

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 598,345.34 |
| Receipts | 21,852.05 |
| Expenditures | 7,015.50 |
| Acct Depreciation | 22,270.25 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 590,911.64 |

CAPITAL PROJECT

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| Balance 07.31.11 | 62,870.10 |
| Receipts | 323.59 |
| Expenditures | 3,398.00 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | 59,795.69 |

2010 STREET PROJECT ACCOUNT

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| Balance 07.31.11 | .00 |
| Receipts | 337.80 |
| Expenditures | 338.80 |
| Balance 08.31.11 | .00 |

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CD REPORT

| FUND | CURRENT VALUE 08.31.11 | INTEREST 08.31.11 | OPENING DATE | CURRENT RATE | RENEWAL DATE | BANK |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| PLANNING | \$ 15,839.22 | \$ 33.56 | 08-17-09 | 2.50 % | 08-17-12 | JTNB |
| GEN. SEWER | \$ 373,111.46 | \$ 790.54 | 08-20-09 | 2.50 % | 08-20-12 | JTNB |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 14,009.63 | \$ 29.68 | 08-17-09 | 2.50 % | 08-20-12 | JTNB |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 107,715.03 | \$ 127.93 | 06-04-10 | 1.40% | 06-04-13 | JTNB |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 18,795.83 | \$ 23.91 | 06-30-11 | 1.50% | 06-30-14 | JTNB |
| SANITATION | \$ 20,806.87 | \$ 26.47 | 06-30-11 | 1.50% | 06-30-14 | JTNB |
| CAPITAL PROJ | \$ 10,198.36 | \$ 12.98 | 06-30-11 | 1.50% | 06-30-14 | JTNB |
| FIRE TRUCK | \$ 9,963.96 | \$ 12.68 | 06-30-11 | 1.50% | 06-30-14 | JTNB |

Councilman Jacobs stated how he would like to thank Secretary/Treasurer Ahner and the girls in the office for getting the agendas ready on Monday. He stated how he came in the office on Monday and they told him how his agenda was in his bin. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how he was going to say the same thing. He asked if everybody had gotten their agendas early. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated “not everybody”. Councilman Zabroski stated how we will have to stagger our hours so he would be able to come in and get his. Councilman Jacobs stated about having a rack or something in the hallway so that they could come in the front door and get their mail. He stated how he does not want to go in the office. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Summit Hill has a nice mailbox sitting at their front door. She stated how anybody can put any mail in for any Council Member and the Council Members would only have keys for their own mailbox. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she will check with Summit Hill as to where they got their mailbox and how much it was.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

John McArdle stated that with the last rainstorms, Mr. Paul and the Borough Workers had been down and removed the tree from the Nesquehoning Creek. He stated how he would like to have a letter sent to the Conservation Club. He stated that since they were involved with the creek itself, he would be interested if they could go and walk the creek from behind Kovatch down to MapleShade. He stated how they could alert them if there were some trees down that needed to be removed. Mr. McArdle stated how they needed to get them removed before they do get high waters. He stated how it could be done as preventative maintenance and it would be to the Borough's benefit.

Mr. McArdle stated how the County still has not submitted the radio grant. He stated that they are in the process of doing it. He stated how they have a grant writer/consultant put together and they were looking at the radio packages for the County Emergency Services along with the Communications Center. He stated how their projected cost right now was \$1.9 million. Mr. McArdle stated how they expect to have the grant submitted, reviewed and acted upon in November or December.

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Mr. McArdle stated that with the three chiefs there that night, that if they do not hear anything by January, they should take a step forward and purchase the equipment. He stated how they are going to need to have things in place as early as May or June. He stated how the fire department will be the third service to be switched over to the narrow banding. He stated how the paging, which will affect the emergency services, will be the last to be switched over and they expect that to be in October or November.

Mr. McArdle stated how the Nesquehoning Hose Company would like to do a traffic stop on October 8th. He stated how the week of October 9th through the 15th was fire prevention week. He stated how there will be an open house at the fire station on October 9th. He stated how there will be a program done at the Elementary School on October 14th.

Mr. McArdle stated how the application had been submitted and accepted for the AFG grant.

Mr. McArdle stated about the pending complaints they have with 127 W. Catawissa Street. He stated how he does not know what the story was with Carl Faust. He stated how he has called Mr. Faust several times and he has also had an issue with the property on W. High Street. Mr. McArdle stated how he was there and the tenant showed him how the guts of the smoke detector were removed. He stated how the smoke detector was made as a decoy/disguise. He stated how he had found two of them like that not just one. He stated how it was a Landlord/Tenant dispute. Mr. McArdle stated how he needed Mr. Faust or someone to enforce the issues. President Stromelo stated about writing a letter to Mr. Faust to see if he was still interested in doing business in Nesquehoning. Mr. McArdle stated how they do have pending cases and they were getting to a point where they were ready to pursue. He stated about the meeting they had when Councilman DiMiceli had called in by phone and everything was moving ahead. He stated how everything had just stopped. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had just sent him an email that day. Councilman Zabroski stated that if Mr. Faust keeps backing off of the stuff, they might just have to take him off and move on to the alternate. Councilwoman Walck stated how she understood it was that once an inspector started something he had to finish it. Solicitor Yurchak stated how no inspector wants to pick up where another inspector has left off. Mr. McArdle stated that out of all the inspectors they have had, Mr. Faust has been the most aggressive and has appeared to be the most knowledgeable even though he was like a bull in a china shop. He stated how Mr. Faust had all of his facts together and he would hate to let him go. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she knew that Mr. Faust had been really busy. She stated that he had been inspecting Wal-Mart and now he had also been dealing with Lowe's. She stated that now that Lowe's was open, he may have more time. Mr. McArdle stated that he hoped Mr. Faust would be up front with either wanting to do them or not. President Stromelo stated how they would contact Mr. Faust to see if he was still interested in working with the Borough.

President Stromelo stated that since they were on the subject of 127 W. Catawissa Street. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he was waiting for the email that came from Mr. Faust. He stated how he had just got it that morning.

Mr. McArdle questioned about the Emergency Truck Run-off on Route 93. He stated how there was damage done about two storms ago. He stated how they have put a sign at the top of the hill telling truck drivers to pull over and warning them that the truck run off ramp was closed. He stated how the Emergency Truck Run-off has been used in the past. Mr. McArdle was requesting that the Borough send a letter to PennDOT asking for a timeframe and asking them to get it done. He stated how they are putting the Borough's traffic at risk. Mr. McArdle stated how the representatives should also be CCed on the letters.

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Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that if they would fix the thing the right way, it would not keep washing out. Mr. McArdle stated how they need to get it addressed before the winter.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to allow the Nesquehoning Hose Company hold a collection on October 8, 2011. All voted yes. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Request from Chief Smith to attend training Mental Health on 12 and 13 October 2011

Mayor Walck stated how everybody had a copy of how Chief Smith wanted to attend a seminar program for Carbon, Monroe and Pike Counties. He stated how he has already discussed it with Police & Public Safety Committee. He stated how the training money was way over budget. Councilwoman Walck stated how Chief Smith had written a very good request and it was going to help with her suggestion. She stated how Blue Mountain had released an individual in less than six hours and they were supposed to be keeping an individual for 72 hours. She stated about trying to do something at the source and possibly write a letter to Blue Mountain to have them explain why they do not keep these people for 72 hours. She stated how they can tell them about their concerns. Mayor Walck stated that the discussion with Police & Public Safety Committee was that the police were doing their job. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it sounds like it would be a waste of money. President Stromelo stated how they thought that Blue Mountain would get more out of it then the police officers. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they should send them a letter requesting to know why they were not doing their job. Councilwoman Fox stated how she did not even know what the seminar would be about. Councilman Hawk stated how the seminar was for them to review their procedures and things they could be doing differently. He stated how they were looking for input from the law enforcement community to help them decide if they need to make changes. He stated that if they would have their police officers there, it was going to primarily benefit Blue Mountain.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to deny the request to attend the training and to send a letter asking for an explanation as to why they were not following procedures. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Jason Harrison – Criminal Justice student – interview Chief Smith, Ride along

Mayor Walck stated how they had received a letter from Jason Harrison, who was a student at Lehigh Carbon Community College and was majoring in Criminal Justice. He stated how Mr. Harrison was required to do an interview of a law enforcement officer as a class requirement. He stated how Chief Smith has agreed to allow Mr. Harrison to interview him. Mayor Walck stated how Mr. Harrison was also requesting permission to ride along with Chief Smith.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to allow Mr. Harrison to ride along with Chief Smith and to also interview him.

Councilwoman Walck stated about making him sign the release forms.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

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Mayor Walck stated how he had a request from Officer Wuttke and Officer Kurtz wanted to attend an electronic informational seminar, which was on first responders. He stated how one was at night from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and the other one was during the day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. He stated that it was being held at Northampton Area Community College and it was \$60.00 per class and there were two classes. President Stromelo stated that they could not do it that year. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when they approved the training class for Chief Smith at Penn State, they had stated how that was going to be the last of schooling for that year because it was going to take them over the budget.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to deny the request to attend the training at the Northampton Area Community College. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated how he has a letter that he is going to turn over to Solicitor Yurchak from John Kovatch III, who was requesting PennDOT to do a few things, crosswalks painted and the speed limit reduced. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they had tried that and they were turned down. Mayor Walck stated how Mr. Kovatch III was concerned with the pedestrian traffic up by his plant.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to have Solicitor Yurchak write a letter to PennDOT requesting a traffic study on Route 54. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated how there were several bicycles in the basement and with Council's permission possibly hold a Chinese auction, no-cost, at the Recreation Center sometime next month. He stated how he had talked to Solicitor Yurchak in regards to an acknowledgment and a release from damages form. He stated how they would have the Nesquehoning children put their name on a piece of paper and put it in a bag attached to the bike they wanted. He stated how they would get a letter of liability stating how they were getting the bikes "As-is".

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to allow Mayor Walck to hold a Chinese auction with the bikes from the basement at the borough office. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated how they still have guns down in the evidence locker that they would like to try and sell. He stated how they should try and have another gun sale.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to allow Mayor Walck to hold a gun sale at the borough office. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated how they were going to get rid of some of the other things that were lying down in the basement as well. He stated how there was a special way that they had to get rid of the old, old police vests and how they would get with Chief Smith on getting rid of them.

Mayor Walck stated how the next Nesquehoning Crime Watch meeting would be held on November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

01 August 2011 – 31 August 2011

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| Real Estate | \$5,293.67 |
| Occupation | 148.50 |
| Per Capita | <u>121.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,563.17 |

EXEMPTION: Leonard Rehatchek - Duplicate

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sniscak, Jr. seconded to accept all the reports to that point (Emergency Management, Mayor, and Tax Collector) including the exemption. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPLICATIONS: Travis T. Loch Borough Worker

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 08.25.11 Cohen Law Group – Free Legal Assessment
2. 08.26.11 DCED - Pennsylvania Brownfields Conference
3. 08.26.11 Maintenance, Inc. – Property Mgmt Specials
4. 08.29.11 NEPS – Green Seeking
5. 08.31.11 PSAB – Fall Leadership Conference
- 6. 09.01.11 Lucille M. Richmond – The Grotto, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how some of the Council Members had received letters to send in regards to the Grotto. She stated about sending a letter from the borough also. President Stromelo stated how they were looking to put the Grotto as a historic site. He stated how they want to have it placed on the National Historic Registry. He stated how it was a letter in support of it. Councilman Hawk stated how he thought it would be a good thing for the borough. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they should send a letter from the Borough Council.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to send the letter in support of making the Grotto a National Historic Site. All voted yes. Motion passed.

7. 09.02.11 Riley and Company – New sources of revenue, controlling expenses
8. 09.09.11 PIRMA – Update
9. 09.09.11 E-power – Energy efficiency for small business customers
10. 09.09.11 CC Conservation District – NPDES Permit Application Rte 54 Curve
11. 09.09.11 PennDOT – Carbon County SR 54-PR Contract
- 12. 09.13.11 Conrad Siegel – 2011 Compliance Amendment – Police Pension Plan**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how they will have to do an ordinance for the compliance amendment. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was for Borough Council's review.

13. 09.14.11 Systems Design Engineering – Public Water Supply Permit Amendment
14. 09.15.11 DCED – Workshop – Intermediate Accounting
15. 09.15.11 DCED – PA Association of Floodplain Managers' Annual Fall Meeting

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16. 09.16.11 KME – Sale items

17. 09.19.11 MECAB – questions

18. 09.19.11 Keep America Beautiful – Project for survey for illegal dumpsites

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to approve all communications and accept the application 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. 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 how they were progressing on Mill Street and the sewer lines were being installed.

2. SEWER

MARY FOX, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS

Councilwoman Fox stated how the Sewer Committee had met the previous night and they also met the previous morning with Ron Tirpak to go over some of the stuff they were going to need for next year. She stated how Willow Lane and E. Mill Street were supposed to be worked on next year. She stated how they would like to replace the sewer lines on both of those streets. Councilwoman Fox stated how Ron Tirpak gave an estimated price of over \$200,000.00 to do both of those jobs. She stated how they would like to do another unit down at the plant once unit #3 was done. She stated how that will also be around \$250,000.00. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were still paying on the projects that were in progress.

Councilwoman Fox stated how they were trying not to raise the sewer rates with the projects that are coming up. She stated how the PennVest loan will be paid off in June and that was \$28,000.00 a month. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were talking about looking into getting a line of credit for the sewer department. She stated that they would be able to move forward with the projects. She stated how they were talking about a \$300,000.00/\$400,000.00 line of credit. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how the interest rates were down and there was no sense in going for \$200,000.00. President Stromelo stated how they should go for whatever they can get. He stated how they will not use it all but at least it would be there in the event they would need it. Councilwoman Fox said that they would only have to pay on what they use. Councilman Jacobs stated how they did not want to touch the CDs because they want to save them for a backup. He stated that if they have a good line of credit, they could go in and pay whatever the big expenditure was for several years instead of imposing on the rate payers with an increase. Councilwoman Fox stated how they also have a bond issue but that will be done in December of 2013. She stated how that was \$39,000.00 a quarter. President Stromelo stated how they have to start taking steps because things were getting worse as the years go on. Councilman Zabroski stated about getting quotes from the banks on the rates for a line credit.

Councilwoman Fox stated how they were going to send letters out because Mr. Pilla did find how there were still some septic systems located in the 200 block of W. Mill Street. She stated how letters were going to have to be sent to those individuals informing them how they must reconnect their lines. She stated how they were connected to the sewer system but it was going through their septic tanks. Councilman Jacobs stated that when he did the dye test, he had gotten water but no dye which meant that it was coming out of the overflow of the septic tank.

Councilwoman Fox stated how Ron Tirpak suggested that they should bid out both units at one time because they might get a better price. She stated about putting a time limit on them as well. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they have to look at the airline pumps for the aerators, so they can separate them. He stated how they were getting everything fixed but if that pipe goes down none of them will work. He stated about getting a price to see what it was going to take to get each one hooked up individually. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they could at least get one separated from the other two.

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Councilwoman Fox stated how they all had the monthly report from Emory Toth and Bob Pilla which includes all of the things they have worked on and completed for the month.

Councilman Jacobs stated how the other thing they talked about was getting generators for up at the lake. He stated how that way they will not have to drag the portable generator up to the lake if they lose power. He stated that with the line of credit they might be able to get one done a year.

▪ Liquid Sludge Bids

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they received one bid, which was from Biros Septic and the bid price was for 7½ cents per gallon.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to award the bid to Biros Septic at a price of 7 1/2 cents per gallon. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Brior Environmental Services – Final Notice – On-lot septic system, WLSH

3. BUILDINGS MICHAEL SNISCAK, JR. CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS

Councilman Jacobs asked where they were on the damage to the roofs. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were waiting for a roof inspector to get on the borough building roof. She stated how the lady was there and was on the police station roof but stated how there was not enough damage for insurance. Mayor Walck stated how there has to be damage because the roof has been leaking. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how it started leaking after the hailstorm. Mr. Paul stated how he will call Masters Roofing. Councilman Jacobs stated how they should put some weight on the insurance company. President Stromelo stated about turning the pressure up on the insurance company. He stated about telling them how the roof was leaking and it was not leaking before the hail storm. Mr. Paul stated how they have to get someone there from Masters Roofing when the insurance adjuster was there.

President Stromelo stated that years ago they had checked into painting the inside of the Recreation Center. He stated how the inside has to be sprayed. He stated how he had Caputo from Hazelton give him quotes to paint the Recreation Center. He stated how the first one was to paint the outside; all the soffit, the aluminum, and both peaks for \$1,250.00. He stated that the quote to paint the inside of the Recreation Center; to prep and paint the texture ceiling, halfway up the walls, the main area, both bathrooms, and the stage was \$2,750.00. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated that the last quotes they received were over \$8,000.00. He stated that he knew the outside had to be painted. President Stromelo stated how he talked to them about painting the Borough Building as well. Councilman Sniscak, Jr. stated how they would worry about the Recreation Center first.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the quotes from Caputo Paint from Hazelton to paint the outside of the Recreation Center for the price of \$2,750.00 and to paint the inside of the Recreation Center for the price of \$1,250.00.

President Stromelo stated how they would determine a color for the outside of the Recreation Center to match the Police Station. He stated how the ceiling inside will be white.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilman Hawk stated how they were continuing their negotiations with Chief Smith. He stated how they also had a Committee Meeting regarding the part-time police officers candidates that they were getting. He stated how they felt that they might be able to attract a higher caliber candidate to try and get some more part-time officer and to also keep their salaries in line with other departments in the area which recently had given wage increases to their part-time officers. Councilman Hawk stated about starting the part-time officers at \$15.00 an hour once they acquire their MOPEC certification; after one year they would go to \$16.00 an hour; and after three years it would go to \$17.00 an hour. He stated how it would be effective with the start of the next pay period.

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the pay increases for the part-time police officers; \$15.00 to start, \$16.00 after one year, and \$17.00 after three years. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Stromelo stated how they have received the new police vehicle. He stated how it was in service and they were deciding what to do with the camera system that was in the old car. He stated how they were either going to move it to the new car or look to get funding to get a new camera system for the new car. President Stromelo stated how they did put window bars in the back of the new police car and he did not know if they wanted to do that with the Chief's old car. He stated how the installed price was \$277.88. He stated how it would save people kicking out the back windows. He stated how none of the other cars had them. Councilwoman Fox asked how many police cars they have. Councilman Jacobs asked which police car they were getting rid of. President Stromelo stated how the oldest one was the 2003 Crown Victoria. Councilwoman Fox stated how they have six police cars. Mayor Walck stated how they were going to give the 2003 Crown Victoria to the Code Enforcement Officer.

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

President Stromelo stated how the new truck was back in service. He stated how the yellow one was down with radiator problems. He stated how they were trying to do some regular maintenance on it while it was down.

President Stromelo stated how they had a complaint on Center Street because someone who was not paying sanitation was placing their garbage at a house that was paying their sanitation. He stated that he had been driving by but could not confirm it. He stated how Ms. Narciso was addressing the issue.

Councilman Jacobs stated how he has to commend the citizens of Nesquehoning because he has seen that the blue recycling bins for the first six months at 182,000 pounds that was recycled. He stated how that was 90 tons of material that they were not paying for at the landfill.

Councilman Jacobs stated how they had talked about grass clippings and a compost pile. He stated how there was a lot to do with a compost pile with equipment and having to turn it over. Councilman Jacobs stated how Duane Dellecker had told him how the gentleman from the sand quarry down in Palmerton has a recycling center out in Bangor and he might charge them around \$28.00 a ton for grass clippings and leaves. He stated how they would have to talk to him to see what all he would take.

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Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that according to the agreements the borough workforce has to participate 3% towards their pension and there was no waiving that 3%. She stated that the agreement that was signed in 1999 included a waiver that the Council Members could waive the 3% every year by resolution. She stated how they never received the agreement that was signed in 1999. She stated how they want to get an updated agreement and an updated ordinance. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that according to the agreement that was on file, she was not able to contribute to her pension. She stated that according to an updated agreement she will be able to contribute up to 17% of her wages towards her pension, which would be over and above what the borough was contributing.

Councilwoman Fox stated how she thought that the borough workers would want to contribute more towards their pension. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that according to the agreement if a borough employee would contribute 3%, it would only be taking the burden off of the borough. She stated how it would not benefit the employee anymore than what they would be originally getting. Councilwoman Fox asked if it would be an additional 3%. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated "no". She stated how that would be how the new agreement would work. President Stromelo stated how it would bring them up to current standards.

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

- **Nesquehoning Ambulance Summary Report for August**
- **Fire Department Summary Report for August**

Councilman Jacobs read the reports for August:

- 11 responses for the month;
 - 5 automatic fire alarms
 - 2 motor vehicle accidents
 - 1 elevator rescue
 - 1 odor
 - 1 search
 - 1 EMS assist

He stated how there were a total of 101 Fire department responses for the year.

Councilman Jacobs stated how there were 43 ambulance responses for August and 1,189 miles for a total of 350 EMS calls and 5,199 miles traveled for the year. He stated how there were 11 EMS calls handled by KME employees during work for a total of 85 for the year.

9. STREET LIGHTS FRANK JACOBS, CHARIMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRMAN ROSE WALCK

No report.

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

No report.

JR. RECREATION COMMISSION

No report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jacobs stated that in reviewing the ordinance book, because he had heard several complaints about rabbits and chickens, that before they go back for a final print, it might be wise to hold a meeting to get some input. Councilwoman Fox stated how she has made mention that with the reading the ordinance book she does not know what was right or wrong. President Stromelo asked what was going on with the codification of the ordinances. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they were waiting on the new Zoning Map.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Sniscak, Jr. moved and Councilman Zabroski seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer