

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

Councilmen DeMarco, DiMiceli and Stromelo were absent.

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

MINUTES: Special Meeting held on September 12, 2007 and the Regular Meeting held on September 26, 2007

Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the September 26, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to approve the September 12, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS

President Jacobs stated that they will be going into an executive session for personnel reasons immediately following the Housing and Code Enforcement's Report.

Mickey Angst stated how he wanted to make sure that one resident of Nesquehoning talked to Council about the Ridge Street Immigration Invasion. He stated how over the Summer, he had brought their attention to three families living in one apartment. He stated how he thought that problem had corrected itself. Mr. Angst stated how he had urged Council to adopt an ordinance because they were going to have an invasion. He stated that he did not want to sound like Lou Barletta but maybe they could restrict the number of people who can live in a house. Mr. Angst stated that when he was lucky enough to get on the Panther Valley School Board, he would hope to get all four communities together to see if they had ordinances because it was affecting the School District. He stated that they were ashamed by the scores. He stated that he did not want the interpretation to mean that everybody who was low income was stupid.

Mr. Angst asked if they got the ordinances in place. President Jacobs stated that they were reviewing an ordinance that would restrict the number of people who could live in a home. Solicitor Yurchak stated that it was under construction. Mr. Angst stated how they need to check everybody who applies for a moving permit into town.

John McArdle stated that on behalf of the Nesquehoning Boy Scout Troop 774 how he was requesting permission to have a small food and beverage stand during the parade on November 11. He stated that he has contacted the VFW and the County Committee and they did not have a problem with it.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to grant permission to the Boy Scouts to have a food and beverage stand on Catawissa Street during the Veterans Day Parade. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Digiglio stated that they had people who moved in and were hired by a certain construction outfit, which was doing roofing and siding hail damage repairs. He stated how he has witnessed it first hand and he wanted residents to be aware of these companies.

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President Jacobs stated that he had just heard about it on Sunday. Mayor Walck stated how Carol Zickler could put something in the paper for all the residents of Nesquehoning concerning hiring any contractors to make sure that they are local and reputable. President Jacobs stated about contractors getting permits from the Borough office. He stated how other towns have contractor permits. Councilman Hawk stated how that way they could make sure they were properly insured and pay into workman's compensation. President Jacobs stated that they could instruct Solicitor Yurchak to look into an ordinance and review other towns'. Mr. Angst stated how he had to apologize that he did not notice them, since they were living a block away from his house and he was on the Crime Watch. Sean Smith gave a description of what went down the morning of Saturday, the 20th of October, 2007 with the illegal immigrants at the Turkey Hill.

POLICE REPORT

No report.

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith stated that Council had a copy of Officer Blisard's and his code reports. Mayor Walck asked about 224 W. Catawissa Street. Chief Smith stated how she had requested that the water be turned back on. He stated that they would not turn the water on until all the bills were paid to the Borough offices. He stated that it was cleaned up but not sanitized and it was inspected twice.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

Borough Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. President Jacobs stated that they went into an executive session for personnel reasons.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 10.23.07 Samuel J. Kitchko – Appointment to Planning Commission

Councilman Hawk stated how Justin Poremba had moved out of town and was now ineligible to hold a seat on the Planning Commission. He stated that Mr. Poremba had also made it known verbally that he was going to hand in his letter of resignation.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to appoint Sam Kitchko to the Planning Commission.

Larry Fox asked how much time Mr. Poremba had left. Councilman Hawk stated that it was until the end of the year.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

No report.

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PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

No report.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the reports to this point. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 09.28.07 Carbon Engineering – Pole Building
- 10.04.07 Conestoga Buildings – Checklist for constructing building

- 10.11.07 PennDOT – Agreement for inspection of bridges in Nesquehoning

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the agreement for Carbon Engineering, Inc. to perform the Bridge Inspections for the Borough of Nesquehoning.

Larry Fox asked if that included the Flyzik's bridge with a reply of "no".

All voted yes. Motion passed.

- 10.12.07 Carbon Engineering – Coal Street Culvert Replacement

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Resolution – Collection of delinquent sanitation fees, delinquent sewer fees, Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to adopt the Resolution of the delinquent sewer and sanitation fees. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Adoption – Ordinance providing restrictions upon parking of large vehicles President Jacobs stated about the amount for the permit parking on Locust Street. Councilman Hawk asked for the opinion of the Solicitor on looking at it as charging for parking. He stated how they had incidents in the past with parking permits. He stated that if they were charging for the permitting, then it should be a justifiable fee. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they have the option to park somewhere else. He stated that they could wait until next meeting to adopt the ordinance.

- Adoption – Ordinance providing for standards for determining presence of carbon monoxide Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to adopt the Carbon Monoxide Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Advertisement – Ordinance Local Service Tax (LST) Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to have Solicitor Yurchak advertise for the Local Service Tax (LST) ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he contacted PSAB regarding firms that do Zoning revisions and handed a list of companies to President Jacobs.

Solicitor Yurchak stated about the property maintenance code. He stated that he had one copy and it will be in the office for Council to view.

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Rudy Phillips asked how they would show that they have a permit. President Jacobs stated that the way the ordinance was drafted; they were not allowed to drop trailers. He stated that there were trailers parked there for a month last winter. President Jacobs stated that the permit can be placed in the window or hung from their mirror, just so it was visible. Councilman Hawk stated how it was to accommodate some of the residents who drive to have someplace to park overnight. He stated that they do not want to turn it into a parking lot. President Jacobs stated how there was a truck parked down there for 5 – 6 days and they did not think that the guy was from town.

Larry Fox asked if the ordinance was only pertaining to tractor trailers. President Jacobs stated that it was large vehicles. Mr. Fox asked if someone had a mobile home, they could park it down there. President Jacobs stated how the Locust Street was only for parking tractor trailers.

Mr. Angst stated that because he was on the Crime Watch, people in his neighborhood would report to him about vehicles not being moved or not have license plates. He stated how that was not what the Crime Watch was for, but he had started to report them. He stated that he was not getting anywhere. Mr. Angst asked where he could go. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he should report them to the police. He stated that they only write them. President Jacobs stated that they cannot enforce them.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the Resolution pertaining to the delinquent accounts would not take affect until January 2008.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to accept the Engineer's and the Solicitor's reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 08.31.07 404,800.44
Receipts 51,015.69
Expenditures 25,787.29
Balance 09.30.07 430,028.84

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance 08.31.07 8,535.19
Receipts 22.90
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 8,558.09

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 08.31.07 80.16
Receipts .22
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 80.38

SANITATION ESCROW

Balance 06.30.07 907.91
Receipts 5,810.56
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 6,718.47

DEBT SERVICE

Balance 08.31.07 1,100.66
Receipts 2.95
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 1,103.61

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 08.31.07 14,838.77
Receipts 39.81
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 14,878.58

CAPITAL PROJECT

Balance 08.31.07 111,052.78
Receipts 609.99
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 111,662.77

SANITATION FUND

Balance 08.31.07 90,644.66
Receipts 72,381.24
Sewer 19,462.44
Expenditures 24,349.29
Balance 09.30.07 119,214.17

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 08.31.07 52,523.34
Receipts 140.92
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 52,664.26

PLANNING FUND

Balance 06.30.07 10,890.88
Receipts 27.49
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 10,918.37

GENERAL SEWER FUND

Balance 08.31.07 57,848.07
Receipts 19,584.02
Expenditures 28,367.18
Balance 09.30.07 49,064.91

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 08.31.07 20,185.37
Receipts 19,825.26
Expenditures 7,285.63
Balance 09.30.07 32,725.00

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 08.31.07 471,169.97
Receipts 1,706.84
Expenditures 8,075.59
Acct appreciation 11,356.68
Balance 09.30.07 476,157.80

FEMA FUND

Balance 08.31.07 25,792.14
Receipts 69.20
Expenditures .00
Balance 09.30.07 25,861.34

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 09.28.07	INTEREST 09.28.07	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
PLANNING	\$ 14,131.63	\$ 46.15	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 376,070.30	\$ 1,228.14	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 10,777.31	\$ 28.31	2-28-03	3.25 %	2-28-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,499.28	\$ 40.82	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 95,050.68	\$ 315.91	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

No report.

FIRE COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

➤ 10.12.07 PV Elementary School – Halloween Parade Escort

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to authorize the Mayor to call out the crossing guards ½ hour early and extra police for the Elementary School Halloween Parade at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2007. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated that the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Parade will be held in Lansford on Saturday, October 27, 2007 if anyone was interested in participating. He stated that the parade starts at 3:00 p.m. He stated that it was open to all of the children in the Panther Valley.

Mayor Walck stated that he would like to ask Council’s permission to have Solicitor Yurchak send a letter to PennDOT concerning the results of the survey they conducted in the Village of Hauto. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he would take care of it.

Mayor Walck stated that Trick-or-Treat night would be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to authorize the Mayor to call out the crossing guards and extra police for trick-or-treat night. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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Mayor Walck stated how he had received the training survey for the pepper spray, tactical baton & handcuffing techniques. He stated how Officer Wuttke would be the officer taking the course and then in return would train the Nesquehoning Officers. He stated that with the 2 ½ day training session and Wuttke’s time, it would come to approximately \$450.00.

Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to grant permission for Officer Wuttke to be trained and certified in pepper spray, tactical baton & handcuffing techniques for \$450.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Walck stated that the next Crime Watch Meeting would be held on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Office.

Carol Zickler asked about the Veterans’ Day Parade. Mayor Walck stated that he had not received any information concerning the parade yet. He stated that nothing was released to him as far as what was needed.

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

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

01 September– 30 September 2007

Real Estate	\$ 3,601.70
Occupation	456.90
Per Capita	<u>319.20</u>
Total	\$ 4,377.80

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the Tax Collector’s report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 09.26.07 CC Emergency Services – Controlled Burns
2. 09.26.07 Lindsey McLaughlin – Speed limits on back roads

3. 09.27.07 CC Friends of Animals – Donation

Councilwoman Walck stated how they did have a discussion last year regarding it. She stated that it was a service to the town and thought that it was important because of cases of rabies that she had read about. She stated that cats get around and get dropped off more often than dogs. Councilwoman Walck stated how she had heard that they have trapped and taken cats from up in New Columbus and in the Estates. She stated that her main concern was the rabies. Councilwoman Walck stated that the state does not pay for rabies shots from cats but they will from dogs. She stated how she thought that it was a valuable service for the \$500.00 to help protect the people of Nesquehoning.

Councilman Hawk asked what they give to the K-9. Mayor Walck stated that it was \$540.00.

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Mayor Walck stated that he thought that they were well deserving because they were a voluntary group. He stated that they have come into the community and taken care of several incidents.

Councilman Digiglio asked if there was any money set aside for it. Councilman Hawk stated how not yet. He stated that the K-9 was administered through the County and it was a semi-governmental agency. He stated how that was private and there was no guarantee of them staying around (in business) or what they would do with the money. He stated how it did appear that they have been helpful but that was one of his concerns. President Jacobs stated that he knows that they were always having fund raisers and how they have problems because there were so many cats. Councilwoman Walck stated that they do spay and give them all of their shots before they adopt them out. She stated that she felt how it was a service that the town should have.

Councilwoman Walck moved to give the Carbon County Friends of Animals the \$500.00 donation. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Digiglio stated that he did not have a problem giving them the money. He stated that they might be able to put it in for next year or if she wanted to wait until next meeting. Councilwoman Walck asked if they could put it off until next month. President Jacobs stated that they would probably take it anytime.

Mayor Walck stated that he wanted to go on the record saying how they should not even pay the \$500.00 for the County because they get more cooperation from the Carbon County Friends of Animals than they do from the K-9. He stated that they have a hard time getting the K-9 because they were never around. He stated that they take the stray dogs in their police cars because they cannot get a hold of the K-9 Officer and they pay the County \$500.00 per year. He stated that the Carbon County Friends of Animals has been there to help clean up a house and they were on a voluntary basis. Councilman Digiglio stated that he had received a call last week concerning putting a dog in their police car. He stated that they cannot be doing that and they cannot be running them to Allentown. He stated that the Commissioners should be doing something about it. He stated that he agreed to give the money for the Cats and not to the County for the dogs. President Jacobs stated that they had entered into a contract with the County several years ago about the dogs. He stated that they had never entered into one with the Friends of Animals.

Councilwoman Walck stated about sending a letter to the Commissioners regarding a vehicle, which could be utilized by the police rather than using a police car. She stated that they might be able to have something that all the Boroughs could use to transport dogs. She stated how the dogs get scared and do their business in the back of the vehicle and then the officer has to get the car cleaned. Councilwoman Walck stated how she has heard hesitation over the scanner from other Boroughs when there were called to pick an animal up because they do not know what the animal was going to do in the car. Councilman Hawk stated how, dogs or cats, it was a shame that they have to spend taxpayers' money on irresponsible owners.

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to send a letter to the Commissioners requesting (asking) for a surplus vehicle to use to transport animals or some kind of arrangement for off hours service.

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Mr. Fox stated that he thought there should be a letter sent to the Commissioners because they were paying for that service and they cannot get that service. He stated how it seemed that they were failing on their end of the job. Councilwoman Walck stated that she did not know if the Commissioners were aware of it. Carol Zickler asked who would drive the surplus vehicle. Councilwoman Walck stated that it would be the police officer or the person who was on call from the Animal Shelter.

All voted yes to send the letter to the Commissioners. Motion passed.

4. 09.27.07 PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program – Newsletter
5. 09.28.07 Wildlands Conservancy – Updating Comprehensive Plan
6. 09.28.07 Muncibid – Listings update
7. 09.28.07 Keith R. McCall – CHIP Program
8. 09.28.07 AEC Group – Member of PA State Telecommunications Contract
9. 10.01.07 PIMA – Fire Prevention Week
10. 10.01.07 Financial Resource Services – GASB 45 Symposium
11. 10.01.07 PennDOT – Review of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund
12. 10.01.07 PEMA – Deadline for FEMA (June 2006 flooding)
13. 10.02.07 Quill – Office supplies
14. 10.03.07 PA DEP – NPDES permit
15. 10.03.07 CC Emergency Management – Preparedness for emergencies
16. 10.03.07 USDA – Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination
17. 10.03.07 Keith R. McCall – Honoring Korean War Veterans
18. 10.03.07 PA House Democratic Caucus – Bush vetoes CHIP
19. 10.04.07 Michael S. Greek – Kerry Paules, variance granted
20. 10.04.07 newPAnews – Newsletter
21. 10.04.07 DCED – Changing Role of Public Works
22. 10.04.07 PA Economic Development Assoc. – Understanding Tax Increment Financing

23. 10.05.07 Lake Hauto Club – Flush dry hydrants

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to allow Nesquehoning Hose Company to flush the dry hydrants for the Lake Hauto Club. All voted yes. Motion passed.

24. 10.09.07 Bowmanstown Borough – Equipment for Sale
25. 10.09.07 PennDOT – Winter maintenance meeting
26. 10.10.07 Legislative Brief – Prohibit Handheld Mobile Telephone Use in PA
27. 10.10.07 PennDOT – Training – Work Zone Traffic Control
28. 10.10.07 PA Department of Revenue – September Collections

29. 10.11.07 CC Correctional Facility – Inmate Work Program

President Jacobs stated that they would like to get involved sometime but they were coming to that time of year, what would they use them for plus right now they have the youth agency coming in to help.

30. 10.11.07 Insure PA Now – Governor Rendell’s visit to Scranton on 19 Oct 2007
31. 10.11.07 Insure PA Now – Governor Rendell’s visit to Wilkes-Barre on 19 Oct 2007
32. 10.11.07 Insure PA Now – Governor Rendell’s visit to Allentown on 20 Oct 2007
33. 10.11.07 Wildlands Conservancy – Lausanne Tunnel Remediation Project Partner
34. 10.13.07 Lehighton Fire Department – Permission to contact Fire Police for the parade

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35. 10.15.07 Department of Labor & Industry – Election for relief from charges, solvency fee

Councilwoman Walck moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to pay the Solvency Fee for 2008 in the amount of \$659.62. All voted yes. Motion passed.

36. 10.15.07 DCED – Free Seminar at Lehigh University – Energy Efficiency & Deregulation

37. 10.16.07 PA DEP – sewage entering Nesquehoning Creek

38. 10.16.07 Heather Heffelfinger – Faithful Youth Group – contribution

39. 10.17.07 Carbon Engineering – Sewage – NPDES Permit 0062243

40. 10.17.07 CC Economic Development – News Update

41. 10.18.07 CC Conservation District – NPDES Permit Plan Revisions

42. 10.18.07 Lehigh Valley Inspection Service – Code Enforcement Agency

43. 10.19.07 Roberti & Roberti – Interchange Partners vs. CC Board of Assessment & Appeals

44. 10.19.07 Roberti & Roberti – O'Donnell vs. CC Board of Assessment & Appeals

Solicitor Yurchak stated that he had referred these appeals to the Solicitor of the Panther Valley School District.

45. 10.19.07 Borough of Lansford – Fire Police for Veterans' Day Parade

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

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES 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.

President Jacobs stated about Solicitor Yurchak contacting Mr. DelGesso in regards to applying for another grant for the Borough. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he would get in contact with him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STREETS

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

President Jacobs stated that the materials were coming in Thursday for the Pole Building. He stated that they were getting the trucks ready for the winter season one at a time.

Councilman Hawk stated that he and Councilman DeMarco went around looking at every street in the Borough with Ron Tirpak. He stated that Mr. Tirpak was going to come up with figures and a plan for repaving and reconstruction for some of the streets for the next couple of years.

President Jacobs stated how they received a letter from PPL concerning the old alarm system wiring, which was still on the poles. He stated that they were requesting the Borough to get rid of it or pay a fee. He stated how it was something that has to be done.

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President Jacobs stated that he does not know how much was left. Mr. McArdle stated that he did not think that anything was taken down. He stated how it was a red wire down below the cable. He stated that they have to know what they were looking at; they could not just send anybody up there. Mr. McArdle stated that it was an aluminum wire, which will draw some money. He stated that he does not know if PPL has any regulations they would have to follow to remove the wire. Mr. McArdle asked if they were charging an attachment fee. President Jacobs stated "yes". Mr. McArdle stated that they might have to get somebody qualified to un-attach it. President Jacobs stated how they also listed other things (signs, etc.). President Jacobs stated about calling to talk to the gentleman and getting a meeting with him.

President Jacobs stated how they bid the Equipment Operator Job for the Borough. He stated that the senior employee, David Digilio, Sewer Plant Operator, bid on the job. He stated that they have to grant it to him but they cannot let him go from his present job of sewer operator until they get a licensed operator to replace him. President Jacobs stated how that was what they were in executive session about. He stated that they would be meeting with the union sometime next week over the situation.

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

President Jacobs stated that they made the repairs on the major break in the sewer line in the tunnel from North Catawissa Street to Mill Street. He stated that they were going to use similar clamps to what the Water Authority uses because what they did have did not hold up. He stated how they should be back in, provided there was not a high flow of water, by next week. President Jacobs stated that they will have to send one of the sewer operators to dye test some of the houses because they found 1 – 2 laterals which were not tied in. President Jacobs stated how within the next 2 weeks, things should be corrected.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to advertise for applications for a licensed Sewer Plant Operator to be received by Monday, November 19, 2007. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilman Digiglio stated that they were in good shape with their buildings. Councilwoman Walck asked about the complaint received from the tenet. Councilman Digiglio stated how it was taken care of.

Councilman Hawk stated at last month's Council Meeting that they had a motion granted to purchase a camera system for the borough garage with a limit of \$1,000.00. He stated that given the requirements, they had done some checking and they were not satisfied with what they would be able to get with that amount of money.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to increase the expenditure limit for the cameras at the Borough Garage to \$1,600.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

o #2 Fuel Oil Bids

Ohl	Price for #2 fuel oil at \$2.399 per gallon
Fegley	Price for #2 fuel oil at \$2.598 per gallon

Councilman Digiglio moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept the bid from Ohl at \$2.399 per gallon. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Walck stated about a request from Officer Breiner for all officers to carry their unused vacation time into 2008 because of the shortage of manpower.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to grant the Police Officers' request to carry their unused vacation into 2008. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

No report.

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

Councilman Hawk stated about taking a look at the Park in New Columbus. Councilman Digiglio stated that they were getting someone to donate trees and benches for the Borough Parks. He stated that they will be meeting to go around and look at the parks in Nesquehoning.

Councilman Hawk stated that the children's Halloween party at the Recreation Center will be on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hawk stated that at the last Recreation Commission Meeting, they did some talking about looking into renovating or remodeling the kitchen. He stated that they were in the early stages but wanted something that was easier to clean and cook in. He stated that as soon as they have something, they would be coming to Council.

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

Councilman Hawk stated that they had a budget meeting and they were working on coming up with a draft budget. He stated that they should have something available for the November meeting. President Jacobs stated that they were holding their line for several line items in the budget for 2007.

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

Mayor Walck stated that they had a request from Chief Smith to purchase one Spike Strip Set and 2 Practice Spike Strip Straps for a total amount of \$786.00 for the three sets. He stated that Chief Smith was properly trained to use these in the event of a pursuit. Councilman Hawk stated that he was trained and certified and will also be able to train the other officers. He stated that he thought it was a very good idea for the Nesquehoning Officers to have that capability.

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilman Digiglio seconded to approve Chief Smith's request to purchase the one set of Spike Strips and 2 Practice Strips. All voted yes. Motion passed.

