

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

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

President Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Poremba was absent.

President Hawk stated how they would be holding a brief executive session at the end of the meeting.

## **PURPOSE: General Purposes**

- **Redner's Liquor License**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilman Radocha seconded to authorize Solicitor Yurchak to draft a Resolution approving Redner's request for a Liquor License Transfer. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

## **1. STREETS                   MICHAEL RADOCHA, CHAIRMAN; LOUIS PAUL, CO-CHAIRMAN; GEORGE SABOL**

- **Advertise trucks for sale**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Radocha seconded to advertise the sale of the white Dodge Ram (streets truck) with a reserve of \$1,000.00 and the white Ford F250 (sewer truck) with the reserve of \$5,000.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilman Radocha stated how the Borough crew was going to take a look at the hole on Mill Street.

Councilman Sabol asked if Allen Street was going to be paved. Councilman Radocha stated how the first block of Allen Street was included in the Willow Lane paving project. Councilman Sabol stated how Mr. Kulick was questioning him about installing curbing on Allen Street. Councilman Jacobs stated how he had talked to both Mr. Kulick and Mr. Hrebik about curbing on Allen Street.

Councilman Sabol asked if they were notified. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was not in the original letter, but they were notified in person. President Hawk stated how they should send them a letter about getting the curbing installed on Allen Street by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. SEWER                   MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL RADOCHA**

Councilwoman Fox stated how she would like to set up a meeting to discuss the infiltration.

Councilman Jacobs stated how there was something going on with the automatic dialers from Martin's.

## **3. BUILDINGS           GEORGE SABOL, III, CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL RADOCHA, CO- CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS**

Councilman Sabol stated how he was notified that there was a leak at the police station; toilet and ceiling. He stated how he had the Borough crew check it out. Councilman Sabol stated how the toilet was just a seal, which they fixed. He stated how they replaced the ceiling tile, but the issue was a mixing valve and it was not fixed.

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Councilman Sabol stated how the Borough crew now needed a signed form to purchase something. He asked if there was a minimum on it. Secretary/ Treasurer Ahner stated “no”. Councilman Paul stated about a purchase order. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was the purchasing policy that Council adopted. Councilman Radocha stated how it was to stop the shopping sprees.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the repairs needed to the front of the police station. Councilman Sabol stated how he will start calling around to get prices. He stated about vertical siding. Councilman Jacobs stated how the Borough crew had the bucket truck. Councilman Sabol asked if they wanted the Borough crew to do it. President Hawk stated that if they were able to do it, they could do it.

### **4. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; LOUIS PAUL  
CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

Mayor Kitchko stated that he was going to see if they had enough information to go to the Prison Board Meeting next week. Councilman Sabol stated that if the Committee was short a person, he would go.

Councilman Jacobs asked Mayor Kitchko about the wages for the part-time police officers. Mayor Kitchko stated how they could put it on the agenda for their next meeting and discuss/vote on it then. Councilman Jacobs asked if they had any suggestions. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about the Committee meeting to come up with a pay scale to be presented to Council prior to the meeting. She stated that if they do get the numbers to her prior to the meeting, she could get it out to all of Council and have it listed on the agenda. Mayor Kitchko stated how he would get it to her before the meeting for her to list it on the agenda.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she has received paperwork from Carl Faust. She stated how she has not looked through it to see what all he had given to the Borough.

Councilman Sabol asked if they had anything on the search warrants. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had talked to Solicitor Yurchak and she would let him explain that next week.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the woman who filed the complaint for 90 E. Catawissa St. put an out of service phone number on the complaint form. She stated how they were not able to get in touch with her. Councilman Radocha asked if they could just knock on her door. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she was not sure.

### **5. SANITATION**

**LOUIS PAUL, CHAIRMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO,  
CO-CHAIRWOMAN, MARY FOX**

Councilman Paul stated how they had met with Larry Wittig and they were going to try to improve the scheduling. He stated how he was working on that so they did not have garbage sitting in town forever.

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Councilman Paul stated that to help with recycling, garbage should be placed in a dark bag/can (brown or black). He stated how recycling should be placed in a white/clear bag or in a blue container.

Councilman Paul stated how it would help the pickers to be able to tell the difference between the recycling and the garbage. He stated that if they had to purchase containers, it would cost them over \$50,000.00. Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Wittig also had suggested an open container so they could see the recycling. Councilman Radocha asked if recycling was a separate day. Councilman Jacobs stated "yes". Councilwoman Fox stated how the Lake was the same day. Councilman Radocha stated how people were putting their garbage out early. President Hawk stated how they were allowed to put their garbage out 24 hours prior to pick up.

Councilman Paul stated about tires and how the same person was going to be picking them up. He stated how the guy was going to call him directly, because he was never able to get in touch with the Borough crew to get them picked up. Councilman Paul stated about charging \$4.00 per car tire and \$9.00 per truck tire. He stated that if the guy would not pick them up, he was working on an alternate plan for getting rid of the tires.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Sabol seconded to charge \$4.00 per tire for car tires up to 20" and \$9.00 per tire for truck tires over 20"; no large equipment tires. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

### **6. RECREATION    GEORGE SABOL III, CHAIRMAN; LOUIS PAUL, CO-CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX**

Councilman Sabol stated how they had an issue with Mr. Stempa and the Nesquehoning Station Park. He stated how the Borough purchased the property last year and Mr. Stempa continues to utilize it by pulling his trucks onto the property to back into his garage, which was causing a real mess. Councilman Sabol stated how they had agreed at their last meeting to send him a letter and post no trespassing. He stated about making a motion to post the property and if he disregards the posting, then he would be cited. Councilman Radocha asked if they should just put the rock back and not post a "no trespassing" sign, since the park was open to the public. Councilman Sabol stated about a pile/load of topsoil that they will eventually use in the Park. President Hawk asked if they could put some other sign up "no vehicles allowed".

Councilman Radocha stated how they will eventually need a 4' right-of-way for a sidewalk. Councilman Paul stated how Councilman Sabol was trying to make something nice. He stated how they have to keep Mr. Stempa off their property. President Hawk stated how the letter stated that he should contact the borough, if he wanted to discuss the matter and that was what he did; contacted him and said he would like to sit down and talk. He stated how he was going to schedule a meeting with him once Councilwoman Poremba returned home from vacation. President Hawk stated to Councilman Sabol that he could make that part of this motion on how they did not want to negotiate with him anymore. Councilman Radocha asked if he was asked to come meet with them. President Hawk stated how they have not met with him as a committee.

Councilman Jacobs asked Mayor Kitchko if he could have an officer notify Mr. Stempa that if he was caught on the property that he was going to be arrested. Mayor Kitchko stated that if they had a letter, they could hand it to him.

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**Councilman Sabol moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to post the Nesquehoning Station Park on W. Mill Street with some kind of signage prohibiting vehicles; to place some kind of physical barrier (dirt pile, chain, etc.); to send Mr. Stempa a certified letter and once the letter was sent, to pre-notify Mr. Stempa by the police that if he was in violation, the Borough was going to have him cited and to let Mr. Stempa know that the Borough was no longer interested in negotiating. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilman Sabol stated how they were going to try to get power into all of the parks, but they were going to start with the New Columbus Park, because they had talked about Christmas in the park. Councilman Paul stated how he had met with PPL and they need either a stationary pole or a secure building. He stated how PPL will run the line over and it will not cost the Borough anything. Councilman Paul stated how they had been talking about either buying or building a shed. He stated how the Borough crew was going to be doing the work to run the electric. Councilman Paul stated how their first goal was to get electric around the gazebo/in that area. He stated how they were looking to get a 200 amp service. Councilman Sabol stated how they will get prices on everything. Councilman Paul stated how they were going to have to purchase the panel, the box for the meter and the piping. Councilwoman Fox stated about getting prices for the Budget Committee to review. Councilman Jacobs stated about getting them some figures to discuss/review.

Councilman Sabol stated about getting a meeting scheduled with the Recreation Committee to discuss the issues with the Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Fox stated about meeting Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

### **7. BUDGET/ FINANCE**

**FRANK JACOBS, CHAIRMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO, CO-  
CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID HAWK**

No report.

### **8. PERSONNEL/ SAFETY**

**ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; MARY FOX, CO-  
CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS**

Councilwoman Fox stated how they were still working on the agreements with the office personnel.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Sabol seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer