

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEN DeMARCO, DIGIGLIO, DiMICELI, HAWK, STROMELO;
COUNCILWOMAN WALCK; PRESIDENT JACOBS; MAYOR WALCK;
SOLICITOR YURCHAK; & CHIEF SMITH

President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

President Jacobs read a resolution, which was presented to Severa Pauff (wife) and Harry Pauff (son), recognizing, honoring, and expressing the Council Members' deepest sorrows at the passing of their husband and father George W. Pauff. (Copy attached)

MINUTES: Regular Meetings held on December 20, 2006 and January 24, 2007

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to approve the December 20, 2006 and January 24, 2007 Regular Meetings Minutes. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Ted Dacey stated that he wanted to commend the contractors who helped with the removal of the snow. Ms. Phillips stated that they did a great job along with the mayor and the crossing guards, who stood out in the cold. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he also wanted to commend the Council Members and the Mayor for helping. He stated that if it had not been done on Thursday, they would still be digging out.

Tracey Evans from 48 E. Catawissa Street stated that she was there because of the issues she was having with her neighbors. She stated that the first one occurred during the snow storm on Valentines Day. She stated how she came home to a smell that she thought was Kerosene in her house so she had called the Communication Center. Ms. Evans stated that the smell turned out to be lighter fluid, which her neighbors were using to light their coal stove. Ms Evans stated that the Fire Department and the Police were there. She stated that her neighbors were vacated from the premises for the evening and sent to the Lantern. She stated how the next day, Dave's Plumbing and Heating came to fix the problem and said that everything was clean, fine and safe. Ms. Evans stated that when she came home from dinner Friday night, her CO 2 detector was going off, which was coming from the house next door. Ms. Evans stated that if she has this problem again she would call the Fire Department. She asked how many time does this have to happen.

President Jacobs stated that they have some wheels in motion with the notices and forms, which will have these people removed and will not be allowed to return until things were improved. He stated that he had heard that they did have a plumber come in and okay the house. President Jacobs stated that they will have to take stronger measures to make sure that this will not happen. He stated that he does not know what else they can do to persuade people to make sure that their heating systems was working properly and that their chimneys were clear. President Jacobs stated how this was the second one within a two months period; one on Mill Street and Catawissa Street.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how he was down there and that there was very little cooperation from Ms. Evan's neighbor. He stated that by the time the Fire Department got down there to get a reading with the Carbon Monoxide detector, they had all the windows and doors open, so they could not get any kind of reading. Councilman DiMiceli stated that both he and the Chief explained it to them on how they were going to have to leave the property. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if they were ordered to leave and they see that they came back, she should call the police because it was a violation. Ms. Evans stated that they left their house Friday night because of the safety of her family.

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President Jacobs stated how they have a problem of people moving in from New York and New Jersey who never worked with a coal stove and do not realize what could happen. Ms. Evans stated that her neighbors have been there for two years. She stated that the first time was okay because they were inexperienced. She stated that there have been many times that she has not called because of the odors. She stated that it was just too strong this time. Ms. Evans stated that they tried knocking on the neighbor's door Friday night to explain to them about what was going on and they would not answer the door.

Ms. Evans asked that according to the police report when her neighbor went to the Lantern, the Borough paid for that. President Jacobs stated that he had read that in the report but it was not done to his knowledge. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he and Chief Smith discussed looking into different avenues and if it would have come to that, he would have paid for it; just to elevate the situation. Ms. Evans stated how she did not feel that this was something that should be started. Chief Smith stated how he had to note that conversation in the report. Councilman Digiglio stated that they had family living in New Columbus, which they could have gone up there. Councilman DiMiceli stated that his father was at the house. He stated how he was asked about where they should go. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he told him that he could not tell him where to go but that they could not stay there.

Ms. Evans stated that her other concern was that there were children living in the house. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it was the same situation with the house on Mill Street.

Chief Smith stated that he, Councilman DiMiceli and the Mayor had talked about other avenues that they were going to be looking into. Councilman DiMiceli stated how it would be through the crimes code. He stated how it would be the same as a Fire Chief not allowing residents back into a home after a fire. He stated that if they do it would be classified trespassing even though it was their own property.

Chief Smith stated that he did everything that he could possibly do; even taking the gentleman down to Arieta's and bought him fire sticks because he said that he did not have any money. He stated that nothing seemed to be good enough. Ms. Evans stated that she understood because she could keep them busy with the nuisance items. She stated when it comes to the safety of her family that was where she would draw the line. Councilman Digiglio stated that it was unfortunate how some of the people who were moving into Nesquehoning were being taken care of better than life long residents. Councilman DiMiceli stated how that day they had the Fire Company, Police, Council and the Borough Solicitor involved, which cost the Borough money. Ms. Evans stated how all of this happened during the State of Emergency.

President Jacobs asked Ms. Evens if she knew if it was taken care of. Ms. Evans stated that, as far as she knew, it was but she was a little doubtful of the plumber. She stated how the plumber was there Thursday and said that everything was alright and Friday their chimney was blocked. Chief Smith stated that the plumber was certified. He stated that he explained the situation to him, showed him the vacate order that was signed by Mr. Richardson and Ms. Charlton, explained everything that happened, and advised him as far as liabilities were concerned when he signed off, which he and Solicitor Yurchak discussed at length. Chief Smith stated that the plumber signed off that he inspected it, checked it and everything was fine. He stated that he then got the call on Friday. He stated that he had contacted the Mayor about the second incident and Officer Blisard told them that they had to vacate again.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had talked to a plumber and the plumber had told him that if the coal barrel happened to run low it would act as a chimney instead of a chimney being blocked, which was where the Carbon Monoxide would come from. He stated that the fumes come through that and it also produces a sulfur smell. He stated how that was not a plumbing problem because there could be coal in it when the plumber signs off and then the coal could run out.

Councilwoman Walck asked Ms. Evans if her neighbor rented or owned the home. Ms. Evans stated that they own it. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they could not even go after a landlord. Councilman Stromelo stated how C.O. levels for an adult could be tolerable but for a child it could be deadly.

Chief Smith stated that they only have so many avenues. He stated that they only have the teeth that the ordinance gives them. He stated that he thinks that the ordinance was good but they also could look under the housing standards for enforcement. Chief Smith stated that if they had to, they could condemn the house. Mayor Walck stated how that was what he had told Chief Smith and the other Officers, if they would get another call down there again in the near future, condemn it until they would do something with their heating system. Solicitor Yurchak stated that under his report he was going to ask for the authority to strengthen the ordinance to remove the people. He stated that Chief Smith should be commended for all of his efforts. Chief Smith stated that they had all talked about it and they do not want it to happen again. He stated that, God forbid, something were to happen after they were ordered to vacate. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had told them that the last thing that they would have needed was a fire in that kind of weather. Ms. Evans stated that she was concerned because it said in the police report that they were thinking of changing from coal to propane. Councilman DiMiceli stated how that was safer. Chief Smith stated that when they would run low on propane, it would automatically shut off. President Jacobs stated that it was safer then what they were putting up with now. Chief Smith stated that he does not know if he was just saying that or if he was going to actually follow through with it.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to direct Solicitor Yurchak to strengthen the ordinance concerning gas detection. All voted yes. Motion passed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith stated that there was \$1,531.65 brought in of fine money. He stated that there were a total of 268 complaints received by the police department. He stated that there were 7,170 patrol miles for the month of January. Chief Smith stated that the attachments to the police report were the code reports, which were self-explanatory, were handed in by Officer Rob Blisard and he had also submitted a separate code report for the work that he had done this past month. He stated that there was also separate correspondence with the police, public safety and the mayor.

Councilman Digiglio stated that he wanted to commend the Chief on the progress he had made with the trailers that were parked for three and a half months. He stated that the chief got rid of them. Councilman Stromelo asked about the one that had been all over town. Chief Smith stated how that one had been cited. President Jacobs stated how they get these new people moving into Nesquehoning, who have no respect for anybody else. Chief Smith stated that the amount of courtesy that was shown by him, the Mayor, other officers and Councilman Digiglio but the people just do not care.

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Chief Smith stated that he could not tell them how many cars they helped shovel out. President Jacobs stated that when they were cleaning the streets, they were knocking on doors and asked them to move their cars because they were not going to go back. Chief Smith stated that he and the mayor dug some guy's car out, which took over two and a half hours, because he had emphysema and they did not even get a Thank you.

Councilman DiMiceli asked if they have to send a piece of Borough equipment there because of violating the Borough Ordinance, could they bill them. President Jacobs stated how in the past they had done things like that. He stated that the influx of people that were from out of town, who show so much disrespect for their neighbors, police force and all of Council. He stated that they may have to look into it more aggressively and send them a bill. Councilman DiMiceli stated how his neighbor was up in age and she paid someone to get her car out. He stated that their own residents were doing it. He asked why should they give those people a free ride.

Carol Zickler asked if they had towed any vehicles from in front of a house and put them somewhere else. Chief Smith stated that they did not. He stated that he agreed with Councilman DiMiceli but most of the vehicles they pulled out with the backhoe and a chain belonged to seniors who could not get their cars out. He stated that they did it for everybody and did not pick and choose. He stated how nothing was posted and their main concern was cleaning the streets. President Jacobs stated that their biggest problem through the whole storm was that people did not want to move their cars.

Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to accept the police report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 02.09.07 Mary Fox – Reappointment to Planning Commission

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to reappoint Mary Fox to the Nesquehoning Planning Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- 02.13.07 Peter Turko – Additional extension for settlement

- 02.22.07 – CC Office of Planning & Development – PJT Enterprises

President Jacobs stated that the plans were approved by the County and also by the Nesquehoning Planning Commission the night before. He stated that himself, Councilman Digiglio and Councilman Hawk were present at the meeting on the previous night. He stated that there were questions and it was rejected the previous week because Mr. Turko had a 25 foot easement on the plans. President Jacobs stated that they were selling 205 feet from the western pin coming east and that was it.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to grant the extension and accept the plans that were submitted to the Carbon County Planning Commission and the Nesquehoning Planning Commission.

President Jacobs stated that they will have to get in touch with Mr. Turko concerning settlement.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

- 02.22.07 – Nesquehoning Planning Commission minutes

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to accept the minutes from the February 22, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- 02.28.07 Civil Service February 26, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the minutes from the February 26, 2007 Civil Service Commission Meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 01.24.07 Carbon Engineering – First Hollow Restoration
- 01.26.07 Carbon Engineering – Rhume Run Washout
- 02.01.07 Carbon Engineering – Sewer Charges/Rush Township
- 02.09.07 Carbon Engineering – Sanitary Sewer at Former Tonolli Site

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to accept the Engineer's Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Snow Plowing Ordinance - pertaining to piling it at corners in access of five feet.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had given Council a draft last month changing the snow plow ordinance so that the private plow operators did not pile snow at intersections about 5 feet so that people could not see around them. He stated that he was just reminding Council that it was submitted last month.

- Handicap Fees

President Jacobs stated that he had been in contact with ADA over this issue. He stated that the ADA recommended that the Borough discontinue the two reserved spots, which cost \$360.00 a year and just issue a standard handicap spot for a \$100.00 fee.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to do away with the reserved handicap spots. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- 01.24.07 CC Tax Claim Bureau – Tonolli Corp.
- 02.05.07 Robert T. Yurchak – Tonolli/Tax Claim Offer

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to approve the sale of the Tonolli Corporation property for \$1,100.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how he thought that Council should consider coming back next month with 2 – 3 people to form a committee to review handicap applications.

- 02.01.07 Robert Yurchak letter to Eagle Rock Resort – Proposed broad Mt. Development
- 02.09.07 Michael S. Greek – Revision of fees for Zoning Board

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he feels Council should follow the recommendations of Attorney Greek concerning the Zoning Hearing fees. President Jacobs stated one of the problems was saying how most towns charge \$350.00 but that the Zoning Hearing Board had two meetings, Kovatch Heliport and Nardini's, both of which cost over \$500.00 for the Attorney fees.

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President Jacobs stated that they cannot charge for attorney fees. He stated that they could only charge 50% of the stenographer. Councilman DiMiceli asked if those were usual meetings or if they were longer. President Jacobs stated that they were a little longer and there was more leg work involved. Councilman DiMiceli stated how it might even itself out if they were averaged out. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he felt that \$400.00 would be a little better.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to revise the Zoning Hearing Board fees to \$400.00.

Councilman Hawk stated that compared to other communities around there, Nesquehoning has a lot of Industrial Businesses and they seem to be the ones who request the hearings. He stated that the Industrial meetings tend to be longer and consume more resources.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

➤ Comm. of PA – Ordinances restricting sex offender's residency

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he would strongly recommend that they look into adopting an ordinance restricting a sex offender's residence because of having a school in town. He stated that they could not stop them from moving in, but they can stop them from living within certain proximity of the school. Councilman DiMiceli asked if they could use the same guidelines as the drug free school zone. He stated how that had been constitutionally upheld for 1,000 feet from a school and it would give a nice size buffer zone. Councilman Hawk asked if there were other places that could be considered under that as well, such as Day Care Centers or other businesses that cater to children (Dance Studios). Councilman DiMiceli stated how with the drug free school zone, it also pertains to parks and school bus stops. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he will check with the State Sex Offenders Board to see what kind of sample ordinances there were and get back to Council next month.

➤ 02.13.07 Robert T. Yurchak – Delinquent sanitation accounts

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had several recommendations concerning collections of delinquent Sanitation accounts, which included a collection agency. President Jacobs stated that sending the delinquent sanitation accounts to the magistrate was a long process. He stated that it might be worth while to try a collection agency for a year or two. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they received information which said that it was free but when he looked at the second or third step, the Borough was paying the fees. He stated how he did not feel that it was worth it because they would pay more in fees then what they were collecting. Councilman Stromelo stated how Statewide was already collecting some of the Borough accounts. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they collect the delinquent Per Capita and Occupational Taxes. She stated how they tack on the fees and collect it from the individuals and that it would not cost the Borough anything. Councilman DiMiceli stated that the other company was charging the Borough up front. President Jacobs asked if they would like to set up a meeting to discuss collections rather than sending them to a magistrate. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would as long as it was not costing the Borough anything.

Larry Fox asked what happened to the Real Estate people checking at the Borough to make sure that they were up to date on Sewer and Sanitation before the house was sold. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the Title Companies do not always contact the Borough especially if it was a private sale. Mr. Fox asked if they could get the County involved because they have to record the sale. President Jacobs stated that 99% do come through the office, but there was always that 1% which slips through the cracks.

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- 02.19.07 Robert T. Yurchak – Fire Company indemnification – workers compensation – Family Medical Leave Act

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had prepared a document for an Indemnification for the Fire Companies and the Borough when someone was on Workers Compensation and wants to be a member of the Fire Company. He stated that he had also prepared a draft of the FMLA as well for Council to look at.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to accept the Solicitor's Report and approve authorization to research any notices. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 12.31.06	157,981.46
Receipts	51,831.61
Expenditures	119,303.46
Balance 01.31.07	90,509.61

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance 12.31.06	8,297.74
Receipts	30.22
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.07	8,327.96

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 12.31.06	77.93
Receipts	.28
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.07	78.21

SANITATION ESCROW

Balance 09.30.06	8,929.31
Receipts	8,182.40
Expenditures	.00
Balance 12.31.06	17,111.71

DEBT SERVICE

Balance 12.31.06	1,070.04
Receipts	3.90
Expenditures	.00
Balance 01.31.07	1,073.94

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 12.31.06	25,292.71
Receipts	54,499.43
Expenditures	65,313.65
Balance 01.31.07	14,478.49

CAPITAL PROJECT

Balance 12.31.06	19,659.38
Receipts	42,930.81
Expenditures	35,512.00
Balance 01.31.07	27,078.19

SANITATION FUND

Balance 12.31.06	83,551.82
Receipts	196,569.78
Sewer	95,355.35
Expenditures	86,865.42
Balance 01.31.07	97,900.83

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 12.31.06	27,730.50
Receipts	99.82
Expenditures	4,962.69
Balance 01.31.07	22,867.63

PLANNING FUND

Balance 09.30.06	10,809.73
Receipts	27.28
Expenditures	.00
Balance 12.31.06	10,837.01

GENERAL SEWER FUND

Balance 12.31.06	27,650.05
Receipts	95,550.74
Expenditures	28,367.18
Balance 01.31.07	94,833.61

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 12.31.06	7,973.96
Receipts	59,823.43
Expenditures	32,052.59
Balance 01.31.07	35,744.80

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 12.31.06	493,927.29
Receipts	1,993.64
Expenditures	9,310.41
Acct Appreciation	2,506.78
Balance 01.31.07	489,117.30

FEMA FUND

Balance 12.31.06	.00
Receipts	75,138.83
Expenditures	42,806.52
Balance 01.31.07	32,332.31

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 01.31.07	INTEREST 01.31.07	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
FIRE TRUCK	\$.00	\$ 54.51	9-22-03	3.45 %	9-22-08	NSB
FIRE TRUCK	\$.00	\$ 95.42	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
PLANNING	\$ 13,763.62	\$ 46.44	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 366,276.88	\$ 1,235.96	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 10,551.08	\$ 28.64	2-28-03	3.25 %	2-28-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,173.79	\$ 41.08	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 92,602.32	\$ 307.77	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

Two CD's were redeemed and the funds deposited into Fire Truck Fund.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and the CD Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

John McArdle stated that they weathered the storm very well. He stated that the town was passable after a couple of days. He stated that it did not look favorable for the Borough to receive any money from the Governor.

Mr. McArdle stated how one of the concerns that he had was that he received several phone calls and this storm was particularly tough on the elderly people and getting them shoveled out. He stated how his concern was for the couple people who were sick and getting an ambulance to the property. Mr. McArdle stated that he had shoveled a couple of people out because he felt bad. He stated that the Borough has a list of people who would shovel but people did not want to shovel. Mr. McArdle stated that the Mayor had put a list together of people in the past. Mayor Walck stated that there was a list in the Borough office.

Councilman DiMiceli asked Mr. McArdle if there were old radios that they could have for the Communication Center to get in touch with the Borough workers in case the Ambulance would need to get to a house and the workers could make sure the street was plowed. Mr. McArdle stated that the batteries were not any good and they could not get other batteries. He stated that there really would not be a need because of cell phones.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No report.

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HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

President Jacobs asked about the property located at 224 W. Catawissa Street. Mayor Walck stated that the dogs were all gone. Mayor Walck stated that he had talked to the Zoning Officer, Gene Kennedy and he had the landlord there. He stated that the landlord was cleaning up the odor. He stated that by this weekend it should smell okay. He stated that the dogs were gone.

MAYOR'S REPORT

➤ 02.14.07 Declaration – Disaster Emergency

Mayor Walck stated that on the 14th of February the Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared and he also declared an extension of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency on February 21, 2007, which would allow them to use whatever they saw fit to help clean up the town.

Mayor Walck stated that he presented Ryan Applegate with a Resolution in honor of his Eagle Scout Award. (Copy attached)

Mayor Walck stated that he had received a letter from Red Cross stating that March was Red Cross month and asking that the Borough fly the Red Cross Flag at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Walck stated that he received a Thank You letter from MapleShade, Melanie Griffin, Administrator. He stated that she commended the Borough Council and the Police for the help on getting the patients out.

Mayor Walck stated how the next day at 8:30 a.m. he was meeting with Chief Smith, Councilman Digiglio, Chris West, Rose Poremba and Smokey (George) Krajnak down at the Elementary School concerning new traffic patterns, hall monitors and some additional items, which they would like to run by the Borough.

Mayor Walck stated that there will be a Crime Watch Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Walck stated that he would like to thank everyone from Crossing Guards to Council to the Police, who went over and above with the snow storm. He stated that it was a joint effort and everyone was out doing his/her part.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the resolution for Ryan Applegate. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the Emergency Management Report, Fire Commissioner Report, Police Report, Housing and Code Enforcement Officer's Report, and the mayor's Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

01 January – 31 January 2007

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

EXONERATIONS FOR 2006

Per Capita	\$4,770.00 (from Pat Vito)
Occupations	\$3,255.00 (from Pat Vito)

President Jacobs stated that he did sit down with Pat Vito, tax collector and went over the exoneration list. He stated that most of the people were either deceased or have moved.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and approve the Per Capita and Occupation exoneration lists. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPLICATIONS:

- 01.31.07 Devon E. Leibig – Crossing Guard
- 02.01.07 Lewis M. Hirochek - Crossing Guard
- 02.01.07 Todd W. Christman - Garbage Truck
- 02.07.07 Grace A. Kennedy - Crossing Guard
- 02.07.07 Lauren M. Hall - Crossing Guard

Mayor Walck stated that he had the Crossing Guards applications, which had all been okay on their background checks. He stated that he would like to hire two of the four applicants. He stated that he would like to wait to hire them until after the meeting with the School.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all applications, place them on file and give permission to the Mayor to hire two of the applicants for part-time Crossing Guards. All voted yes. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 01.24.07 newPA news – Newsletter
2. 01.25.07 NEPA – Economic Impact Modeling Capabilities

3. 01.26.07 Robert C. Edwards Foundation – Scholarship Application

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

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4. 01.29.07 Michael S. Greek – Hauto Valley Estates vs. Hydra-Tech Pumps
5. 01.29.07 Hazleton Oil & Environmental – Newsletter
6. 01.29.07 Lorman Education Services – Employment Law
7. 01.29.07 Ubr Associates – Water Resources Management Seminar
8. 01.29.07 NEPA – Municipal Technology Assistance Program (MTAP)
9. 01.29.07 Mark Nalesnik – Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes
10. 01.29.07 Mark Nalesnik – NEPAERG – Training Schedule
11. 01.30.07 Bill DelGesso – NEPA is accepting applications for desktop computers, etc.
12. 01.31.07 Eagle Rock Resort – Broad Mountain Development
13. 02.01.07 DCED – News Media Relations 101 – How to improve your delivery
14. 02.01.07 DCED – Spring Road Maintenance
15. 02.01.07 DCED – Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries & Administrators
16. 02.01.07 M & S Service Co. – Operation, maintenance & repair of Lake Hauto pump stations

President Jacobs stated that he did not know how they got this, if it was someone who broke away from the outfit that they get their pumps from out in Norristown. He stated that it might be worth while to get in contact with them to see what they would offer compared to what they pay now.

17. 02.01.07 Mark Nalesnik – CERT Course
18. 02.02.07 E-mail from Keith McCall
19. 02.05.07 GASB 45 – Symposium
20. 02.05.07 CC Tax Claim Bureau – Tax Liens, 64 W. Rhume Street
21. 02.05.07 Mark Nalesnik – Luzerne SBA Closing
22. 02.05.07 National Credit Systems – Cash Recovery System

23. 02.06.07 DCNR – Grant Application Cycle

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the DCNR Grant applications were due earlier this year with a dead line of April 13, 2007. President Jacobs asked if this was the same grant that they applied for, concerning the sport Complex. Councilman Stromelo stated how it was something like that but they were thinking of applying to improve the three parks.

24. 02.06.07 Keith R. McCall – New Lansford Office
25. 02.08.07 Mark Nalesnik – CERT training
26. 02.08.07 CC Tax Claim Bureau – Real Estate Tax Liens in Error
27. 02.09.07 Mark Nalesnik – Funding for NRCS Emergency Stream Work
28. 02.12.07 Ron's Auto Sales & Service – Donation for labor for removal & re-lettering (fire truck)

President Jacobs stated that he would like to thank Councilman DiMiceli for donating the money to pay for the lettering on the New Fire Truck.

29. 02.12.07 Sonia Erb – Strip Mine Site Project
30. 02.12.07 Francis Smith & Sons – Facility Operations Inspection
31. 02.13.07 NEPA – Municipal Technology Assistance Program (MTP)
32. 02.15.07 PEMA – Movement of Authorized Persons During a Blizzard or Major Storm
33. 02.20.07 Ohl Fuel Oil – Extra care service plan
34. 02.20.07 Penn State Extension – Grow healthy forests
35. 02.21.07 PSATS – Municipal Clerk Institute
36. 02.21.07 DeAngelo Brothers – Sweeping services for 2007
37. 02.21.07 Keith R. McCall – Community Conservation Partnerships Program application

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38. 02.22.07 Mark Nalesnik – Has WX & Flood Prep Course

39. 02.22.07 DCED – Privacy & Employee Record Keeping

40. 02.23.07 Zactech Industries – Official Borough Website

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had been talking about possibly getting a website for the Borough. She stated that she had talked to a gentleman who was currently creating a website for the Lansford Borough. She stated that he had submitted some information for Council to take a look at. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that as for right now it would just be an informational website but would have the capability to accept payments in the future. President Jacobs stated that the one thing they talked about was getting sponsors on the website for the Borough, which would subsidize some of the host fees. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that there was a quarterly host fee of \$40.00. She stated that if they would get a couple of banners on the website, it would pay for the host fees. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that there would be an initial set-up fee of \$350.00. President Jacobs stated that he felt how some of the computer people should check into it and get back to Council. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the gentleman would show her how to maintain the site and change the information.

41. 02.23.07 Mark Nalesnik – PA Law Expo Registration

42. 02.23.07 PA House Democratic Caucus – PA's Storm Response

43. 02.26.07 PennDOT Municipal Services – New Acting Director

44. 02.26.07 Michael S. Greek –Hauto Valley Estates vs. Zoning Hearing Board (Hydro-Tech)

45. 02.26.07 M&S True Valley Hardware – First annual POWERAMA

46. 02.26.07 Nesquehoning Ambulance – List of officers

47. 02.26.07 Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 – List of officers

48. 02.26.07 PA PERS - Newsletter

49. 02.27.07 Mark Nalesnik –PEMA Elected Officials Seminar

50. 02.27.07 New Columbus Fire Company – List of officers

51. 02.27.07 PRINT Municipal Directory & Map

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about the information they received for a directory and map for the Borough of Nesquehoning. She stated that it would be fully paid by advertisements. She stated about some of the information that would be found in the directory. President Jacobs stated how they have calls and people coming into the office looking for map and information of the Borough. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that it also contains rules and information for Sanitation, information and list of the members of Council, the Planning Commission, Civil Serve Commission, Zoning Hearing Board members, and Water Authority Members along with important local phone numbers. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated they will solicit the advertisements and all she would have to do would be to give them a list of businesses in the area. She stated that they will also handle the cost of mailing to all of the residents. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he thought it was a good idea. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that there was a letter of intent that needed to be signed and sent back.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to give Secretary/Treasurer the authorization to pursue the Municipal Directory & Map for the Borough of Nesquehoning with a no cost to the Borough. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

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BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPEDITURES AND RECEIPTS

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

President Jacobs stated that they will be going into an executive session for personnel reasons at the end of the meeting and they will not be taking any action when they come out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STREETS MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; SAL DIGIGLIO CO-CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO

- 02.22.07 Frank & Pat Kattner – Damage during plowing

Councilman Stromelo stated that they received two complaints, one in writing. He stated that there was a fence down up on Yard Street due to the amount of snow and ice that hit it. He stated that the other complaint was from the east end of Yard Street. He stated that one of the Contractors dumped some snow on the property and the property owners were complaining about the damage to plants and shrubs, which will be addressed when the snow thaws.

Councilman Stromelo stated that they weathered through the storm pretty well with the Borough Workers and the outside contractors. He stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Rutch, Mr. Radocha, and Mr. Stempa for squeezing them in to their busy schedule to spend a week with them. Councilman Stromelo stated that the people should have enough sense to stay off the street, but they did not. He stated that it hampered a lot of their efforts to open the streets.

Councilman Stromelo stated that during their spare time, they were still on the move from the Recreation Center to Industrial Road.

Councilman Digiglio stated that he would like to commend all the contractors because they did a great job. He stated that the Borough workers, Police and everybody that was involved did a really great job. He stated that he was proud to be from Nesquehoning.

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

- Advertise for sewer chemical bids

Councilman Hawk moved and President Jacobs seconded to advertise for Sewer Chemical Bids to be opened on March 28, 2007 at the next Regular Meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

3. BUILDINGS SAL DIGIGLIO, CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO, CO-CHAIRMAN; ROSE WALCK

President Jacobs stated that he looked at the bill for propane from Suburban; he noticed that the Borough was being charged almost \$1.00 a gallon more than what they could buy locally. He stated that he had made some calls to see if they would lower the price and they could only come down \$.25 - \$.30. He stated that they had changed suppliers as of that day because they will be getting it \$1.00 - \$1.05 a gallon cheaper than from Suburban. President Jacobs stated that they were going to change suppliers for the Recreation Center generator as well.

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- Sandy Kennedy resignation – Advertise for cleaning person

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to advertise and accept applications for a cleaning person and have the Building Committee hire someone as soon as possible. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Hawk stated that they should consult Chief Smith before a decision was made to hire someone.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to send Sandy Kennedy a “Thank you for your service letter.” All voted yes. Motion passed.

4. POLICE SAL DIGIGLIO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN; PUBLIC SAFETY MARK STROMELO

Councilman Digiglio stated that he, Mayor Walck and other members of Council have been in contact with the police force going over different things.

Councilman Stromelo stated about the C.O. Monitors, which they purchased 12 years ago and that they were pretty much obsolete. He stated that at this time, New Columbus and Hauto each have one but he did not think that either one was certified. Councilman DiMiceli stated that Hauto’s was certified. He stated that he spoke to Jim Nardoizzi, who was going to get him prices on what it would cost to get the old one calibrated and certified. He stated that the committee was going to meet next week with the Fire Chiefs. He stated that they were going to come to them with the recommendation of whether they buy new or utilize those. Councilman Stromelo stated that they could buy brand new ones, less maintenance, compared to something that was 12 years old. Councilman DiMiceli stated that Mr. McArdle’s concerns were the different gases that they be . . . Councilman Stromelo stated that they would have to see what was actually used in town. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were going to try and stay with the same gases that the first ones were and see if they could get them cheaper. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he thought the old Council was wrong when they threw that bill on the Fire Companies when they said that they were not going to pay for the calibrations. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were going to come back next month with a recommendation from the three chiefs on which one to purchase. President Jacobs stated that if they would purchase these, the certification on all three should not expire at the same time. He stated that there should be a three to four month difference. Mayor Walck stated that they could stager the certifications.

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

Councilman Stromelo stated that they weathered the storm except for Thursday because the upper streets were that bad they did not get them until Monday.

- Addendum to Teamsters contract for Sanitation workers

Councilman Stromelo stated that the committee sat down with the Teamsters, the borough workers and the sanitation workers and they came to a tentative agreement.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to enter into the contract agreement with the Teamsters for the Sanitation workers, as printed.

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Councilwoman Walck stated that she had some concerns. She stated that she thought it was quite generous and that it was nothing personal against the workers. Councilwoman Walck stated that most of the comments were favorable, there had been some complaints, but overall they were doing a good job.

Councilwoman Walck stated that they were only in the business 10 months and she did not think that they had enough time to truly assess this operation and feasibility. She stated that they have to allow for emergencies, the truck could break down even though it was under warrantee. Councilwoman Walck stated that they were fortunate the last time the truck broke down because another town donated their services. She stated that if something big was to happen and they would have to get something for several days or a week, they might have to pay for it. Councilwoman Walck stated that fuel was going up. She stated that she was concerned if they would have to raise the sanitation fees because they have a lot of senior citizens, retired people and people making minimum wages in the Borough. Councilwoman Walck stated that she did not believe that 10 months warrants such a generous offer to them and it was not a personal attack on the workers. Councilwoman Walck stated how she felt that it would need a little more study. She stated that they could have started their first addendum a little lower and see what happens in a year's time. She stated that they could give them a more generous offer in the second year. Councilwoman Walck stated that 10 months in the business was not enough time for any business to say that it was going to be successful or that it was going to work out. Councilwoman Walck stated that this was her opinion and what she would like to say.

Mayor Walck stated that he would also like to mention the generosity. He stated that he was not going to mention the dollar amounts because it was not permissible at that time. Mayor Walck stated that it concerned him with the dollar amounts that they were getting compared to what the part-time police officers were getting. He stated about what the police officers have to do to get that money and the Sanitation workers would be getting more than them along with the other amenities that go with it. He stated that he also has problems with the generosity that was put into the contract.

Councilman Stromelo stated that they have had multiple meetings with them since September, quite a few meetings with them. He stated that it had come down to a point where they had to make a decision if they were going to move forward with it or not. He stated how that was why it was there tonight for all of council to vote on it. Mayor Walck stated that he had a question for the committee; he could see the change in the retro. He stated that the retro was originally, he thought was in there that it was retro for hours worked and that was changed now; it was taken out. He stated that he was a little concerned about that. Councilman DiMiceli stated that the amount was also changed, too. He stated that it was a lesser amount. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he agreed with Councilman Stromelo; they met and they see what they were doing right now and it was within their means of the budget. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if something should happen down the road, there was no predicting anything whether it would be street department or anything as far as the truck breaking down. Councilman DiMiceli stated that there was a motion on the floor and he would like a vote on the motion. He stated that there was a second to it. President Jacobs stated that a motion was properly made and seconded that they have a chance to ask questions and they were asking questions on the motion.

Councilman Digiglio asked if they were going to have them work the 80 hours, 40 hours a week. He asked if there was anything in writing that they could come back and say they cannot do it. He stated how that was what he was concerned about.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated how he thinks that the way the language was written, it explains that they were doing a job, salaried with no overtime and when the job was done, they go home. He stated that the Sanitation workers had also told them, if they had something for them to do and they ask them to do it they will do it. Mayor Walck stated that it also says, hours of work, after 10 hour they get time and a half. He stated that before they said that they would not go for overtime until after 40 hours. He stated that now he sees in there after 10, they want time and a half. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it does not say that they have to give them more than 10 in a day. Mayor Walck stated that once they sign that contract it was binding. He stated how that was not in there before. Councilman DiMiceli stated that before they would get the overtime; they have to ask if they can work it. He stated how at that time they would say no, finish up tomorrow. Mayor Walck stated that before this final draft, there was no overtime involved, if they would have to come out an extra day, they would do it. He stated that once they would sign that and they would work 11 hours and only 9 hours the next day; they would be getting an hour at time and a half. He stated that before they said that they would work the extra hour and then work 9 hours the next day to make up the 10 our day.

Councilman Digiglio stated that instead of passing it tonight, they should review it again and not just jump into it and be sorry later. He stated that there were a lot of things, like the hours that were going to be worked. He stated that they were taking their word for it. He stated that he does not take anybody's word any more. President Jacobs stated that he had said from day one that he was not too happy with them working 30 hours a week and getting paid for 40. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were getting the job done and that was how he was looking at it. He stated that if they would contract it out, it would cost more money. Councilwoman Walck stated that she still feels that it was too generous and that it should be more conservative on the first contract because once you have a first contract, this was a start and they do not know what would happen with the next one. She stated that it was a good idea to have a union and that she was not against unions, and she was not against the people. She stated that she does believe that they have to protect themselves.

Councilman Hawk stated that the job descriptions were drawn up back when the hours of work were supposed to be deleted off of them before they were attached. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were not deleted. Councilman Hawk stated that the hours of work was now covered by the contract. Councilman DiMiceli stated that it would not pertain to the contract.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would change his motion to table the contract until they got that removed. Mayor Walck stated that there were other issues as well. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they could vote on it when it comes up. He stated that it was the committee who was meeting with the Sanitation workers. He asked if they wanted to get back into all of Council again. Councilwoman Walck stated that they tried that and she thought they were all firm on opinions. She stated that no matter what the opinions were, it went right back to the original even the rate of pay. She stated that she was looking at something that she had received a month or so ago and the rate of pay was basically the same. Councilman DiMiceli stated that when it comes up for a vote she could vote no. Councilman DiMiceli stated to Councilman Hawk that if the hours of work should not have been in there and should have been taken out, then they have to get it taken out. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would make a motion to table the contract until that language was taken out and then present it to Council for a vote. He stated that everybody could vote the way they want to. He stated how when that happens, he will request a roll call vote.

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Councilman Hawk asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner that when he had emailed them to her if she had noticed. . . Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did see that but she did not go in and read anything, she just printed out the job descriptions. She stated that she could go and print them out and attach them. Councilman DiMiceli stated that their attention when they started it was to pay for a service, the service being garbage collection in town. He stated that there will be days and times when they were going to have to work longer and there was going to be times that they will get out early. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if they would go out and hire a private contractor, it would cost everybody more than what the garbage was right now. He stated how that was a fact not an opinion.

Councilwoman Walck asked if anybody had monitored their actual hours. She asked if they under worked the 40 hours more than they over work. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he did not know, but he did know that the garbage got picked up and that was what their goal was. Councilwoman Walck asked no matter if it was 30 hours. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he did not care if it was 30 or 35 hours. Ms. Philips stated that they could not go right on the button. She stated how she thinks that they do a darn good job and if they keep going back and forth and not signing the contract, they were going to get fed up and leave. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they could turn around and tell them that they have to work 40 hours and all they will do was to drag it out for 40 hours. He stated that they were not accomplishing anything. Councilman DiMiceli stated that as long as they were getting the garbage picked up.

Councilwoman Walck stated that they were a small Borough and they should have to look at it a little closer. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they did and it was cheaper than contracting. Councilwoman Walck stated how she thinks that they should be a little more conservative with the first contract. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were paying for a service. President Jacobs stated that they were not paying for a service. He stated that they were paying just like they were paying the Borough workers or the Sewer workers. Councilwoman Walck stated that it was all a service. President Jacobs stated that they were paying someone for a service when they were contracting. He stated that they were not contracting. He stated that they were employees of the Borough. President Jacobs stated that they were getting their benefits based on the amount of hours they were putting in. He stated that these guys were getting benefits based on the 40 hours but they were only putting in 30. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were getting the job done. President Jacobs stated that if they would tell anyone on the street crew that they have to do this list on that day and if they finish by 1:30, they could go home. Kevin Herman stated that they were establishing a practice with borough employees. President Jacobs stated that it was going to come back to haunt them.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that they have agreed contractually with the police department to work 12 hour shifts at no overtime. He stated that each contract was different. He stated that each attachment to the contract was different. Mr. Herman asked if Sal or Dave say that they could do their sewer work in 6 hours, could they go home. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if they get a reasonable list of things to be done by the street department or any other department in this Borough and they say no overtime this was how much it was going to cost the Borough to pay them to do that and they do it in 4 days, what does he care as long as the work gets done. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were going out to pick up the garbage and that was what they were paying for. He stated that as a taxpayer, they were paying for that. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they could dissolve Sanitation, hire private contractors, which then they would have to pay more and they were not going to get the same service they have. Councilwoman Walck stated how that was not the only option. He stated that they could sit down and try to be a little more conservative. She stated that he was making it from one extreme to the other.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were basically going with the figures that the committee presented to them, because they know it could fit into the budget. Councilwoman Walck stated that there could possibly be emergencies. She stated that it does not hurt to have a little cushion. She stated that they were only in the business 10 months. Councilwoman Walck stated that they have to study it because they were a small Borough not a big city and they have to think of the future. She stated that everything was going up. She stated that the first contract was so very important.

Councilman Hawk stated that with the job descriptions as they were attached, he would have to withdraw his second. He stated that if they want to revise the job descriptions and vote on it, that was fine. He stated that the way they were there now, the hours of work on the job descriptions have to be deleted because it was now covered by a contract.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded that they adopt the contract eliminating the hours of work from the job description and have it covered under the contract.

Councilman Digiglio asked President Jacobs if it was proper that before they vote on it and sit down again and not vote that night. He stated that he did not want to vote that night and if he did he was going to vote no.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to table the Sanitation Contract.

President Jacobs called for a roll call vote:

- Councilman DeMarco – no
- Councilman Digiglio – yes
- Councilman DiMiceli – no
- Councilman Hawk – no
- Councilman Stromelo – no
- Councilwoman Walck – yes
- President Jacobs – yes

Motion Failed.

President Jacobs called for a roll call vote accepting the contract with the deleting of the hours of work from the job description.

- Councilman DeMarco – yes
- Councilman Digiglio – no
- Councilman DiMiceli – yes
- Councilman Hawk – yes
- Councilman Stromelo – yes
- Councilwoman Walck – no
- President Jacobs – no

Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that President Jacobs called him Saturday morning concerning a garbage complaint of trash blowing down Catawissa Street. He stated that Chief Smith met him at the house and the landlord was cited for the tenants putting their garbage out days before their scheduled pick-up. He stated that a bag got stuck under a car and it was taken care of.

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

- 02.22.07 Helen Rehatchek – Reappointment to Recreation Commission
- 02.28.07 Pam Zlock – Reappointment to Recreation Commission

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to reappoint Helen Rehatchek and Pam Zlock for another five-year term on the Recreation Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Stromelo stated that he would like to look into the purchase of a new flag pole for the Recreation Center.

Councilman Stromelo stated that they might be having a project with an Eagle Scout with painting inside. He stated that the paint will be supplied by Recreation Commission, however, the ceiling has a popcorn effect and it cannot be painted. He stated that it would have to be sprayed. Councilman Stromelo stated that he would like to get some quotes to spray the ceiling white and it would be taken out of the Recreation Fund. He stated that it has not been painted for years. Councilman Digiglio asked if they still allow smoking in the building. Councilman Stromelo stated that they did.

Councilman Stromelo stated the possibility of getting some quotes for heating. President Jacobs stated that they would have to look at something. Councilman Stromelo stated that it was not really feasible because it was an oil burner. He stated that it was hot water heating radiators from one end of the building to the other. President Jacobs stated that they will have to look at something more efficient because of the price of oil. He stated that they were looking at \$6,000.00 a year to heat the Recreation Center and it did not include the garage because that had its own heat. Councilman DiMiceli stated to Councilman Stromelo that he should get some quotes and different alternatives. Councilman Stromelo stated that he would bring some different ideas back at the next meeting.

7. BUDGET DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; MARK STROMELO CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS

President Jacobs stated that he was going to say how good they were doing compared to 2006 until this ice/snow storm hit. He stated that he wanted to praise everybody for the excess that they have in the budget at the present time. He stated that it had been a while since they made it into March with last years tax money. President Jacobs stated that once they pay the bills for the snow removal, they could say good-bye to the balance that was there.

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

Councilman Stromelo stated that they were contacted by Palmerton Borough, who was in the process of getting a new street sweeper. He stated that they have a 1990 Ford L9000 with 36,000 miles with a sweeper on the back. He stated that they went down to look at it and it appeared to be in decent shape. Councilman Stromelo stated that they had the maintenance records of how they maintained it throughout the years. He stated that they did a proactive approach in Palmerton and swept every street three times a month. Councilman Stromelo stated that Palmerton was looking to purchase a new one, which was in the price range of \$145,000.00. President Jacobs stated that when he had talked to Roger Danielson, their Borough Manger, they were asking \$8,000.00. He stated that he, Councilman Stromelo and Councilman Digiglio were down to look at it. He stated that it was not rusted out anywhere. President Jacobs stated that they were going to offer \$6,500.00 - \$7,000.00. He stated that if they get 3 – 4 years out of it, it would be worth it.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated that he was looking at it if the Borough workers were out for 10 – 12 hours, they need a break. He stated that they could get somebody else to jump in the truck. Mr. Fox stated that the only problem that he would have with that, they had tried it once before, if they would keep the truck running constantly without giving it a break, within two to three days it would be broke down. He stated that then they would not have anything. He stated that they have to give the equipment a break and not keep running it.

President Jacobs stated that the Street Committee was going to review the applications that they received in order to find a replacement for Paul Coombe. Councilman Stromelo stated that on the list of applicants, there were no part-time applications. He stated that while they were advertising for other things, they could advertise part-time sanitation laborer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into an Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. Council exited their Executive Session at 10:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer