

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 7:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

Councilman Digiglio was absent.

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

MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on August 22, 2007

Councilman DiMiceli stated that Chief Smith did an updated police report because the officer, who was responsible for July's vehicles report, failed to put any mileage down for the Ford Expedition.

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the August 22, 2007 Regular 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.

➤ 09.25.07 Youth Services Agency – Representatives to attend monthly meeting
Anthony Rohlfing (Supervisor Keith Medash) stated that they were planning on starting some community service projects in Nesquehoning. He stated that they have started some in Jim Thorpe, Summit Hill, and now Lansford, which have all been successful. He stated that it was manual labor, which borough workers do not want to do or do not have time to do because there were skilled jobs which needed to be done. He stated about clearing brush, grass cutting, line painting or sweeping streets. He stated that they have some experience because of working with the Towamensing Borough once a week. He stated that they were willing to learn. Mr. Rohlfing stated that there was no liability on the Borough and it was free labor. He stated how it would benefit both the Borough and the kids. He stated that they were bringing the kids back into the community to pay their restitution.

President Jacobs asked if they supervise the kids. Mr. Medash stated that Anthony was the lead supervisor and he was overseeing all of it. He stated that it was between 5 – 7 of their best kids. Mr. Rohlfing stated how they had helped down at the Fire Company. Mayor Walck stated that they had helped after the stay at home picnic at the Fire Company. He stated how that was when he had talked to Mr. Rohlfing about doing projects in the Borough. John McArdle stated that Mr. Rohlfing came to him on Friday. He stated that after the block party on Monday, they came with an army of guys and cut their work down by washing pots. He stated how they had most of the heavy work done by 2:30 p.m. Mr. McArdle stated how they relieved him of a tremendous burden. He stated how they had offered to come to the fire company to help with maintenance around the building. He stated that he did not have a problem because they were well mannered and well behaved. Mayor Walck stated how they indicated on a set date they would wash the police cars. He stated that they would have to let them know ahead of time of when they would want them. Mayor Walck stated that they were well disciplined, mannered and behaved.

President Jacobs asked if they needed a letter if they were interested or could they just call. Mr. Rohlfing stated how they could just call him on his cell phone.

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Mr. Medash stated how it was always nice to get a letter of appreciation. Councilwoman Walck asked about liability. Mr. Medash stated how they would be covered under the Youth Service Agency's. Councilman DeMarco asked if their operations were only Monday through Friday. Mr. Medash stated how they were a 24/7 facility and asked if they were looking for something on the weekends. Mr. Rohlfing stated that they were trying to set up the kids on a regular schedule like a regular job. He stated that if they know well enough in advance, it would probably not be a problem. He stated how they usually set up activities on the weekends (camping, etc.) Councilman DeMarco asked about the hours they would be able to work. Mr. Rohlfing stated about them working from 9:30 – 2:30 with giving the kids time for lunch. President Jacobs stated that they were talking about 4 hours a day. Council asked Mr. Rohlfing to leave a contact number. Councilman Stromelo stated about letting them know which days they would be available. Mr. Rohlfing stated that they were available any day except Tuesday because they go to Towamensing Township. Councilman DeMarco stated about getting them in on Wednesday for the New Columbus Park.

Karl Pecha stated that he has had a long standing problem on Garibaldi Avenue at the Cemetery. He stated how it had started in the winter that year. He stated that they had two good snowfalls and no plows. Mr. Pecha stated that they had come up Garibaldi Avenue but they never came out to the end. He stated that he had to drive through frozen ice the next morning.

Mr. Pecha stated how he wished that somebody on the Street Committee would take a look at the condition of the road. He stated how he has never complained before. He stated how people walk to the Parish everyday and somebody was going to get hurt. Councilman DeMarco stated how they were waiting to get the pipe replaced. Mr. Pecha stated how they could get a grant for the ditch at Kovatch and asked why they could not get one to do the ditch coming down the hill. President Jacobs stated how they had applied and they were turned down. He stated that Mr. Tirpak was working on it. He stated about the figure they had received to fix the pipe. President Jacobs stated that the Street Committee will go and see what they can put on the road to straighten it out.

Richard Ahner – 134 E. Railroad Street – stated that they have a problem with sewage odor. He stated how he had two different plumbers in and according to them; the smell was coming from next door (1/2 double). He stated that they have looked and they cannot find any problems on their side. Mr. Ahner stated how the neighbor would not talk to him. He stated that he had contacted the sewer department and they had given him no satisfaction. Mr. Ahner asked what they could do. He stated how he was worried about methane gas because the smell was really bad at times. President Jacobs stated how there was a common line for the two houses, which goes down to Center Street. President Jacobs asked if they had a trap on their side. Mr. Ahner stated "they did." President Jacobs stated that he wondered if the neighbor had one. Mr. Ahner stated how the neighbor's line comes through the wall and hooks into their line after the trap. President Jacobs stated that he would talk to Davey and check it out.

President Jacobs asked if it was all of the time or if it came and went. Wanda Webb stated that it was there when the neighbor was home using the water, fades away after he leaves, and it comes back when he comes home. She stated that she felt it was from the neighbor. President Jacobs stated that they would check where it was tapped in at and get into the basement to get a better idea. Ms. Webb asked if there was an ordinance regarding a common sewer line. President Jacobs stated that they had not forced residents to put in their own line. He stated that if someone builds a new home, they have to put in their own line. He stated that they would get up there.

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John McArdle stated that on behalf of the Nesquehoning Hose Company, he would like to thank the Mayor, Council and Chief Smith for the police coverage at the Stay at Home Festival. He stated that they had no problems and how it was nice to see everyone.

Charles Bott stated that he would like to thank Council for their patience with him on his property at 123 W. High Street, which burned in March. He stated that it was going to be his personal residence and not an apartment. Mr. Bott stated that he had given the Council pictures of where they were at in the stage of development, which the structure was secured. Mr. Bott asked Council to rescind the actions taken at the July Meeting and to release the insurance funds held by the Borough.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to rescind the actions concerning the property on High Street and to release the insurance funds to Mr. Bott. All voted yes. Motion passed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith gave the Police Report for August as follows:

\$3,202.07 total fine money collected; DUI reimbursements were listed along with their names; 408 total complaints received; 31 citations; 6 criminal arrests (5 with felonies); 5 traffic accidents (3 reportable & 2 non-reportable); and the mileage was listed for the 2000 & 2003 Crown Victoria's and the 2005 Expedition.

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith stated that Council had Officer Robert Blisard's code report and his code report from August 25, 2007 – September 26, 2007 and they mostly dealt with condemning 224 W. Catawissa Street.

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

President Jacobs stated about a handicap parking application for High Street that was listed on Officer Blisard's code report, which needed Council's approval. He stated that he knew how there were some parking problems on High Street. President Jacobs stated that when they originally received the application, there were some questions concerning it. Chief Smith stated that Officer Blisard did go and interview the neighbors but he did not know if he confirmed anything with the doctor. President Jacobs stated how he was in the office when she came in complaining because of feuding going on between the neighbors. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they would table it until next month.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to approve Chief Smith's request to attend a certified instructor's course on Stinger Spike Strips.

Councilman Stromelo asked if he had someone to cover him. Chief Smith stated that he did not get that far with the Mayor yet. Councilman Hawk asked if it was equipment they had or something they were thinking of getting. Chief Smith stated that they would have to get it. He stated that in light of the last two pursuits, it would be a good investment.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

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Mayor Walck asked if they received the information on the training for Officer Wuttke yet. Chief Smith stated that he had talked to Chief Binder and his one officer was at the training. He stated that he was going to drop the information off that night at 8:30 p.m.

Borough Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. President Jacobs stated that they went into an executive session for personnel reasons.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

No report.

PANTHER CREEK ADVISORY REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 09.04.07 Reading Blue Mt. & Northern Railroad - Engineer's review, Coal Street Culvert
- 09.05.07 Carbon Engineering – Coal Street Culvert Replacement
- 09.19.07 CC Office of Planning & Development – CDBG Block Grant for 2008

President Jacobs stated that they were having problems with the traffic light. He stated that they might be able to use the CDBG money to update or install a new traffic light.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Adoption – Ordinance providing restrictions upon parking of large vehicles
- Adoption – Ordinance providing for standards for determining presence of carbon monoxide

Solicitor Yurchak stated that due to the timing of the advertisement for the Ordinances, they were not able to adopt them that night. He stated that they also had some changes for the Large Vehicle Ordinance.

- Ordinance to establish a registration program for rental properties
- Ordinance to amend the code for prohibiting loitering
- Ordinance to amend the code and establish restrictions on the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places
- Resolution establishing a delinquent sanitation fee

Solicitor Yurchak stated that these ordinances were given to Council for review.

- 08.24.07 Robert T. Yurchak – Traffic study regarding speed limits on Route 54

Mayor Walck stated that there was a lady from PennDOT who monitored the traffic from Hauto Fire Company to Route 209. He stated that he was hoping to get something in writing.

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- 08.30.07 Robert T. Yurchak letter to Higgins Insurance – Nesquehoning Borough Insurance

Solicitor Yurchak stated that they will not contribute to the cost of installing the cameras and any time of credit or consideration will be given at the time of renewal of the insurance policy.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that the pigs will be removed from the Borough on October 6, 2007. He stated that he thought that they were moving to Weatherly.

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

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NESQUEHONING SAVINGS BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 07.31.07 403,863.66
Receipts 106,063.67
Expenditures 105,126.89
Balance 08.31.07 404,800.44

SANITATION FUND

Balance 07.31.07 110,977.49
Receipts 75,619.31
Sewer 34,677.30
Expenditures 61,274.84
Balance 08.31.07 90,644.66

GENERAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance 07.31.07 8,504.73
Receipts 30.46
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 8,535.19

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 07.31.07 57,278.84
Receipts 203.45
Expenditures 4,958.95
Balance 08.31.07 52,523.34

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 07.31.07 79.87
Receipts .29
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 80.16

PLANNING FUND

Balance 03.31.07 10,863.76
Receipts 27.12
Expenditures .00
Balance 06.30.07 10,890.88

SANITATION ESCROW

Balance 03.31.07 22,594.73
Receipts 12,950.07
Expenditures 34,636.89
Balance 06.30.07 907.91

GENERAL SEWER FUND

Balance 07.31.07 92,319.39
Receipts 35,003.74
Expenditures 69,475.06
Balance 08.31.07 57,848.07

DEBT SERVICE

Balance 07.31.07 1,096.73
Receipts 3.93
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 1,100.66

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 07.31.07 20,065.54
Receipts 24,393.69
Expenditures 24,273.86
Balance 08.31.07 20,185.37

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 07.31.07 14,785.81
Receipts 52.96
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 14,838.77

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 07.31.07 464,242.92
Receipts 10,896.27
Expenditures 8,075.59
Acct appreciation 4,106.37
Balance 08.31.07 471,169.97

CAPITAL PROJECT

Balance 07.31.07 109,995.79
Receipts 1,056.99
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 111,052.78

FEMA FUND

Balance 07.31.07 25,700.09
Receipts 92.05
Expenditures .00
Balance 08.31.07 25,792.14

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 08.31.07	INTEREST 08.31.07	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
PLANNING	\$ 14,085.48	\$ 47.53	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 374,842.16	\$ 1,264.86	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
GEN. SEWER	\$ 10,749.00	\$ 29.17	2-28-03	3.25 %	2-28-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 12,458.46	\$ 42.04	5-08-05	4.05 %	5-08-08	NSB
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 94,734.77	\$ 314.86	6-02-05	3.92 %	6-02-10	NSB

President Jacobs asked Councilman DeMarco whose debt service was that. Councilman DeMarco stated that their debt service was 6-digits at one time. President Jacobs stated how it was man-dated by Harrisburg because of the loan and the bond payments. Councilman DeMarco stated about going back into the minutes of the Budget of 2003/2004.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli 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 their drill at the Cogeneration Plant and everything went well. Mr. McArdle stated that they were planning a drill for MapleShade on October 10, 2007. Mr. McArdle stated how he would like to request that Council authorize the mayor to contact the fire police for the Veteran’s Day Parade. He stated that they will also need to get in touch with Lansford, Summit Hill, Jim Thorpe, Franklin Township to assist with traffic control. He stated that Nesquehoning Borough has to make that request to the other Boroughs. He stated that they needed to include requesting a contact person and phone number in the letters.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to contact other municipalities requesting permission for the Fire Police to assist Nesquehoning with the Veteran’s Day Parade in November. All voted yes. Motion passed.

FIRE COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

➤ 08.28.07 (Rev.) Clifton E. Bishop – St. Theresa Shower of Roses Celebration
Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to authorize the Mayor to call out additional police and crossing guards to help with the traffic control for the St. Theresa’s Day Celebration. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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- 09.14.07 CC Dept. of Veterans Affairs – 2007 Veterans Day Parade

Mayor Walck stated that the Council was welcome to participate in the Veteran’s Day parade on November 11, 2007.

- Crime Watch Meeting – October 2, 2007 @ 7:00p.m. Borough Building

Mayor Walck stated that the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Parade will be held in Lansford on October 27, 2007 if anyone was interested in participating. He stated that they will start lining up at 1:30 p.m. and the parade starts at 3:30 p.m. He stated that it was open to all of the children in the Panther Valley.

Councilman DeMarco asked about trick-or-treat night. Mayor Walck stated that it would be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Councilman DiMiceli asked Mayor Walck why they paid overtime on 9 – 11 for the off-duty officers to attend the Church Services. He stated that they had a mass where the community participated to recognize police officers, fire and ambulance. He stated that to have to pay the officers 4 hours of overtime to attend the mass. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they have been talking about the end of the year with money. He stated how he thought that it was ridiculous. Councilman DiMiceli asked why they paid them to come. Mayor Walck stated that in previous years, there were no officers. Councilman DiMiceli stated how that was not their problem. He stated that if they did not want to attend the mass, which was in honor of them or their fallen officers, they should not be paying them to attend. Councilman DiMiceli stated that for any type of ceremonial event where it does not require police protection; he thought that they should not have to pay for anyone to be there.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman Stromelo seconded to accept the Emergency Management Report, the Fire Commissioner’s Report and the Mayor’s Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

01 August– 31 August 2007

Real Estate	\$ 2,460.18
Occupation	181.50
Per Capita	<u>165.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,806.68

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. 09.05.07 Christopher M. Lower – Sanitation Application

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 08.17.07 PA Human Relations Commission –Spectrum v. Zoning Bd
2. 08.17.07 PA DOT – Liquid Fuels Training Class
3. 08.23.07 Franklin & Marshall – Municipalities Planning Code
4. 08.28.07 John McArdle, Fire Marshall – Fire Drill at Mapleshade
5. 08.28.07 PA DOT – Special inspection of bridges
6. 08.28.07 PSAB – Unemployment Compensation Administrator
7. 08.28.07 Wright Express – Fuel management costs
8. 08.28.07 PENNBOC – Annual Conference & Trade Show
9. 08.29.07 Michael S. Greek – Variance – Frank Parano
10. 08.29.07 DCED – Municipal Tax Collector Training & Examination
11. 08.29.07 PSAB – Fall Leadership Conference
12. 08.30.07 PSAB – Update
13. 08.31.07 Paradigm Liaison Services – Damage prevention training
14. 08.31.07 CareerTrack – Dealing with Difficult People
15. 09.04.07 Powells Sales & Rentals – Equipment Show
16. 09.04.07 Steve Shannon Automotive Warehouse – Automotive Supplies
17. 09.04.07 DCNR – Sustainable ecosystem management
18. 09.04.07 PSAB – The new Local Services Tax
19. 09.04.07 US Dept. of Commerce – Any boundary changes

20. 09.04.07 Lansford Borough – Council of Governments Meeting

21. 09.06.07 Borough of Summit Hill – Special meeting – Comprehensive Plan

President Jacobs asked if the Council wanted to get involved with the Council of Governments. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about the scheduled dates for the Council of Governments meeting. She stated that for the Comprehensive Plan they were looking at Jim Thorpe, Lansford, Summit Hill and Nesquehoning. She stated that their next meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2007 but they were willing to change that date if Nesquehoning was going to be involved. Councilman DeMarco stated how the Comprehensive Plan was where they strategize for property development. He stated that the Council of Governments was for buying and shared services. Councilman DiMiceli asked what the advantages were with being involved with the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that if they could share in grants, it would be fine; however, if it was zoning, their zoning was specific to their needs. He asked how they could develop a comprehensive plan if everyone had different needs. Councilman Hawk stated that they just tried something like that in Schuylkill County.

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to not get involved with the Council of Governments or the Comprehensive Plan at this time. All voted yes. Motion passed.

22. 09.05.07 WATERMARK – National Flood Insurance Program
23. 09.05.07 McCarthy Tire & Automotive – Tires
24. 09.05.07 Michael S. Greek – Reply to communication from Human Relations Committee
25. 09.06.07 Base Engineering - Building Code News Alert
26. 09.06.07 Michael S. Greek – Public Notice – Helipad
27. 09.07.07 DCED – Tips & Tricks for QuickBooks
28. 09.07.07 DCED – Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for Local Officials
29. 09.10.07 DCED – Tax Collection Guidance

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30. 09.10.07 Profession Recyclers of PA – Newsletter
31. 09.11.07 Michael S. Greek – Zoning Amendments
32. 09.11.07 Michael S. Greek – Helipad & Parano Hearing
33. 09.11.07 Wisconsin University – Building Inspection Skills & Code Plan Reviews
34. 09.11.07 Wisconsin University – Code Compliance, Inspection & Enforcement Skills
35. 09.12.07 Keith R. McCall – Voter Hall of Fame

36. 09.12.07 Jeffrey D. Leslie – Computer Company

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about scheduling meetings concerning websites for the Borough. Councilman DiMiceli asked about the cost. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they did not list prices. Councilman Hawk stated how he had looked at the sites that the Secretary/Treasurer had sent him. Councilman DiMiceli stated about businesses in Nesquehoning advertising on the website to help off-set the cost. President Jacobs stated about setting something up.

37. 09.12.07 KNBT Higgins Ins. - Merger
38. 09.14.07 Ohl Fuel Co. – Newsletter
39. 09.17.07 DCED – Local Government Day 2008
40. 09.17.07 PA One Call System – Board Meeting Notice
41. 09.18.07 Mark Nalesnik – CC Drought Task Force
42. 09.18.07 PLGIT – Pooled investment program
43. 09.18.07 Liquid Fence – Removal of waste water
44. 09.18.07 Yurchak letter to Kemmerer – Furniture on front porch
45. 09.19.07 Municibid – Available items
46. 09.19.07 Diversified Technology – Backup file
47. 09.24.07 CC Conservation District – Hauto Village Water Line Project Adequacy Review
48. 09.24.07 US Department of Commerce – Boundary & Annexation Survey (BAS)

49. 09.24.07 US Department of Commerce – Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they were holding a free census class in Pottsville on October 3, 2007 from 9a.m. – 3p.m.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to send Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to the Census class on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. All voted yes. Motion passed.

50. 09.25.07 PSAB – Update

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to approve all communications and accept the application and place them on file. All voted yes. Motion passed.

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Councilman DeMarco 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.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. STREETS

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

- 09.19.07 Peter J. Radocha – Rental prices for 2007-08

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they had received Radocha’s rental prices and certificate of liability insurance. Councilman DiMiceli asked about his Workman’s Comp insurance. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated nothing on the Workman’s Comp. Councilman Stromelo stated about sending letters to other contractors requesting prices for equipment and rates, proof of liability insurance and workman’s comp insurance. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he did not care what the emergency situation was, if they did not have that information, they do not hire that contractor.

- Open Bids for Backhoe and Police car

Bradco Supply Co.	-	\$16,161.61	-	Backhoe
Dave Sult	-	\$10,500.00	-	Backhoe
Hazleton Equipment	-	\$ 9,992.00	-	Backhoe
	-	\$ 791.00	-	Chevy Impala
Ryan Simmons	-	\$ 5,000.00	-	Backhoe
	-	\$ 350.00	-	Chevy Impala
Stoney Lonesome Excavating	-	\$ 6,500.00	-	Backhoe
Penn Hazle Equipment	-	\$12,999.00	-	Backhoe
John Galgoci	-	\$ 8,001.00	-	Backhoe

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to award the bid for the Backhoe to Bradco Supply Co in the amount of \$16,161.61. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to award the bid for the Chevy Impala to Hazleton Equipment in the amount of \$791.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Road Material Bids** (opened at the August 2007 regular meeting)

Lehigh Asphalt

#57 (2B Stone)	FOB Plant \$9.25 per ton	Delivered – No bid
2A (Modified)	FOB Plant \$7.50 per ton	Delivered – No bid
Base Course	FOB Plant \$44.50 per ton	Delivered – No bid
Wearing Course	FOB Plant \$49.75 per ton	Delivered – No bid
Type A Sand	FOB Plant \$12.00 per ton	Delivered – No bid

Eckley Asphalt

Base Course	FOB Plant \$38.00 per ton	Delivered \$46.95
Wearing Course	FOB Plant \$47.00 per ton	Delivered \$55.95
No bids for the Aggregate or sand		
Wait time	\$80.00	

Hazleton Material

#57 (2B Stone)	FOB Plant \$6.50 per ton	Delivered \$11.70
2A (Modified)	FOB Plant \$4.79 per ton	Delivered \$9.99
No bids for the Superpave or sand		
Wait time	\$80.00	

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Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to award the Sand to Lehigh Asphalt; the Superpave Base and Wearing Courses to Eckley Asphalt; and the #57 2B Stone and 2A Modified Aggregates to Hazleton Materials. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Stromelo stated that the guys were busy hauling fill for the new building. He stated that they were trying to get the streets ready. He stated that they were working on finishing the openings before the cold weather comes; also cutting grass and cold patching. Councilman Stromelo stated how they were still running on a short crew. President Jacobs stated how Bob would not be back on Monday because his doctor would not release him. Councilman DeMarco stated that he did not know anything about Bob being out. He stated that when he found out about it, he thought that he got injured at work. Councilman Stromelo stated how he was injured on his own time. Councilman Stromelo stated how they would be juggling the temporary worker between sanitation and streets because of vacations.

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to increase the temporary worker's, Andrew Staehle, wages from \$9.50 per hour to \$11.00 per hour. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Stromelo stated that the three vehicles will be needing tires for the winter. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they should go with the cheapest installation for the tires whether it would be out-of-town or not. He stated that they were going out-of-town for the tires and it might be easier just to get the tires on down there. Councilman DeMarco asked if they were still talking them to Snyder's. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he was referring to the sanitation truck, which was not going down there. Councilman Stromelo stated how there was confusion. He stated that he had ordered the tires through Snyder's but they came in too quick. He stated that they wanted to get rid of the tires right away and not hold them. Councilman Stromelo stated that they took them up to the garage until they were ready for them. Councilman DiMiceli asked who put them on. Councilman Stromelo stated that Kovatch did. Councilman DiMiceli asked if it was not cheaper for Snyder to do the work. Councilman Stromelo stated how they were probably about the same. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he thought that they should check before they do it. Councilman Stromelo stated that they had planned on having Snyder put them on. He stated how it was questioned about the tread on the tires so he held off as long as possible.

President Jacobs stated about looking at the Cemetery Road to see what could be used on it. Councilman Stromelo stated that they were waiting on the specifications from Ron Tirpak. President Jacobs stated that Mr. Tirpak would have them for that months meeting. Councilman DeMarco stated that it had been going on for 3 years.

President Jacobs stated that they know the streets were going to hell in town. He stated that if they float a bond, because they were using Liquid Fuels money to pay for the street lighting and they have to stop doing that. He stated that they should take that money and pay the bond. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he thought the answer was a bond because the streets had gotten that bad. He stated how they were going to lose them. President Jacobs stated that if they have a hard winter, they were going to lose some of them. He stated that they were going to try and seal them the best they can. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they have lost some already. President Jacobs stated how Musmanno Avenue was a mess. He stated that the only thing they could do was to rip it up and overlay the whole thing. President Jacobs stated how the street lighting increased \$500.00 per month.

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2. SEWER

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

No report.

3. BUILDINGS

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

Mayor Walck asked where they were at for the security for the new Borough garage. Councilman Hawk stated that they have to get together and order something. Councilman Stromelo stated that they just received new catalogs. President Jacobs stated that they have problems up there and they need to get them ordered. Councilman Stromelo stated that he did not think that four cameras would be enough to monitor. President Jacobs stated that he thought they could get one on the gate and utilize the other three inside the building.

➤ Advertise for Fuel Bids

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to advertise for fuel bids. All voted yes. Motion passed.

➤ Open Bids for Pole Building

Diversified Construction, Inc.	-	\$34,878.00	- Selinsgrove
Pioneer Pole Building	-	\$18,511.00	- Schuylkill Haven
CB Structures	-	\$15,600.00	- New Holland
Spotts Brothers	-	\$22,700.00	- Schuylkill Haven

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to award the bid to CB Structures for the amount of \$15,600.00 contingent upon the review of the Engineer. All voted yes. Motion passed.

4. POLICE

SAL DIGIGLIO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO-CHAIRMAN;

PUBLIC SAFETY

MARK STROMELO

No report.

5. SANITATION

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

➤ 08.30.07 Waste Management – Customer Service Agreement Update

Councilman Stromelo moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded not to renew the contract for the dumpster at the Recreation Center with Waste Management and to purchase a new dumpster for the Recreation Center. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if they were going to have a discount again next year. She stated that once they order the paper and the envelopes, they were going to get started on the billing. She stated how they were going to put the bills in month order and staple them together on one side. Councilwoman Walck asked how many people took advantage of the discount. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she thought how there were 214 accounts that had taken the discount. Councilwoman Walck asked how much that came to. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was \$21.60 per account. Councilman Stromelo stated that they would review it.

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Councilman Stromelo stated that they had a few complaints but they figured how it would be.

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

President Jacobs stated that with the crew they might be able to get the flagpole up. Councilman Stromelo stated how it was Mr. McArdle's son's project. Mr. McArdle stated that they might need to rent an auger. He stated how they have to pack the hole with sand.

President Jacobs stated how Larry Fox was going to get new rope for the flagpole in the New Columbus Park. He asked Mr. McArdle if they could put the rope up the next time they go out for training.

President Jacobs stated that they had to get some flags. Councilman Stromelo stated that he had been checking around on prices. He stated that they could get a good deal on the holders. Mr. Fox stated that they need 53 flags. Councilman DeMarco stated that he could get them for a price of \$23.00 for each 3' x 5' flags.

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

- 09.26.07 RoniSue Ahner – Police Pension Fund MMO for 2008

Councilman Hawk moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to approve the 2008 PMRS and Police Pension Fund MMO amounts. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman Hawk seconded to release the \$4000.00 to Hauto Fire Department for 50% of the purchase for the truck (1st payment). All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

Councilwoman Walck stated about the flags. She stated how if they wanted to meet to get prices for them. Councilman DiMiceli stated about approving whatever was necessary at the cheapest price. President Jacobs asked Mr. Fox how many they would need to go up to New Columbus. Mr. Fox stated that they would need 25 flags. Councilman DeMarco stated that he would make calls. Councilman Stromelo stated that he would check online. Councilwoman Walck asked if they wanted to set a limit per flag. Councilman DeMarco stated that they would be looking at the cheapest price.

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

Councilman DiMiceli moved and Councilman DeMarco seconded to adopt the Fire Purchasing Policy Agreement.

Councilman Stromelo stated that Jim Nardozi had told him that he had not reviewed it yet. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they had it since June. He stated that Council was acting on it and if there was a problem he could come down and ask questions. He stated how it had been 5 months that they have had it.

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Councilwoman Walck asked if it was essential that they could not wait. Councilman DiMiceli stated how the budget was coming up and they had to put it off how many times. (Council wanted to review or the Fire Chiefs had questions). Councilman Stromelo asked which version was it. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he was talking about the agreement. Councilman Stromelo stated how that was what he was talking about. He stated that he had 10 different copies. President Jacobs stated how nobody would be buying trucks for quite a while. Councilman DiMiceli stated that the agreement also provided for the Borough to fund it so they do not end up with it like they did with the Aerial. He stated that if they delayed it, it will not be in the budget and it will be pushed back another year. President Jacobs stated that they have to come up with some kind of figures to put into the budget. Councilman DiMiceli stated that if any Fire Chief had a concern, they knew when the meetings were and they could have called him.

Councilwoman Walck stated how she felt they could wait another month. She stated that they were not buying anything right now and they could give them a little courtesy. She stated that they could tell Mr. Nardozzi that they needed some kind of answer. Councilman Hawk stated that it had been several months. Councilwoman Walck asked if there was ever a time limit given to them. Councilman DiMiceli stated how they sat there with them. Councilwoman Walck asked if they gave them a deadline. Councilman DiMiceli stated that they told them that they were bringing it up for this year's budget.

Mr. McArdle stated that nothing was given back to them since Solicitor Yurchak had made the revisions. He stated that Mr. Nardozzi was not telling them that he did not have time to review it but how there were changes recommended when they met with the committee, which Solicitor Yurchak was going to put some different language in there, (when the Aerial truck was going to be replaced, when the rotation schedule was going to be made). He stated how none of that had come back to them. Councilman DiMiceli stated how that was drawn up that night. Mr. McArdle stated that the copy he did see did not have the dates in there. Councilman DiMiceli stated how his copy had the dates. He stated that what he had was what the three chiefs agreed to and that was the final draft.

Councilman Hawk asked if it was prudent to let them have a copy of it. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he did not have a problem with that but he did not want to delay the budget. Councilman DiMiceli stated that he had asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to send them a copy. Councilman Hawk stated that they could make their budget plans assuming it was going to be accepted. He stated that he thought how it would be a courtesy to them. He stated that he felt that they should not vote on something that the Fire Chief did not receive.

Councilman DiMiceli withdrew his motion and Councilman DeMarco withdrew his second to the motion.

President Jacobs stated how he took a gentleman to see the old Aerial truck. He stated that he asked Solicitor Yurchak if they had to re-bid it. He stated that Solicitor Yurchak stated that they should unless they would swap it. Councilman DiMiceli stated that the Borough had no interest in it and they might be able to give it to a Fire Company. President Jacobs stated how the gentleman buys used equipment and was probably looking at it for the engine and the transmission. He stated that they had only received one bid (\$1500) and they wanted more than that for it.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that the Aerial was gone over last week and it just needed to be lubricated. He stated that it was going in to Kovatch to get the fender done, which was included on the quote.

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Councilman DiMiceli asked if the Water Authority put in the Fire Hydrant up at the Estates. He stated that they were coming into the winter time and the pond was nothing if there was a fire. Councilman Hawk stated that he was not at the last Water Authority meeting; however, he had heard that they were looking at splitting the material cost with Council to put in the hydrant. He stated that he did not have a firm estimate number on material. He stated that Mark Lopata was supposed to get him one and he was hoping that it would be in the office. Councilman Hawk stated that the Authority's point-of-view was that they would be willing to split the cost of material with the Borough and work together to get it installed. Councilman DiMiceli asked what the rest of Council felt. He stated that his concern was to get a hydrant in there before winter. He stated that he would ask the Water Authority to take care of it and fight it out with Council later. President Jacobs stated that they do not know the cost of materials.

Councilman DiMiceli stated that the Borough pays hydrant rentals. Councilman Hawk stated how that was a relatively cheap number compared to the cost of buying a hydrant. President Jacobs asked what the cost of the hydrant was. Councilman Hawk stated that he did not know. Councilman DiMiceli stated that the Water Authority should try to come to some agreement with the Borough to get the hydrant in as soon as possible. Mr. McArdle stated that the necessity of having it in was crucial. He stated that they would be talking about 4,000 feet of hose and a tanker shuttle. He stated that they do not have any tanker shuttles in town. President Jacobs stated that the biggest cost factor would be the hydrant and the piping.

President Jacobs asked where the 8 inch line came down up there. Councilman Hawk stated that it comes down on the north side of Industrial Road and crosses near the intersection of Park Avenue. President Jacobs asked if that was where they wanted to put the hydrant. Councilman Hawk stated that it would be close to that intersection. President Jacobs asked if it would be near 5th Avenue area with a reply of "yes" from Councilman Hawk. Councilman Hawk stated that the line would be taken out of service to put the new line in. He stated that it would have some piping, a valve and a hydrant. President Jacobs stated that he would say go ahead and do it and then they would sit down with them concerning the cost.

JR. RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor Walck stated that the Jr. Recreation made mention, if Council and Recreation was still interested in planting trees in the New Columbus Park, they were willing to help. President Jacobs stated that someone had brought that up. Councilwoman Walck stated how Councilman Digiglio had mentioned about shade trees because of complaints he had received. President Jacobs stated that he would touch base with Councilman Digiglio.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilwoman Walck seconded to accept all the Committee Reports and the Jr. Recreation Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman DeMarco stated how there was a motion made at the last meeting about getting involved with the middle school. He stated that a letter was sent in support of keeping the middle school.

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Councilman DeMarco asked why it was brought up and why there was a motion made to accept the letter in support. President Jacobs stated that there was a motion made to send a letter to the school district. He stated that it was about them retaining it for a year to see what the needs of the school district were. Councilman DeMarco stated how that was not their decision.

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to rescind the motion and the letter to the School Board.

Councilman DeMarco stated that they were not going to get involved. He stated that they were fighting them for the crossing guards. Councilman Hawk and Councilman DiMiceli stated how it was a school board issue. Councilwoman Walck stated that the letter stated about holding off until the new board took over and that was what they voted on. Councilman Hawk stated that it was a school board issue and it was none of Council's business.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman DeMarco moved and Councilman DiMiceli seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer