

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

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

Councilman DeMelfi and Councilwoman Fox were absent.

Councilman Sabol arrived late and left during Executive Session.

PURPOSE: Committees/Workshop

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

Councilman Radocha stated that the street sweeping did not go as well as anticipated. He stated that they had the same driver as last year, so it must have been faulty equipment. Councilman Radocha stated that they were patching pot holes and cutting grass. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if the poor street sweeping would have been caused by the different type of anti-skid material they received. Councilman Radocha stated "no". President Hawk stated how the driver was going too fast. Councilman Jacobs stated that no sweeper would have picked up with the driver going as fast as he was going. Councilman Radocha stated that it was very disappointing. He stated that someone from the Borough crew should have been following the sweeper. Councilwoman Porembo stated how it left a whole line of dirt behind. She stated that they might have to contact a different company next year. President Hawk stated that they would have the sweeper from the COG to rent next year.

Councilman Radocha stated about Bruce George starting Rhume Street. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that Mike Tirpak had called her to let them know that Bruce George would be starting on May 16th. She stated that the contractor would be posting the street and placing flyers on Monday and Tuesday, May 14th and 15th. She asked the Mayor to let the police know because of possibly getting vehicles moved the morning of the 16th. Councilman Jacobs stated that Bobby Stempa called him, because there was a property owner on the first block of Rhume Street, who wanted their curb and sidewalks replaced. He stated that they were not cutting the street once the street was completed. Councilman Radocha stated how they will have to do it all from the property side. He stated how they were not going to cut the street.

Councilwoman Porembo asked about the street that was dug up for the sewer line. Councilman Radocha stated that they had done a half-ass job cleaning up the street. Councilwoman Porembo asked if the sewer line was inspected. Councilman Radocha stated that the line was never inspected.

Councilman Sabol and Councilman Radocha discussed the sandblasting of the bridge. Councilman Sabol stated that Secretary/Treasurer Ahner had received a call from DEP because they had received a complaint. He stated that he had called the woman (Marybeth) back from DEP and informed her of what they were doing at the bridge. Councilman Sabol stated that he had asked her if he needed a permit and she told him that no permit was needed.

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President Hawk asked if they had looked at Chestnut Street (Gene Kennedy's hill). He stated that he had looked at it and the way it looks, putting anything on there was going to be a waste of money. He stated that it was bad from curb to curb. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that they do have to replace the inlets. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mike Tirpak was supposed to take a look at it. Councilman Radocha stated that something had to be done with it before winter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. for personnel. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated that they met at the pumping station on Rhododendron Drive, because they need to do some serious improvements to the lift station. He stated that the Committee met with a representative from Bloomingdale Contractors, the Engineer and Jeff from Hydro-Tech Pumps. Councilman Jacobs stated about 1,300' of hose and how they did not want to get hung from a pump running all the time. Councilman Radocha stated how there were too many roadways and driveways that they would have to cross. Councilman Jacobs stated how they want to pump it into the line that it was already pumped into and let gravity take it. Councilman Radocha stated how they have to wait for some pricing. He could bypass the pumping station instead of laying 1,200' of hose. He stated about doing electrical work changing motors.

Councilman Radocha stated how they have to decide if the deterioration was that bad after 25 years. He stated that he looked in the manhole and what was underground did not seem to be as deteriorated as the top part. He stated that they might get another 10 years without scraping/sandblasting and painting. Councilman Radocha stated how they also discussed installing another, smaller pump station around it. Councilman Jacobs stated that they will not know until they get some figures. Mayor Kitchko stated that there were several coatings that they could use, but they used Belzona up at their plant, which was a little more expensive but well worth it. Councilman Jacobs stated how they would have to get it dried out in order to coat it. Mayor Kitchko stated that they might be able to contact the representative for some information because they might have something to work in that type of climate.

Councilman Jacobs stated how they had an outfit command to perform a study (check the soil) for using the reed-beds again. He stated that if they do decide to use them, it would not be like it was years ago. Councilman Jacobs stated that when they see what it will cost, they will sit down with the figures to see if it will save them any money. Councilman Radocha stated how Leighton had 16 beds. Councilman Jacobs stated that with the amount of space, they would only be able to use 65% of their sludge, which was 35% that still needed to be hauled away. He stated how all of that will have to be factored into the cost. Councilman Jacobs stated that it will take approximately 2 years to get it completed, because what was there would have to be scraped off and they would need to haul in sand for a 6" layer of sand.

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President Hawk asked Councilman Radocha about a pump and motor. Councilman Radocha stated how the motor went on the pump that the Water Authority usually borrowed. He stated that they really liked it and it worked well for them. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she had ordered something from Northern Tool for the Water Authority.

3. BUILDINGS GEORGE SABOL, III, CHAIRMAN; DAVID DeMELFI, CO-CHAIRMAN; MICHAEL RADOCHA

Councilman Jacobs stated about the quotes for the ceiling. Councilwoman Porembo stated about getting them all a copy of the quotes, so they can vote on it at their regular meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she had talked to Tim Dow for an electrical inspection.

4. PUBLIC ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID DeMELFI SAFETY CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK

Councilwoman Porembo stated that the Committee along with the Mayor met with Kenneth Snyder (Lake Hauto Club, Robert Demyanovich (LCJWA), and Richard Pogwist (LCJWA). She stated how they had talked about the Lake Hauto Community; the dry hydrants and the fire hydrants. Councilwoman Porembo stated that they were looking for support for the fire companies, along with their protection and protection of the residents' of Lake Hauto with the dry hydrants and the fire hydrants.

Councilwoman Porembo stated that the Lansford/Coaldale Joint Water Authority had received a grant to change the main waterline to an 8" line, but they would to starting by the west gate entrance to the Lake. She stated how the borough would send letters of support to Senator Argyle and Senator Yudichak. Councilwoman Porembo stated that the flow test on the Carbon side of the Lake were approximately 380 GPM and 530 GPM, which they require 1,000 GPM. She stated that the Borough requested that they handle the cost for testing; annual inspection and to sign the Borough's agreement. Councilwoman Porembo stated that she received a call from Mr. Snyder and he had talked to their insurance company, which the items would be covered under their renewal. She stated that the attorneys were reviewing the agreement. Councilwoman Porembo stated how Mr. Snyder had also asked if they wanted the dry hydrants certified or just inspected. She stated that she told him they wanted them certified.

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they were still reviewing all of the information for Act 172.

President Hawk stated how Carl Faust has been back and forth with 90 E. Catawissa St. and him to the alarm installation smoke detectors just being on the supervisory circuit as opposed to be on the alarm circuit, which would call the Communications Center. He stated that Mr. Faust keeps telling them that they have to follow the code, which states that it has to be on the alarm circuit. President Hawk stated how Mr. McArdle had made mention about starting procedures to close them down until it was completed. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were meeting with them on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Jacobs asked what action they would be taking at the meeting.

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Councilman Radocha stated how he had told Mr. McArdle that the next time he would get a call, they should empty the building and not let them back inside. President Hawk stated about closing them down until they would bring the building up to code. Councilwoman Porembo asked if Mr. Faust was going to be at the meeting, because she would like his input. She stated how he would be the driving force behind them. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did not know if he was going to be attending the meeting. Councilwoman Porembo asked if he could put something in writing for them. Councilman Jacobs stated that he would rather not meet if Mr. Faust could not make the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she would give him a call to see if he was able to attend the meeting.

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

Councilwoman Porembo stated about the e-recycling event, which was scheduled for May 17th from 2 – 5 p.m. on Locust Street. Councilman Radocha stated that they have to start doing something about the televisions that the people were putting out for garbage. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they have to be told that the garbage men will not take them.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated that they received quotes last year for fencing to be installed in Johnson Park. He stated how that fence needs to be installed before someone falls off the wall. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if the Borough crew was going to install the fence or if they were going to go with one of the quotes. Councilman Jacobs stated that he thought the Borough crew could handle it.

Councilman Jacobs stated that they received a quote of \$365.00 from PPL to move each of the outlets on the poles from the south side of the street to the north side of the street. He stated that if they wanted 10 of those outlets moved, it was going to cost \$3,650.00. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she was still trying to confirm that cost for moving rather than installing new. Councilwoman Porembo asked if they had received any kind of report from the committee as to the funds that they had and what they were looking to purchase yet. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she has not received anything lately.

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

No report.

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**8. PERSONNEL/
SAFETY**

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

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Radocha seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer