

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN JACOBS, RADOCHA; COUNCILWOMEN FOX, POREMBO;  
PRESIDENT HAWK; & MAYOR KITCHKO

President Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Councilman DeMelfi was absent and Councilman Sabol arrived late.

**PURPOSE:** Committees/Workshop

**1. STREETS**                    **MICHAEL RADOCHA, CHAIRMAN; GEORGE SABOL III, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS**

Councilman Radocha stated about installing stop signs on Allen Street at Mill Street and Coal Street. He stated how that was a six way intersection. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that almost any other intersection where the train tracks intersex, there were stop signs. President Hawk stated how they would have to get in the ordinance drafted for the installation of the stop signs. Councilman Jacobs stated how he received a complaint about the traffic on Willow Lane. Councilman Radocha stated how the Borough Crew have been patching pot holes and picking up dirt piles.

Mayor Kitchko stated how the COG was holding a demonstration of the new street sweeper on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in Weissport. Councilman Jacobs asked if they had decided on what the rental rates would be. Mayor Kitchko stated how they did not have any of that information yet. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would rather rent that sweeper then to pay another company to come in to sweep the streets.

Councilman Radocha stated how they had a new truck lettered and that it looked really nice. He stated how it was a really nice truck all the way around.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the “no fishing” signs on the bridge and how Council had voted to post the signs for safety reasons. He stated how they could not just be taken down. Mayor Kitchko stated how Frank DiMiceli had purchased those signs.

Councilman Radocha asked if someone had to get a permit to work on water or sewer lines. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they would have to get a street opening permit. Councilman Radocha stated how they were not in the street. He stated how it was open on the side of the street (Oak Street??). Councilman Jacobs asked what they were doing. Councilman Radocha stated how it look like it was a sewer line. President Hawk stated how he also thought it was a sewer line. Councilman Radocha stated how the contractor had made a mess on the street.

Councilman Radocha stated how he had been driving around town looking at different things and they have a lot of properties that need to be cleaned up. He asked if Robbie Blisard had to deliver the warning notices. Mayor Kitchko stated “no”. Councilwoman Fox stated how any officer can issue them. Councilman Radocha asked if they would compile a list, if the police could post a couple every night.

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### **2. SEWER**

**MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
MICHAEL RADOCHA**

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had talked about getting their own flows measured from Rush Township. She stated how Rush Township usually gets the flows and then they only give the Borough the count. She stated how there was a lot of water coming through Rush Township. Councilman Radocha stated how Rush Township knows that they have an issue. Councilwoman Fox stated how they think it was coming from the line under the creek. Councilman Jacobs stated how they were supposed to put the camera up to see for sure. Councilman Radocha stated how Rush Township's flows were up 75% when it rains so that would not have to do with the creek. He stated that it would seem to be a sump pump issue or downspouts. Councilman Jacobs stated it had to be more than one property. Councilwoman Fox asked if it was up to Rush Township to find the infiltration. Councilman Jacobs stated "yes". Councilman Radocha stated how they were treating a lot of rainwater. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were treating a lot of rainwater from in town too.

Councilman Radocha asked what they were doing with the couple of sections of curbing that needed to be addressed on Rhume Street. He stated how there was one in the second block that they should take a look at before the street is paved. Councilman Jacobs stated how they had contacted Bob Stempa. Councilman Radocha stated that he did not think they would need to use full curbing forms.

Councilwoman Fox stated that they had talked to My Tirpak about several different issues. She stated about using the drying beds at the plant for the sludge. She stated how they were going to see if they were worth using or just keep paying the sludge hauler. Councilwoman Fox stated that one of the other things they had talked to him about was concerning the different pumps for the lift station. She stated how Mr. Pilla was going to stop at Hydro Tech Pumps to see what kind of pumps they had. Councilman Jacobs stated that no matter which pump they go with, there were going to get complaints about the noise. President Hawk stated that if they had to decide on a little noise or sludge flowing into the lake, they were going to have to deal with the little bit of noise. Councilwoman Fox stated that they also discussed how Mr. Tirpak was going to talk to the contractor, for unit number two, to see about putting in a change order and if the contractor would do it for their original bid price.

### **3. BUILDINGS**

**GEORGE SABOL, III, CHAIRMAN; DAVID DeMELFI,  
CO-CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL RADOCHA**

Councilman Sabol stated about the ceiling and the lights in the meeting room. He stated how he had contacted seven different contractors and so far one had come in to see what they wanted done. He stated how he has a second contractor coming in, in the morning. He stated how he did not receive callbacks from the other five. Councilman Jacobs stated how he should keep track of who he called so that none of them can come back later and say how they did not get a call.

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### **4. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID DeMELFI  
CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they had asked for a meeting with the Lake Hauto Club and the Lansford/Coaldale Joint Water Authority to discuss the hydrants and the dry hydrants up at the Lake and the agreements that had never been signed. She stated how the meeting was going to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> with the Public Safety Committee, but she has not heard back from LCJWA. Councilwoman Porembo stated how the Committee would be meeting at the Borough office at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they were working on getting an Ordinance for Act 172. She stated how Jim Thorpe Borough has just adopted their Ordinance and they are working on a Resolution. Councilwoman Porembo stated how they had asked the fire companies to give them roster numbers, which they have received. She stated that if they get the ordinance adopted in 2018, it would not go into effect until 2019.

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they received the complaint in regards to cars parking on the sidewalk at 57 W. Railroad Street. She asked Mayor Kitchko if he could get the police to take a look at that. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would have to talk to Solicitor Yurchak to see if there was any way they could rescind the curb cut permit. He stated about Mayor Kitchko going up with one of their officers and ticket the cars parked on the sidewalk. Councilwoman Fox asked if it was the same one that has been ongoing. Councilman Jacobs stated "yes". President Hawk stated that even if they have a curb cut, they cannot block the sidewalk. He stated how they were supposed to park parallel to the street. Councilman Sabol asked if it was a police issue. Councilman Jacobs stated "yes". President Hawk stated how they have told them that they were not allowed to block the sidewalk. He stated how they might have to cite them under the vehicle code and take it to the magistrate and see what happens. Councilman Jacobs stated how he sees it happening all over the Borough.

Councilman Jacobs stated to Mayor Kitchko about watching the police with their overtime. He stated how the new part-time officer received his MOPEC. Mayor Kitchko stated how he was working with the full-time officers. He stated how he should be able to be on a shift by himself soon.

Councilman Sabol stated how he has filed some complaints. He stated how there was tires and junk sitting at several houses. Councilwoman Fox stated about the properties with the fires. Councilman Sabol stated how Daniel Staehle has offered to take over the code enforcement. Councilwoman Fox stated how they had found out with others that they were not able to give out citations. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when she was taking care of the code, she would fill out all the paperwork for the police to sign and file. Councilwoman Fox stated that when Officer Blisard was working, he had to do police work along with code work. Councilman Sabol stated that Officer Blisard was going to start receiving lots of complaints. Councilman Radocha asked about having Officer Blisard sign the warning notices. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Officer Blisard does not have to sign that notice. She stated that she had signed and posted the notices. Councilman Sabol stated how they have to start enforcing it.

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**5. SANITATION      GEORGE SABOL III, CHAIRMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO,  
CO-CHAIR, MARY FOX**

Councilman Sabol stated how he has not heard any complaints. Councilwoman Fox asked if the electronic recycling on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was scheduled for Thursday from 2 – 5 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if they could purchase two additional billing scanners for her desk and Susan Bamford's desk. President Hawk stated how he did not see a problem with it.

**6. RECREATION      MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; GEORGE SABOL III, CO-  
CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

Councilwoman Fox stated that she had attended the Commission Meeting and received treasurer report from August 2017 – March 2018. She stated that she had also received three of the rental forms. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were having an Adult Bingo on May 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated that their Easter Breakfast went well. She stated how they had also set up their calendar for 2018.

President Hawk asked about the park signs. Councilwoman Fox stated how they did not want to discuss the park signs. She stated how the Borough would just get the signs. Councilman Jacobs stated that the lettering should be 2.5”.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the swings at the Johnson Park. He stated how there were small children playing in the park. He stated how he wanted them to check everything (equipment) in the park to make sure it was not broken. Councilman Radocha stated how they have to make sure that it was safe. Councilwoman Fox asked Councilman Radocha to have the Borough crew clean up the leaves in the New Columbus Park.

Councilman Sabol stated how they were trying to acquire the property down on Mill Street. He stated how it was originally going to cost \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00. Councilman Sabol stated how they should get it surveyed, which was going to cost an additional \$1,500.00. Councilman Radocha asked if she wanted anything for it. Councilman Sabol stated that she wanted \$500.00. Councilwoman Fox asked what they were going to do with the property. Councilman Sabol stated how they would be able to maintain the property. Councilman Radocha asked if she would sign a long-term lease, so they would not have to subdivide the property. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was going to cost them to subdivide the property at the County level. Councilman Sabol stated how he would have to talk to Solicitor Yurchak.

**7. BUDGET/  
PURCHASING      FRANK JACOBS, CHAIRMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO, CO-  
CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID HAWK**

No report.

**8. PERSONNEL/  
SAFETY      ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; MARY FOX, CO-  
CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS**

No report.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Porembo seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer