

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

President Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Councilman Sabol and Councilman Radocha were absent.

David Henritzy – Bio-Haz Solutions and Rose Chapello – Carbon Engineering were present at the meeting.

President Hawk stated how Mr. Henritzy was there to answer any questions that they had regarding the notice/communication the Borough received on the additional processing request by Bio-Haz to DEP. He asked Mr. Henritzy if he wanted to tell the Council Members as to what it all entailed. Mr. Henritzy – CEO of Bio-Haz Solutions – stated how it was a modification to their existing DEP permit. He stated that their initial permit was to process medical waste. Mr. Henritzy stated that the pathological waste that they were interested in was the laboratory waste, which would allow them to dispose of/process it at their facility. Councilman Jacobs stated how they had no issues at the sewer plant with what they were currently processing. Ms. Chapello stated how it did not affect anything at the sewer plant. She stated that she did not know if they had any concerns about the processing. Councilwoman Fox stated how the people in town were going to be concerned with the body parts. Mr. Henritzy stated how it was all part of the permit. He stated how it would not change anything that they do at the facility. Mr. Henritzy stated how they test every dumpster that leaves their facility.

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they were concerned with the type of material that was being transferred in for processing. She asked what the holding time was for the products coming into the facility. Mr. Henritzy stated how the items to be processed would be placed into a vessel at the generator's facility/office. He stated that most everything they pick up was in a corrugated box, which has a specific puncture, leak proof liner. Mr. Henritzy stated how their drivers pick up the sealed containers and transport them to their facility. He stated how they process waste Monday – Friday and the waste was not in the facility for more than a day and a half, no waste in the facility over the weekend. He stated how their drivers work Monday – Thursday.

Mr. Henritzy stated that once it enters their warehouse, they remove the plastic sealed bags from the boxes and place them into carts. He stated how the carts were pushed to the machine (gate-tipper) dumps into a hopper, which has a lid. Mr. Henritzy stated that as soon as the hopper was opened, ozone was being generated and flooding the hopper. He stated how it goes through a grinding process and the entire time it was being injected with ozone. He stated how it goes into an auger then into a proprietary dumpster. Mr. Henritzy stated how Ozone was O^3 and Oxygen was O^2 ; so they have to add one molecule to go from the O^2 to O^3 . He stated how it was a highly sanitized agent. Mr. Henritzy stated how they do not open the bags. He stated that what comes into their facility in those bags was identified and then went through their facility. Mayor Kitchko asked if they were going to add anything to the process. Mr. Henritzy stated how there was nothing in their facility that was going to change with the permit. He stated how it was just an added thing that they could process. Councilman Jacobs asked if they would be adding additional time for the new processed waste. Mr. Henritzy stated “no”.

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Mayor Kitchko asked if there was a paper trail as to what was processed. Mr. Henritzy stated “yes”. He stated how they had a 4-part manifest that started with the generator. Mr. Henritzy stated how they had to do quarterly reporting to the state. Mayor Kitchko asked where it went after it was processed. Mr. Henritzy stated how it goes into a proprietary dumpster. He stated how it was then transported to a landfill. Ms. Chapello stated how the landfill had to be able to accept medical waste. Mr. Henritzy stated how they generate a manifest that follows the dumpster as well. Councilman Jacobs asked if the waste had to be refrigerated if they were not able to process something and it would have to sit over the weekend. Mr. Henritzy stated how they did not have anything that would sit over the weekend. Ms. Chapello stated how DEP requires them to refrigerate the waste if there was issue with processing. She stated how it had to be refrigerated until they were able to transport it to another facility. President Hawk asked how often they emptied the dumpsters. Mr. Henritzy stated how they usually empty a dumpster once a week.

Councilwoman Porembo asked if they would be able to call them with any questions that they might get from residents. Mr. Henritzy stated how they could call them with any questions. He stated how they could also come up to the facility to see the process first hand.

PURPOSE: Workshop/Committee

1. STREETS MICHAEL RADOCHA, CHAIRMAN; LOUIS PAUL, CO-CHAIRMAN

Councilman Paul stated that all of the complaints he received were handled. Councilman Jacobs stated how they were out with the tar buggy. Councilman Paul stated how they had to seal the bridge. Councilwoman Porembo stated how the bridge looked nice. President Hawk stated about getting the markers back up on the bridge. Councilman Paul stated how the gentleman who did the inspections told him that they did not need them.

Councilwoman Porembo asked if they were giving the Street crew a weekly list as to what had to be done. Councilman Paul stated how he had given them a yearly schedule and they should know what to do. Councilwoman Fox stated how the Street Committee needed to come up with a plan/list of streets that were in need of repair. Councilman Paul stated how they had a list and that they knew what to do. Councilwoman Fox stated how they should have a 2 – 3 year plan for street repairs. Councilman Paul stated how they were going for a grant for Diaz Avenue. He asked about the shared services between the four towns.

Councilman Paul stated how Councilman Radocha was in charge and did not want to step on any toes. He stated how he did not want to spearhead anything without Councilman Radocha, because he was the Chairman of Streets. Councilman Paul stated that if they were going to overlay a street, they would get the shared services, which would be half of the cost. He stated that in return, they would have to send someone to the other towns. Councilman Jacobs stated how they should get together. Councilwoman Porembo stated about asking the Street crew to check all of the streets and come up with a list of the worst streets. She stated that when the Street Committee would meet, they could compare their list to the Street crew’s list. Councilwoman Porembo stated how they were Borough workers and they should have the knowledge of which streets were in need of repair.

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Councilman Jacobs stated how the workers were in turmoil. Councilwoman Poremba stated about putting their faith in their workers. Councilman Paul stated how he has been a manager for 20 years and he knew what he was doing. Councilman Jacobs stated how they have to hold a meeting.

President Hawk asked if the employee was not back for the winter, what they were going to do for plowing. Councilman Jacobs stated how Mr. Pilla was available to help. Councilwoman Fox stated how they had hired part-time workers last year. Councilman Paul stated how he has someone who they should hire. He stated how they need another worker.

President Hawk stated that when he had talked to Matt Johnson, he had mentioned the crossing on Industrial Road at Park Avenue. He stated how he told him that when the Railroad had planned to do work at that crossing, the Borough wanted to replace the pipe under the road. He stated how he would keep it in mind and that he did recall the Borough talking about it in the past.

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

Councilwoman Fox stated how the Committee met with Mike Tirpak to start on the 2021 Sewer Budget and to discuss Unit #2. She stated how he was supposed to be setting up a meeting with Eastern to discuss the test results. Councilwoman Fox stated how the painting company did not prep the area correctly. She stated how they were getting another paint company to look at it and give them a price. Councilwoman Fox stated how they really did not want to end up in Court.

Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla got a quote for a garage door for on the salt shed; \$3,430.00 installed by Palmerton Garage Doors. Councilman Jacobs stated how they should get it installed before winter. President Hawk stated that if there were no objections, they could proceed with the installation and then they would ratify it at their next meeting.

Councilman Jacobs stated about Unit #2 and how it was a quarter of a million dollar project. He stated how he did not want to end up in court either, but for that kind of money, they should not be getting a second hand job. Councilman Jacobs stated that the entire floor should be taken up and re-painted. Councilwoman Fox stated how most of the test results come back as poor preparation. President Hawk stated how he agreed that they should not settle. Councilman Jacobs stated how JP Smith was the painting company.

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

Councilwoman Fox stated about the sanitizer. President Hawk stated that it seemed worth the money as long as it was going to get used. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they could do the Borough offices before they leave at night. Councilwoman Fox stated how it did not harm electronics or leave water spots. Mayor Kitchko stated about the hand held sprayers for the police department/offices. Councilman Paul stated about what they use on the buses. He stated how he would check prices.

Councilman Jacobs asked if the furnaces were cleaned. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated "yes".

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4. PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they were not able to get together so they would have to schedule a meeting to discuss a few issues.

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

Councilman Paul stated how the garbage collection was very late and they did not know why. Councilwoman Fox asked if the Borough was notified of any issues. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did not hear of any.

Councilman Paul stated about apartment buildings having secured/closed areas for their garbage cans. He stated about getting something into an ordinance. Councilman Jacobs stated how they had to have the area for the enclosure. Councilman Paul stated how the junk around town was getting worse. Councilwoman Fox stated about the recycling and how their tonnage was down. She stated how they have been throwing a lot of the recycling material in that garbage at the Lake.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about the Committee meeting to discuss the tire permit prices. Councilman Jacobs asked if they had a breakdown of what they were charged per tire. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she would have to pull the bill for the breakdown. She stated how they were charging \$4.00 for car tires and (she thought) \$8.00 for truck tires. President Hawk stated about breaking even on the tires. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she was proposing \$5.00 per car tire permit and \$10.00 per truck tire permit. Councilwoman Fox stated about Secretary/Treasurer Ahner sending them the breakdown of the cost of the tires. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated she would get them the information.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked about the electronic recycling. Councilwoman Fox asked if they were still holding them. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had sent them all of the information. Councilwoman Fox stated about getting something scheduled like they would normally have.

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

Councilwoman Fox stated how she had received a message from Pam Zlock that the Commission did hold their meeting on Monday, October 5th, but nobody from Council was there. President Hawk stated how he was not sure that they were still going to have their meeting.

Councilwoman Fox asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner where they were at with the Johnson Park Grant. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was on hold. Councilwoman Fox stated about getting something to the state to change the scope of the project. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she would need to know what they were looking to change it into. She stated how they should have a committee meeting to come up with some ideas. Councilwoman Fox stated how the committee would meet and then they would meet with the Engineer.

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**7. BUDGET/
FINANCE**

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

Councilwoman Porembo gave the 410 expenses presentation. Handouts were given to all of the Council Members; expenses and income; $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through 2020.

**8. PERSONNEL/
SAFETY**

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

Councilwoman Porembo stated how the Personnel Safety Committee did meet. She stated how they will have to come to Council for a vote on the health insurance, but they should have another meeting with the broker.

Councilwoman Porembo stated about getting in touch with the individual that was hired for part-time snow plowing to see if he was still interested. Councilman Jacobs stated that there was no reason to put an ad in the paper if they were not going to interview/hire anyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer