

# **MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Monday January 3, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Borough Office**

114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN HAWK, JACOBS, NALESNIK, PAUL;  
COUNCILWOMEN FOX & POREMBO & MAYOR KATTNER

Councilman Radocha was absent.

**PURPOSE:** Meeting for reorganization.

Mayor Kattner brought the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials.**

Mayor Kattner swore in the newly elected/re-elected officials; David Hawk, Mary Fox, Bruce Nalesnik & Rosemary Poremba.

**Nominations for President and Vice-President**

Mayor Kattner opened the floor for nominations for President. Councilman Hawk was nominated for President by Councilwoman Fox and Councilwoman Fox was nominated for Vice-President by Councilman Jacobs. On the motion of Councilwoman Poremba and Councilman Jacobs, nominations were closed. All voted yes. Motion passed. Councilman Hawk accepted the nomination for President and Councilwoman Fox accepted the nomination for Vice-President.

Mayor Kattner turned the meeting over to President Hawk.

**Reappointment of the Borough Solicitor.**

- **Robert Yurchak – pay raise**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Poremba seconded to reappoint Robert T. Yurchak as Borough Solicitor with an increase in pay to \$110/per hour and \$3,000 retainer, which would also now include all email communications with the Borough Council Members and the Mayor. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Reappointment of the Borough Engineer.**

- **Acela Architects & Engineers, PC**
- **Arro Consulting, Inc.**
- **Carbon Engineering, Inc.**
- **Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.**

Councilman Jacobs stated about advertising for Engineers. President Hawk stated how they had received four proposals. Councilwoman Fox stated about reviewing the proposals that they received. Councilman Jacobs stated about having a member of each engineering firm come to the workshop meeting so they could ask them questions. Councilwoman Poremba stated how they could request proposals from any other engineering firm before the meeting. Councilman Paul stated how they should go with the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

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President Hawk stated how the Personnel Committee could review the engineers' proposals and come back to Council with a discussion at the Workshop Meeting. Councilman Jacobs stated how he had a bunch of questions that he would like to ask. Councilwoman Porembo stated that all of the Council Members could let the Committee know of any questions that they would like to ask.

**Reappointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshall.**

**Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to reappoint John McArdle as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshall. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Reappointment of all the non-contractual employees.**

**(Not limited to) Zoning Officer, Solicitor Zoning Hearing Board, Janitor, Borough Office Clerks, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Part-time Police Officers, and Crossing Guards.**

**Councilwoman Porembo moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to reappoint all non-contractual employees as listed, but not limited to, Zoning Officer (Gene Kennedy), Janitor, Borough Office Clerks, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Part-time Police Officers, Crossing Guards and Code Enforcement Official (Barry Isett & Associates). All voted yes except Councilman Paul, who abstained from voting for the Zoning Officer (Brother-in-law). Motion passed.**

**Reappointment of the Sewage Enforcement Officer..**

**William Brior – Brior Environmental Services, Inc.**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to reappoint Brior Environmental Services, Inc., William Brior, as the Sewage Enforcement Officer. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Reappointment of Commission/Authority Members.**

**Water Authority – David Hawk**

**Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Porembo seconded to reappoint David Hawk to the Nesquehoning Borough Authority. All voted yes with the exception of President Hawk who was not voting because of his involvement with the Nesquehoning Water Authority. Motion passed.**

**Name the Borough depositories.**

**Jim Thorpe National Bank & Mauch Chunk Trust**

**Councilwoman Porembo moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to retain the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank and the Mauch Chunk Trust as the Borough depositories. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Reappointment of the Borough Auditor.**

**Kirk, Summa and Company, LLP**

**Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Porembo seconded to retain Kirk, Summa and Company, LLP as Borough Auditor. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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**Schedule of Monthly Meetings of Borough Council.**

**Fourth Wednesday with exception of November & December, which will be held on the third Wednesday.**

**Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Poremba seconded to hold regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month with the exception of November & December, on which they will be held on the third Wednesday. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Adjournment**

**Councilwoman Poremba moved and Councilman Jacobs seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

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Secretary/Treasurer