

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilman DeMarco was absent.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2007
Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to approve the May 23, 2007
Regular Meeting Minutes. All voted yes. Motion passed.
Councilman DiMiceli abstained because he was not at the May meeting.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Ted Dacey stated on behalf of the Nesquehoning VFW and the community of Nesquehoning that he would like to thank Councilman David Hawk for donating the American Flag in memory of his father. He stated that it was flying now at the west end of Catawissa Street on the new flag pole.

Tom Mermon stated that there was a car on Center Street, which was tagged but was still there. Chief Smith asked Mr. Mermon where the car was located on Center Street, what color and/or kind of car it was and stated how he would have the current shift look into it.

Walter Tristani asked about changing the zoning on his property. He stated that it was zoned commercial and he would like it changed to residential. President Jacobs stated that he would have to get the zoning board involved. He stated that it might have been an oversight when they adopted the zoning. Mr. Tristani stated how he thought that they might have zoned it commercial when his grandfather purchased the property and there was a garage on it. President Jacobs stated how the zoning came in after that. He stated that they will get together with the zoning board and clarify the situation.

Vince Hager asked what they were going to do about the storm drain that was installed on Railroad and Pine Street. President Jacobs stated that they had talked about it and when they redo the street then they will probably put the pipe down underneath. He stated how it has always been like that. Mr. Hager stated how they just had new construction. President Jacobs stated that Railroad Street was new construction. He stated that all they did was replace the storm drain that was up there. Mr. Hager asked what kind of time frame were they looking at before they would do something about it. President Jacobs stated that they will be doing other work up there and he should not be getting any water. He stated that they were going to put a bigger curb up there. Mr. Hager stated about the sediment that was washing down the hill. President Jacobs stated that they cleaned up the hill. He stated that once they take care of the remaining portion that was not finished yet; he will see very little sediment coming down.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith stated that there was \$2,507.95 of fine money collected in May. He stated that there were 344 complaints received, 39 court appearances, and 4,530 patrol miles. Chief Smith stated that the code enforcement reports including his report and Officer Blisard's report were attached for their review.

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Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the Police Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated that he would like to bring up about hiring the candidate, who they have going through the process of the polygraph (he passed) and the physical (scheduled). He stated that if there were any comments that the Chief would like to make concerning him before he left. He stated that if Council would have any questions for the Chief as to where they were at with the process. Councilman DiMiceli asked if he took the polygraph test. President Jacobs stated that he passed and he thought that he only had one more thing to go through. Mayor Walck stated that his physical was scheduled for the following morning. Chief Smith stated that psychological was completed. Mayor Walck stated that the next thing was the MOPEC.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to hire Nicholas Saullo, upon successful completion of all test, as a part-time police officer. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DiMiceli asked about Chief Smith's request for the schooling for the supervisory training, which was put on by Penn State. Councilman Digiglio asked Chief Smith what it consisted of. Chief Smith stated that it was a supervisory training. Mayor Walck stated that he wanted Council to understand how it would go under next year's budget. He stated that the training was not until January 11, 2008.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to send Chief Smith to the Penn State schooling for the supervisory training. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

President Jacobs asked if there were any questions on the Code Enforcement Reports. He stated that there have been a lot of complaints for high grass and abandoned vehicles. He stated that they have been out there doing the best that they can. Mayor Walck stated that Officer Blisard handled 13 complaints, which were mostly high grass and tagging vehicles, and Chief Smith handled 21 complaints. Mayor Walck stated how they had a meeting with one of the landlords from town. He stated that they were cleaning up some of the undesirable tenets in town.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to accept the Housing & Code Enforcement Officer's Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Civil Service will be holding a workshop meeting on July 17, 2007.

PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

No report.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

➤ Tippetts Road Letter

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he wrote Charlie Bott, from up on High Street, a letter last week and Mr. Bott called him Monday. He stated that Mr. Bott was meeting with architects on that particular property. He stated that Mr. Bott wanted to maintain the structure of the building. Solicitor Yurchak stated that Mr. Bott will be making a decision sometime before the end of July, where he was going to tear it down and rebuild or rebuild with what was there. President Jacobs asked if they were giving him a lot of time. Councilman Hawk stated that they would give him that time, to the end of July, but that was it. President Jacobs stated about getting Mr. Bott a letter indicating that Council has to be notified by the July meeting.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that Mayor Walck and Chief Smith had asked him to contact the two part-time police officers, who were not scheduled for quite a while, and seek the return of their equipment. He stated that the letters were sent and one part-time officer has returned her equipment. He stated that Jen Blisard has not returned her equipment. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he would ask for the authority to do whatever was needed to do to get the equipment back.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to authorize Solicitor Yurchak to do whatever it takes to get the equipment back. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that Mayor Walck and Chief Smith also asked him about the high weed ordinance because the ten day period was too long. He stated that he had made a draft changing the time period to five days, which was based on the Lansford ordinance. He stated that if they feel that it was too much time, they can post the property, cut the grass and put a lien on the property. He stated that it will also add a 10% administrative fee for the work the borough does.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to advertise the high weed ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had drafted a gas detector ordinance. He stated that he had given it to John McArdle to review. He stated that when Mr. McArdle was done, he would give it to council to look at with whatever changes he wants to make first.

Councilman DiMiceli asked if they acted on the Landlord/tenant Ordinance, with a reply of "no." Councilman DiMiceli asked if they advertised it, with a reply of "no." Solicitor Yurchak stated that he thought that they had given the draft last meeting. President Jacobs stated that they should get a meeting with Solicitor Yurchak to discuss that ordinance, the oversize vehicle ordinance and other ordinances, which need to be fine-tuned.

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

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NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 04.30.07 84,732.07
Receipts 234,915.81
Expenditures 118,755.66
Balance 05.31.07 200,892.22

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance 04.30.07 8,416.67
Receipts 29.50
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 8,446.17

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 04.30.07 79.04
Receipts .28
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 79.32

SANITATION ESCROW

Balance 12.30.06 17,111.71
Receipts 5,483.02
Expenditures .00
Balance 03.31.07 22,594.73

DEBT SERVICE

Balance 04.30.07 1,085.38
Receipts 3.80
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 1,089.18

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 04.30.07 14,632.72
Receipts 51.29
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 14,684.01

CAPITAL PROJECT

Balance 04.30.07 47,740.74
Receipts 30,496.38
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 78,237.12

SANITATION FUND

Balance 04.30.07 137,456.23
Receipts 96,976.40
Sewer 50,771.41
Expenditures 54,793.77
Balance 05.31.07 128,867.45

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 04.30.07 72,145.96
Receipts 249.92
Expenditures 5,644.64
Balance 05.31.07 66,751.24

PLANNING FUND

Balance 12.30.06 10,837.01
Receipts 26.75
Expenditures .00
Balance 03.31.07 10,863.76

GENERAL SEWER FUND

Balance 04.30.07 50,691.16
Receipts 65,426.24
Expenditures 28,367.18
Balance 05.31.07 87,750.22

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 04.30.07 37,563.68
Receipts 23,380.72
Expenditures 49,873.78
Balance 05.31.07 11,070.62

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 04.30.07 471,291.29
Receipts 13,767.63
Expenditures 8,075.59
Acct Appreciation 14,329.77
Balance 05.31.07 491,329.77

FEMA FUND

Balance 04.30.07 25,928.87
Receipts 90.88
Expenditures .00
Balance 05.31.07 26,019.75

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 05.31.07	INTEREST 05.31.07	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
PLANNING	\$ 13,944.89	\$ 47.06	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 371,100.83	\$ 1,252.24	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 10,662.66	\$ 28.94	2-28-03	3.25 %	2-28-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,334.11	\$ 41.62	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 93,803.40	\$ 301.72	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

Councilwoman Walck 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 had a home heating oil spill today, which came down School Street, West Railroad Street to Market Street. He stated that it took 12 bags of absorbent to lay down on the roadway. Mr. McArdle stated that he asked Councilman Stromelo if they could use the street sweeper tomorrow if it did not rain to clean up some of the absorbent because they had to lay it down pretty heavy. Mr. McArdle stated that there was a home oil tank in the back of a truck which tipped over.

Mr. McArdle stated that on Sunday he will be attending a refresher hazmat class at the Carbon County EMA office.

Councilman Stromelo asked if Mr. McArdle got his stock replenished. Mr. McArdle stated that they did put a dent in it and they will charge \$45.00 a bag to replenish his stock. Councilman Stromelo asked if everybody else had enough also. Mr. McArdle stated that he was told that they did not. Councilman Stromelo asked how they get their stock pile replenished. Mr. McArdle stated that he had asked several times to give the Borough the information. He stated that it was not being done and they were short bags. Councilman Stromelo stated that it was set up that everybody had a certain amount of bags. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they had a meeting last week and nobody said anything.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to accept the Emergency Management Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

FIRE COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- 06.20.07 Ptlm. Carl Breiner – Certified Armorer’s Inspection

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to allow Officer Carl Breiner to get the Police’s pistols and rifles inspected and cleaned. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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➤ 06.23.07 Officer Jeff Ohl - Resignation

Mayor Walck stated that he received a letter of resignation as a part-time police officer from Jeff Ohl. He stated that Officer Ohl was receiving more hours from Lansford. Councilman Digiglio stated that he did not think that it was fair, which he was talking about police department from other towns. He stated that they hire them and break them in and then lose them to other towns. Councilman Digiglio stated that he would complain if they would hire someone else from another town. He stated that it was not right. Councilwoman Walck stated that they will have to work on something that will make it more attractive for the part-timers. She stated that maybe more money or a uniform allowance. Councilman DiMiceli asked Solicitor Yurchak if they would be able to consider another full-time officer but it would be under the condition how that person would work as a flex officer and would not necessarily fall into the regular rotation. He stated that the officer would have a schedule but it would be the days off of the other officers. Solicitor Yurchak stated that as long as they would write the specifications up that way when they would create the position.

Mayor Walck stated that he wanted to remind everyone that on July 15, 2007 the Triathlon will be coming through Nesquehoning again.

Mayor Walck stated that the 4th of July was upon them and there will be extra patrols out. He stated that they will take whatever actions will be needed for the illegal fireworks.

Mayor Walck stated that on July 2, 2007 was the next Crime Watch Meeting. He stated that they will also have an upscale crime watch patrol out.

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

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

01 May– 30 May 2007

Real Estate	\$345,117.75
Occupation	7,805.70
Per Capita	<u>7,820.40</u>
Total	\$360,743.85

EXONERATION: Albert J. Helmer, Jr. – Deceased

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to accept the Tax Collector’s report and the one exoneration. All voted yes. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 05.23.07 Governor’s Center for Local Government Services – Training Program
2. 05.23.07 US Dept. Of Housing & Urban Dev. – Report for HUD-owned properties
3. 05.23.07 The Tool Carrier – Newsletter for Commercial Owners
4. 05.23.07 Agreement between Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction and the County
5. 05.23.07 PennDOT –Truck escape ramp adjacent to SR 93

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6. 05.24.07 PA Borough Councils Assoc. – Outstanding Councilmember of the Year Award
7. 05.24.07 The Service Team letter to Kerry Paules – Install fence at storage facilities
8. 05.29.07 PA DEP letter to Kovatch Mobile Equipment – diesel stained soil
9. 05.29.07 Mark Nalesnik – FEMA Removal Guidelines
10. 05.29.07 PA State Mayors' Assoc. – Nominations for Mayor of the Year Award
11. 05.30.07 newPANews –Newsletter
12. 05.30.07 PA One Call – Board Meeting Notice
13. 05.30.07 Conrad Siegel Actuaries – Police Pension Plan – Actuarial valuation
14. 05.30.07 Mark Nalesnik – Get Ready 2007 Seminar
15. 06.01.07 Local Technical Assistance Program – Moving Forward

16. 06.04.07 Reading & Northern Railroad – Rhume Run Culvert

President Jacobs stated how the letter was stating the estimated cost for all the items, extra insurance and supervisors, which would be \$2,000.00. He stated that if they were going to give a contract to a contractor and they were going to get hit with this extra cost, they were going to come back after the Borough. He stated that he would like to see it done, but it was the Railroad's property, they should not have to have any concern over it. President Jacobs stated about having Ron Tirpak work with the Railroad to find out if that was a concrete figure (\$2,000.00). He stated that they could probably handle the \$2,000.00 but if it would add up to \$10,000.00, they would not have it in the budget. Councilwoman Walck stated that it had gone on too long and it had to be fixed. President Jacobs stated that they were willing to fix it but the Railroad was looking for all the additional cost for insurance and inspections. Councilman Hawk asked if they gave the Railroad an estimate on how long it would take to correct, with a reply of "no." President Jacobs stated that he was afraid if they did not do something, FEMA might be checking on it and they could end up having to return the money.

Councilman Hawk stated that he was trying to recall what they had paid them a day. He stated that he thought it was in the neighborhood of \$500.00 per day per inspector. President Jacobs stated that when they put the sewer system in back in 90-91, they had paid them big money to have their inspectors there. Councilman Hawk stated how they should only need one inspector for that job. He stated that according to their rules and regulations, he thought that they allow a work crew of up to 8 or 9 people per inspector. He stated that if they go beyond that, they say how one person cannot keep an eye on them all. President Jacobs stated that it should not take too long. He stated that once they get the culvert in, it should not take long at all.

Councilman DiMiceli stated how they should talk to Mr. Tirpak first to see how many hours it was going to take because he was sure that by law they would have to have their inspectors there because of it being the Railroad. President Jacobs stated that they sent a letter to the Railroad and to the Carbon County Commissioners, which it came up at their meeting yesterday. Councilman Digiglio stated about getting letters to the Commissioners and the Railroad giving them a time limit. Solicitor Yurchak stated about reminding them how there was a deadline as to how long the Borough could hold the FEMA funds before it would have to be returned. President Jacobs stated how he will have Ron Tirpak send letters to the County and the Railroad.

17. 06.04.07 Liquid Fence – Septic Service from Barbosa
18. 06.04.07 Michael S. Greek – Zoning Hearing Board Hearing – Harleman
19. 06.04.07 Schneider Law Offices – Bridge at Tippetts Road
20. 06.04.07 Concerned Citizens – Eye-sore

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21. 06.04.07 Summit Hill Borough – Council of Governments

22. 06.13.07 Lansford Borough – Council of Governments

President Jacobs stated how he and Councilwoman Walck attended the last Council of Governments meeting. He stated that he wanted to know if Council so desired to participate in the Council of Governments. He stated that they do not have to enter into everything that the Council of Governments would want to go into. He stated that they do not have to get involved in regional police. He stated how Councilman Digiglio also attended a meeting and a lot of good things came up. Councilman Digiglio stated how it was a win/win situation.

Councilman DiMiceli asked if they were involved in the Council of Governments and they make an application for Recreational Equipment on their own, would that hurt them if they were in the Council of Governments. He asked if they were going to take that into consideration when they review the application. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he thought how if the Council of Governments was granted a grant now and the Borough would apply at the end of the year for a grant, which would be similar to what the Council of Governments received, then they would probably be affected. He stated that otherwise, he did not think so. President Jacobs stated that if they would put in for \$200,000.00 for the four towns, they would come out with at the least \$50,000.00. Solicitor Yurchak stated that for a project that they would try to get on their own could be blended in with the Council of Governments and they would be more likely to get it. President Jacobs stated how they only had to get involved with whatever they wanted. Mayor Walck stated how they have a better chance getting a grant when all four towns apply as one rather than them going for a grant by themselves. President Jacobs stated how Harrisburg was favoring when 3 – 4 towns go in versus just one town. Councilman Digiglio stated that the lady from Harrisburg even told them that.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to participate in the Council of Governments.

Councilman Hawk stated that as long as it was understood how it would be a selected participation.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Jacobs stated that he would stay on as the representative from the Borough for the balance of the year but they would need someone else to serve as an alternate. Councilwoman Walck suggested that the next time they have a meeting how other Council Members should go to get an idea of what it entails. She stated how that way they could ask questions. President Jacobs stated that the next meeting was scheduled for the last Tuesday in July (tentatively). Mayor Walck stated that it was Tuesday, July 31, 2007 with the host site location to be determined. President Jacobs stated how they talked about floating the meetings around from municipality to municipality so they would not be going to one place all the time.

23. 06.04.07 PA DEP – Revised Sewage Planning Form

24. 06.05.07 Council of Governments – Joint Meeting Report

25. 06.06.07 PSAB – Two important subject matters under discussion

26. 06.06.07 Summit Hill Borough – Comprehensive Plan

27. 06.13.07 Dept. of Labor & Industry – Certified Residential Inspectors

28. 06.13.07 PA Treasury Department – Invest Program

29. 06.18.07 Mark Nalesnik – Reminder for Public Assistance Workshop

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- 30. 06.20.07 Kirk, Summa & Co. – Draft of financial statements for FY 2006
- 31. 06.21.07 Municipal Auction Site – Invitation
- 32. 06.21.07 NEPA – Annual Regionalism Award
- 33. 06.21.07 PSAB – 2007 Municipal Yearbook & Annual Report
- 34. 06.22.07 PSAB – Transportation Funding
- 35. 06.22.07 Mark Nalesnik – Hazmat Operations Course
- 36. 06.22.07 Mark Nalesnik – Juvenile Firesetters Program

37. 06.25.07 New Columbus Fire Company – Emergency shelter

President Jacobs stated that they were going to turn the request from the New Columbus Fire Company over to the Budget committee. Councilman DiMiceli asked the Budget committee to consider, for next year's budget, the possibility of getting the same type of generator for Hauto Fire Company as well. He stated how there would be four different locations in town; Recreation Center, Nesquehoning Hose Company, New Columbus Fire Company, & Hauto Fire Company. President Jacobs stated that they will review it. Councilman Hawk stated that they will keep it in mind even if they cannot get it this year. He stated that he was personally in favor of trying to get it for the New Columbus Fire Company because of the possibility of New Columbus being somewhat isolated in the event of a disaster. President Jacobs stated about going through the Council of Governments and getting it through the state. Councilwoman Walck stated that they do give priority to anything dealing with emergency services.

- 38. 06.25.07 Letter to Robert Stempa, Jr. – regarding conditions of entrance to storage area
- 39. 06.25.07 PSAB – Budgeting Tools & Techniques
- 40. 06.25.07 PSAB – Leading for Success
- 41. 06.25.07 PSAB – PA Municipal Legal Update
- 42. 06.25.07 PSAB – 2007-08 Legislative Directory
- 43. 06.25.07 NEPA – Pennstar Government Financial Services
- 44. 06.25.07 DEP – Approve revisions to the LCN Operation mining plan

45. 06.26.07 Daniel Tristani – Change zone from Commercial to Residential

President Jacobs stated that they will get a letter out to the Zoning Board and even the Planning Commission. Solicitor Yurchak stated that it will take some time. He stated how it will have to go down through the County Planning Commission, which they will have to review any changes and hold a public hearing.

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

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPEDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilwoman Walck 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.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STREETS

**MARK STROMELO, CHAIRMAN; SAL DIGIGLIO CO-CHAIRMAN;
DON DeMARCO**

➤ 06.22.07 United Environmental Services – Removal of underground gas tank
Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to award the contract to United Environmental Services for removal of the underground gas tank in the amount of \$3,986.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Jacobs stated how that was the best price they received from the 3 quotes. He stated that they may even receive part of it back from a grant.

2. SEWER

**DAVID HAWK, CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN;
FRANK DiMICELI**

President Jacobs stated how they were hit with lighting down at the sewer plant. He stated that it burned a pump out on the well. President Jacobs stated how they had three hits down there. He stated that the most expensive one was the well. He stated that most of it was up and running now because they have backups. President Jacobs stated that the one Comminutor was hit, which was still not running but they do have a backup. President Jacobs stated that David Digilio was working with the insurance company. He stated that they were under control at the Sewer plant. President Jacobs stated that the insurance will cover it. He stated that they just got things straightened out and now they were having problems with one of the pumping stations up in Lake Hauto. He stated how that seems to be back under control.

3. BUILDINGS

**SAL DIGIGLIO, CHAIRMAN; DON DeMARCO, CO-CHAIRMAN;
ROSE WALCK**

Councilman Digiglio stated that everything was good.

4. POLICE

**SAL DIGIGLIO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN;
PUBLIC SAFETY MARK STROMELO**

Councilman Digiglio stated that he, Mayor Walck and Chief Smith have been having their regular meetings. Councilman Digiglio asked about the SOP. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had to get a meeting scheduled with Joe Lawrence within the next month.

Councilman Stromelo stated that he had a list of items that the police will need. He stated about giving it to the Purchasing committee. President Jacobs stated that they will have to look to prioritize which they feel was really needed. He stated about which items they could afford this year and which items they will add to the budget for next year. Mayor Walck stated that the one item he would like them to consider was the fire extinguishers.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would like to make one comment about the mobile cameras. He stated that he did not like the opinion given on there about needing cameras for crime scene pictures not mobile cameras. Councilman DiMiceli stated that for one it would bring their insurance down. He stated that it was also their best evidence on any kind of D.U.I. stops. He stated that it was also for officer safety. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they were not asking for their opinion as far as he was concerned. He stated how it was Council's decision and if they could save money and document traffic stops and if anybody would get shot. He stated that it was not their place to give opinions.

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Councilman Digiglio stated that they brought that up to protect their police. Councilwoman Walck asked if they could not get another meeting to get things clarified and give their positions on it. President Jacobs stated that they will sit down and review it.

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

Councilman Hawk stated that the committee met last week but they had nothing to report.

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

Councilman Digiglio stated that they need some trees planted up in the park in New Columbus. He stated that he had a few complaints because there were not trees for shade. He stated that people could sit there with their kids.

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

No report.

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

No report.

9. FIRE/AMBULANCE FRANK DiMICELI, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO CHAIRMAN; PUBLIC SAFETY SAL DIGIGLIO

➤ 06.22.07 Fire Apparatus Purchase Policy

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would ask for it to be tabled tonight for further review.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would ask Council to consider the request from Nesquehoning Fire Company to purchase the hose. He stated that he did not think that they could go for the 1500 feet of 5/8" hose but they could go for half of it. He stated that Mr. McArdle agreed that the hose which was on the Mac could be offered to New Columbus or Hauto if they needed any 5/8" hose. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he would ask Council to purchase half of the amount of hose. President Jacobs stated that they did put so much money into the budget. Councilman Hawk stated that they did have their request and they did put money in the budget but he did not think that they put enough in there to cover everything they were requesting. He stated that they also went out and bought the Aerial, which was not a budgeted item. President Jacobs stated that they would review the budget. Councilman Hawk stated that between then and the next meeting, they could have a budget meeting. Councilman DiMiceli stated that at the meeting last week, Jim Nardoizzi had told them how he had pin holes in several sections of his hose.

John McArdle stated about the bids for the ladder truck. President Jacobs stated that they did not get any bids. Mr. McArdle stated that they need to take some action on it. President Jacobs stated that they did not get any bids on the used Sewer pick-up truck also.

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office

Mayor Walck asked to have a meeting with the Fire Committee and the Fire Chiefs within the next two weeks. Mr. McArdle stated that he would not be able to make it on July 10th. Councilman Hawk stated that the Water Authority meeting was on July 9th. He stated that they could have it early. Mayor Walck stated that they could have it at 6:00p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007 at the Borough office.

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

JR. RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Walck stated that it sounded interesting on what Councilman Digiglio mentioned about the trees in New Columbus. He stated about getting the Jr. Recreation involved in planting the trees.

NEW BUSINESS

President Jacobs stated that they had received a letter from Summit Hill to see if they wanted to get involved with a comprehensive plan along with them and maybe other municipalities. He stated how the Secretary/Treasurer Ahner talked to Ron Tirpak, who said that it might be good idea because of rising costs. Solicitor Yurchak stated that Lansford was going in on it.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to send a letter to the Summit Hill Borough telling them that they were interested in participating in the Comprehensive plan. All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman DiMiceli stated how he thought that they came to an agreement that the police were not going to be shooting up at the reservoir. Mayor Walck stated Officer Breiner was instructed to look elsewhere. He stated how they could put a directive out that they have to use the FOP Firing Range. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he thought that they should send out a directive about either using the FOP Range or another certified range.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded that when the police qualify they will not use the Water Authority Property up at the reservoirs that they use an authorized/certified range. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Jacobs stated that they received no bids on the old Sewer truck or the Fire Truck. He asked what they wanted to do with the vehicles. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they should take the motor and transmission out of the Fire Truck before they junk it. Mr. McArdle stated that he had two phone calls. He stated how one gentleman was looking for less then what it was advertised for. Councilman Hawk asked how much less was he interested in. Mr. McArdle stated that it was around \$3,500.00. He stated that he had told the gentleman that if he was interested just to send it in as a feeler. Mr. McArdle stated that the other phone call came from a Fire Chief in Georgia. President Jacobs stated that they could put it in the gate up at the Borough Garage.

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Councilman DiMiceli stated that instead of paying for legal ads and advertising...he asked how much would it cost them to transfer title to the Nesquehoning Fire Company; they could sell it with the Borough's approval and they would not have to bid it. He stated that they could negotiate with a purchaser. President Jacobs stated that the Fire Truck had good tires. Councilman Stromelo stated how Hauto asked for the siren. President Jacobs stated that they will move it out of Nesquehoning Hose Company's lot and put it up at the Borough Garage. He stated how that way it could be started every once in a while.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to dissolve the loan made to the Nesquehoning Hose Company for the purchase of the Aerial Truck. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Walck moved and President Jacobs seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer