

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEN JACOBS; COUNCILWOMAN FOX, POREMBO;
PRESIDENT HAWK; & MAYOR KITCHKO

President Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Councilmen DeMelfi, Radocha, & Sabol III were absent.

President Hawk stated how they would be holding a brief Executive Session for personnel at the end of the meeting.

PURPOSE: Committees/Workshop

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

Councilman Jacobs stated how Mike Tirpak had figures for Tippets Road; 510 ton of base cost – 3” thick. He stated how he had talked to someone for Alicia Paving for pricing on equipment/manpower with the Borough supplying the material. He stated how he will be getting quotes from other contractors.

Councilman Jacobs stated how the inlets have been completed on Hazard Street. He stated how Bobby Stempa has started to install the curbing on the one side of the street.

Councilman Jacobs stated about Pat Mazziotta who was looking to open a Deli at 400 W. Catawissa Street. He stated about the UCC requirements with handicap parking spot. He stated how Mr. Mazziotta might have to request a hearing from the UCC Joint Board of Appeals. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mr. Kennedy had informed Mr. Mazziotta that he would need two parking spaces at the back of the building. He stated how the shrubs had been removed, but he still needed a curb cut. Councilman Jacobs stated about the no parking on the West side of Holland Street how they might have to extend the no parking area at the driveway on the East side of Holland Street for them backing out onto the street from behind the building. Mayor Kitchko stated how there was a resident (gentleman) who was looking to get a handicap parking spot on Holland Street. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mr. Mazziotta was not able to get his permits until the parking issues were resolved. He stated how the Borough has to get the one way sign and the no parking signs posted again on Holland Street.

Councilman Jacobs stated how the Borough Crew was cold patching.

Councilman Jacobs stated how he had talked to Mike Tirpak and Daniel Staehle about the drainage issues on Tippets Road and at the CoGeneration Plant. Councilwoman Fox stated about Industrial Road and Heritage Glass. Councilman Jacobs stated about the debris on the roadway from Heritage and at the scale for the CoGeneration Plant. He stated how the Borough would be sending letters out to get the debris cleaned up off the roadway.

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President Hawk stated about the email they had received from Ametek questioning the ownership of Mountain Avenue. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mountain Avenue belonged to the Borough because he did not remember anything being deeded over. He stated that he would estimate that it was 45' of roadway. He stated how they would like to get rid of the trees in the middle of the road and just make one lane. He stated how they would also install two additional inlets for the drainage. President Hawk stated how Ametek wanted to get repairs done to the roadway. He stated how they might be willing to take it over. Councilwoman Poremba stated about future development at the end of that roadway. President Hawk stated how they would not be able to develop anything back there because they would have to cross the creek. Councilwoman Fox asked if the Water Authority had owned anything back there. Councilman Jacobs stated "no". President Hawk stated how that roadway severed two businesses.

Councilman Jacobs stated how they had Orchard Lane surveyed and they should not have paid Mr. Bretzik anything for damages, because it was Borough property. He stated about sending Mr. Bretzik a letter letting him know that they have a property line established.

Councilman Jacobs stated how he had met with the Commissioners and they were surprised and receptive concerning the 103 calls handled by the Nesquehoning Police Department at the prison last year. He stated how the Commissioners had asked him as to what he was looking for from them. Councilman Jacobs stated how he had told them that he was looking at CDBG funding and how they could throw some things the Borough's way. Councilman Jacobs stated about applying for the CDBG to widen High Street. He stated how they had submitted it to the County a few years ago but they were turned down. He stated how hard it was to plow that section of roadway. Councilman Jacobs stated how all of the plans should still be available and it should not be much to update them. He stated that if they did not oppose the CDBG submission for High Street, he would like to get it started because it had to be submitted by June 2nd.

President Hawk stated about the request for 144 W. Railroad Street and the off street parking. Councilman Jacobs stated how he would go up and look at it.

2. SEWER

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

Councilwoman Fox stated about the report from Mike Tirpak concerning the grease problem that they had from China Wok. She stated how Shawn Coniglio had composed a list of businesses in town who could be cooking with any kind of grease/oil. She stated how they would be sending a letter to all of those businesses with a copy of the ordinance. She stated that the ordinance gives the Borough the right to inspect their grease traps.

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had a meeting with Mike Tirpak last Tuesday to discuss the plans to refurbish unit #2 and to place it out for bid in 2018.

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had met with Robert Walkins, who was the plumber taking care of the sewer problem at the Sokol Club. She stated how there were four properties that were attached to the trunk line, which was along side of the ReDCo building and empties into the main sewer line on Catawissa Street.

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Councilwoman Fox stated how there were no written easements for that sewer line. She stated how it was not the Borough's sewer line and that they were disappointed that the Borough was not going to do something for them. Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla and Ms. Chapello had ran the camera through the line on Catawissa Street and the line was not in very good shape. She stated how it was an old terra cotta line and was pretty busted up. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were looking to replace the sewer line starting in front of 127 W. Catawissa Street, which that property was not on that line. She stated how there were 6 properties that would have to be hooked onto that new line. Councilwoman Fox stated how they would be approximately 1' of the curb line, since the old line weaves in an out from under the curb line.

Councilwoman Fox stated how there was sewer backing up into the Sokol Club's basement, which they have blocked off, so it was starting to back up into the basement at 144 W. Railroad Street. She stated how Mr. Pilla suggested that they run a new line from that point on Catawissa Street and run it up Ratcliff Street, approximately 200'. Councilman Jacobs stated how there were shrubs and trees on the property where the current line was located and the property owner would only approve replacing the line if they could guarantee that the shrubs and trees would remain unharmed. He stated how they also noticed that ReDCo was using the non-dissolvable wipes and they were informed about it. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was going to be an 8" line. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were looking to get some quotes. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would purchase the material and let the contractor do all of the work.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the Sokol Club sending letters to the other property owners concerning the cost of the line replacement. Councilwoman Fox stated that if they were going to cross ReDCo property, they were going to have to get an easement. Councilman Jacobs stated about the street opening permit. Councilwoman Fox stated about the Emergency Permit from PennDOT. She stated that the cost of the project would be between \$30,000 - \$40,000.

Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla and Ms. Chapello will be attending the infiltration class tomorrow.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the scaffolding planks they were looking to purchase for the units and the chlorine building. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were a 16' aluminum plank and a 24' aluminum plank, which the cost would be approximately \$750.00. She stated how they were looking into if they had to use them more than once a year. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was a safety factor.

President Hawk stated that at their Water Authority meeting it was mentioned that someone on Yard Street needed to replace a water line, which was actually Lansford/Coaldale Water, but the Borough denied them a street opening permit. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she did not hear that anyone was in the office to fill out the paperwork. President Hawk stated how they were told by the Water Auth that they needed to replace their water line and they were denied the street opening permit. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they just have to fill out the paperwork; it was not something that was ever denied.

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3. BUILDINGS

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

Councilman Jacobs stated that he had tried to get a hold of the woman concerning the lighting. He stated how Councilman Sabol had also tried getting in touch with her, but did not know if he had gotten through to her either.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

**ROSEMARY POREMBO CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK
CO-CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX**

Councilwoman Porembo stated about the Quality of Life Ordinance. She asked Mayor Kitchko to have Chief Smith review the ordinance and let them know how much of the ordinance cross referenced other ordinances that they already had in place. Mayor Kitchko stated how part of the ordinance did overlap other ordinances, but they would have to pick out the parts that were not overlapping and figure out which of those would be good for the town.

Mayor Kitchko stated how the Chief was reviewing the ordinances that were sent to the police station. He stated how the Chief had two comments on the Avoidable Alarm Ordinance. He stated that the first one was under the definitions – Avoidable alarm – where it stated about near-miss fire incident or cooking and steam, which the Chief remarked on how that was what the smoke alarms were for and that it really was not an avoidable alarm. Councilwoman Porembo asked if it was the placement of the smoke detector that it was referring to. Mayor Kitchko stated how that definition might have to be reworded. Councilman Jacobs stated how John McArdle had said that the smoke detectors were right over the stoves. Mayor Kitchko stated that the other comment from the Chief was in section 3 in the last part of A where it stated about the written report to the Chief of Police, which it should be a written report to the Fire Chief.

Mayor Kitchko stated how he would check with Chief Smith on the Quality of Life Ordinance. He stated how he had asked the officers for a report concerning the open containers, but they were not able to give him anything because they do not write anything down. Councilman Jacobs asked if it was a frequent thing or if there was a specific area. Mayor Kitchko stated how they have specific areas, but they do not have recourse to say that they should not be out with the open container. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had talked to Josh from Barry Isett concerning the Quality of Life Ordinance. She stated how he was going to review the ordinance and give her something in writing in the next week. Councilman Jacobs stated that the more undesirable they get in the Borough the more problems they have.

Councilman Jacobs stated how Charlie Price was still running his big trucks over the bridge in Hauto. He asked how they could get it to stop. He stated how the Borough workers had mentioned to something to Mr. Price, but he was insistent that he was going to use that roadway.

5. SANITATION

**GEORGE SABOL, CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRWOMAN
ROSEMARY POREMBO**

Councilwoman Fox stated about the dumpster at the recreation Center. President Hawk stated how he had given the contact information for the Little League to Councilman Sabol but did not know if he had got in touch with anyone yet.

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Councilwoman Fox asked if the dumpster had been moved back yet. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the Borough workers could move the dumpster back to where it was supposed to be sitting.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had called Solomon Containers and they were pulling their dumpsters from Lower Towamensing Township because they were not able to get them picked up in a normal route. She stated how they would have to send a separate truck to dump their bins and it was not profitable to do so. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that Banks Township were canceling their contract because they were getting a over abundance of garbage in their bins. She stated how they do not have any plans to pull the bins from the Borough. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she was also going to meet with the driver from US Again to get those bins moved to the other end so that they could get the recycling bins moved away from the embankment. Councilman Jacobs asked if they were going to look into installing a fence.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated about getting the rules and regulations signs posted at the Borough parks.

Councilman Jacobs asked if anyone heard anything about the three trees in the Hauto Park. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were not the Borough's trees. She stated how it was the Fire Company's property. President Hawk asked who was asking for the trees to come down. Councilwoman Fox stated how Daniel Staehle had asked Joe Matula to cut them down. Councilman Jacobs stated how they were dead, but it was not for them to decide to take them down.

President Hawk stated about the appointment letters. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had them ready for their next meeting.

President Hawk stated how Pam Zlock had told him that they did really well on the Vendor Fair and the Gift Card Bingo.

President Hawk stated that the Nesquehoning Conservation Club fishing derby was scheduled for Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated how they were going to meet in June to review the budget.

Councilman Jacobs stated that the way it looked, the Lions Club was going to donate some funds (approximately \$2,000.00) to the Borough to purchase Christmas lights. He stated how he had called to see what it would cost for 32 Christmas lights and it was approximately \$11,000.00 for a star with all white lights. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would have to order them by September to have them in time for Christmas. He stated how the Historical Society might donate some funds towards the purchase of the lights. Councilwoman Fox asked if they had to change the fixtures. Councilman Jacobs stated how he would have to look to see what they had compared to what they would be getting.

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**8. PERSONNEL/
SAFETY**

**ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; MARY FOX, CO-
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No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer