

## MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00p.m., Borough Office  
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN DeMELFI, JACOBS, SABOL III; COUNCILWOMAN POREMBO; PRESIDENT HAWK; MAYOR KITCHKO; SOLICITOR YURCHAK & RON TIRPAK

President Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
Councilwoman Fox and Councilman DeMarco were absent.

Matt Cochran, Panther Creek; Commissioner Wayne Nothstein; Commissioner William O’Gurek were present for the meeting.

President Hawk stated how they had two additional items on the agenda for the meeting; meeting with the sanitation hauler, who was not present at the meeting at that time; and the pending action by Reading/Blue Mountain Northern Railroad regarding the crossing on W. Industrial Road.

President Hawk stated how the Borough has not officially been contacted or has been included in on anything from the Railroad regarding their anticipated actions. He stated how the Borough was made aware of the situation through Panther Creek and the County because they were seeking funds from those two entities for improvements to that crossing. He stated that when the money was not forth coming, their pending threat of action was to petition the PUC to have the crossing converted from public to private and/or removed.

President Hawk stated that in the correspondence that Panther Creek has received from the railroad, they basically state two things; they consider the crossing to be solely a benefit to Panther Creek and that there was an alternative crossing located on East Industrial Road, which could take the place of that crossing. He stated how the Borough does not want to get behind on it, so they felt that a meeting with the County and Panther Creek would be prudent to make sure that the Borough’s concerns were well known and to make sure that they were all on the same slant with looking at opposing whatever the Railroad would try to change with that crossing.

President Hawk stated that with the alternative crossing, the bridge by the pond, which was before the crossing, has a weight restriction. He stated how the Borough has a restriction on Park Avenue for truck traffic and limiting it to local deliveries only, which Park Avenue was also a residential street. He stated how the Railroad was saying that the East Industrial Railroad crossing was a viable alternative to the West crossing for heavy commercial or industrial traffic was untrue. President Hawk stated how the Railroad saying how that crossing only benefits Panther Creek was also untrue, because that crossing services the entire Industrial Park, which include facilities for the Borough and the Water Authority, Panther Creek, Bio-Med and other business (Heritage Glass, Solar Park, Storage Units, Viking Injector) and any heavy traffic or large vehicles which would be used for making deliveries at any of those facilities would be using the West crossing. He stated how Bio-Med was restricted to only using that West crossing as part of their zoning variance. President Hawk stated how the Borough disputes both of the claims that were made by the Railroad and any designation change to that crossing.

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President Hawk stated how the Borough was the property or owner of Industrial Road on both sides of that crossing and the PUC agreement stipulates that the Borough was supposed to maintain up to within 2 feet of the crossing on both sides. President Hawk stated how they were very much concerned and opposed to any changes to that crossing. He stated how Solicitor Yurchak had researched the PUC decision. He stated about the County supporting them in opposing any type of change to the designation or the existence of that crossing.

Commissioner Nothstein asked if the Borough received any correspondence directly from the Railroad. President Hawk stated "no". Commissioner Nothstein asked if the Borough had sent anything to the Railroad stating their opposition. President Hawk stated "no". He stated that when he had first received the email, he had conferred with Solicitor Yurchak on it. He stated how Solicitor Yurchak had told him that until the Borough was formally contacted or until the Borough was able to file something against an action that the Railroad had taken, they should not reach out to them. He stated how they were just biding their time. He stated how they wanted to make sure that their position was known. Councilman Jacobs stated about the Carbon County Industrial Development. He stated how they were trying to protect the Industry from what the Railroad wanted to change. He stated how they were saying how they still want the access for the industries. Mr. Tirpak stated how they were still in existence but they were inactive. President Hawk stated how CCED could also be an ali because they own the building that Bio-Med was leasing. Councilman Jacobs stated how they might have to get them involved as well. Mr. Tirpak stated how it was strange timing that they decided to alter the crossing since 90% of the traffic was gone. He asked Matt Cochran how many trucks they were running. Mr. Cochran stated how they used to run 80 – 100 trucks a day, 250 days a year. He stated that when they currently run, they might be bringing 75 – 80 trucks across those tracks. He stated how that was only 2 – 4 months out of the year. Mr. Tirpak stated how it was now a safety issue, but it was not a safety issue for the last 20 years.

Mr. Cochran stated how he felt that the Railroad was trying to indicate that their traffic had increased, which he has not seen. He stated how he also did not see a safety issue with the crossing. Mr. Cochran stated how he felt that they were planning for the future in trying to get other businesses to bear the expense that they should be paying for themselves. He stated how their fallback position was to go to the PUC. Mr. Cochran stated how the PUC did not object from the change over from private to public in 1996. He stated how the Railroad did not object either because there was no opposition. Mr. Tirpak stated how everybody was in agreement (the Borough, the Authority, the County and the Railroad) to change the crossing from private to public. Mr. Cochran stated that in 2013, there were substantial amount of funds put into upgrading that crossing, which was requested by the Railroad. He stated that he believes that the additional request was due to them changing the business model, increasing the speed on the tracks and increasing the volume on the tracks. Mr. Cochran stated that he would think that if they were going to increase the speed, they would have to increase the safety requirements.

Councilman Jacobs stated that the Railroad was saying how they wanted to eliminate that crossing. He stated about them then wanting to close the Tonolli Road crossing and the Tippetts Road crossing. He stated how he had heard that because of the increase with the freight line, they have to increase their speed once they were through Nesquehoning. He stated how they have to increase their speed to get their trips in faster. He stated how they do not know what will happen with the balance of the crossings, if that one would be closed.

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President Hawk stated how Mr. Cochran had mentioned that their time table was ridiculous. He stated that it was only a week after they had originally requested the funds that they were saying how they were going to take action because of not getting the funds. He stated how a week later they were saying that they were going to be filing with the PUC. Councilman Sabol asked how the Railroad wanted to convert the crossing by the blue house back to what. President Hawk stated "a private crossing". Councilman Sabol asked if that meant the Borough was going to be responsible for gates. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they were also talking about closing the crossing. Councilman Sabol asked "Close the road". Councilman Jacobs stated "yes". He stated that if they take the crossing out there would not be a way to get across it.

President Hawk stated that under the PUC's decision, the Railroad was responsible for maintaining the crossing and out 2 feet. He stated that beyond those 2 feet, the Borough was responsible for maintaining the road. Councilman Sabol stated how the issue was that the Railroad did not want any traffic there. Solicitor Yurchak stated how the issue was that the Railroad wanted Panther Creek to contribute money. Councilman Sabol asked for what. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was to fix the crossing. President Hawk stated how it was to improve the crossing. Councilman Sabol asked if they were talking about lights and gates. President Hawk stated how he did not know if it was for physically improving the crossing or installing signaling. He stated how it was for whatever they needed to do to run at a higher rate of speed through there. Councilman Sabol stated about getting any specifics. President Hawk stated how they did not get any specifics. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he did not understand how they could just throw a number out. President Hawk stated that changing the crossing to a private, it would place the cost of maintaining the crossing onto the owner, whoever that would be. Councilman Sabol asked who it would be. President Hawk stated how the Railroad seemed to think that it would be Panther Creek, but as the property owner on both sides of the crossing, it might come back to the Borough.

Mr. Tirpak stated how he was under the impression that they just wanted to install lights at an estimated cost of \$80,000.00, with \$25,000.00 from Panther Creek, \$25,000.00 from the County and \$30,000.00 from the Railroad. Mr. Tirpak stated that if the Railroad did not get the funds from Panther Creek and the County, they would go to the PUC and it would end up costing more than the \$80,000.00. He stated how he did not think that they were asking for gates, which would probably be an additional \$80,000.00. Mr. Tirpak stated how their next step might be that they had installed lights, but there was still a hazard at the crossing, so they would need to install gates. He stated how they might decide to come back to all parties for funds to install the gates. Councilman Sabol stated how the Railroad was looking to make the crossing private. Mr. Tirpak stated how the last correspondence they had received from the Railroad indicated that they wanted to close the road down completely. Councilman Sabol asked who constructed that road. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was put in by grant money, years ago. Mr. Tirpak stated how it was the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) who had received the grant. President Hawk stated how it was then turned over to the Borough. Councilman Sabol asked who controls the Redevelopment Authority. Commissioner Nothstein stated how they have a County board of 5 members.

Mr. Cochran stated how Panther Creek has an easement for the crossing, which means that they could not restrict access across that crossing for any reason. Commissioner Nothstein stated that with the Federal grant, it would help support their issue/argument against the railroad.

Councilman Sabol stated that from the way he sees it, the Borough, the County and Panther Creek were against the Railroad changing the crossing.

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Councilman Sabol stated how they will all gang up to take legal action, if that was what it would take. He stated about petitioning their federal legislatures. Commissioner Nothstein stated how there has not been a formal action taken in order for them to do that. Councilman Sabol stated how they were just talking and that they were not making any decision. He stated how they were all on the same page that the Railroad was trying to take advantage of them. He stated how the Railroad should pay for their own lights.

Commissioner O’Gurek stated that the way he was reading it, was that they wanted the crossing improved in order to increase their speeds. He stated that if it was not improved, then they were threatening to remove the crossing. He stated how they would go to the PUC to ask them to vacate the order (establishment of the public crossing). Commissioner O’Gurek stated how it would come to the County to defend it. He stated how the Borough might have to be involved as well.

Councilman Sabol asked who was in charge of the PUC, like the Transportation Committee. Commissioner O’Gurek stated how changing the law would be one thing, but that matter would come to the table long before anything would get changed. He stated how the County would have to defend it, if they did not improve it. He stated that if they would improve it, what would be next. Commissioner O’Gurek stated how the PUC order did state that the County would be responsible for the cost. He stated that if they would improve it then they would have to look at each individual order and if they do not, then they would need to defend it. Commissioner O’Gurek stated how the County was not in a good position with the PUC order. He stated that under the PUC order the County was responsible for improvements to the crossing and the Borough was responsible for the road up to 2 feet from the crossing.

Commissioner O’Gurek stated that if they do not agree and the Railroad files a petition to the PUC, then they were going to have to defend it. He stated that their defense would be that they want it to be a public crossing yet. He stated how the PUC was going to inform them that they had made a comment to maintain it. Mayor Kitchko stated how Maintenance was one thing, but if the Railroad was looking for improvements in order for them to be able to increase their speed, then that was something else. President Hawk stated how the order did not mention improvements, it only mentions maintenance. O’Gurek stated how they would present testimony that it was an unsafe crossing. Councilman Sabol asked how many accidents were at that crossing. He stated how they should contact someone who was federally connected with the PUC to find out what was going on. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was a state agency. Mr. Cochran stated how it was the PA PUC (Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission).

Councilwoman Poremba stated how she would ask what makes that crossing unsafe. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he felt that they were looking at it backwards. He stated how they were looking to fight them. He stated how they only have been thrown a number and do not have any ideas what kind of improvements/maintenance they were proposing. Mr. Cochran stated how they were not just going to sit back and hand them a check without knowing what it was going to be used for. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he felt how the contact to the Railroad should come from the Commissioners or the Borough. Councilman Jacobs stated how it should not come from the Borough because they had not even addressed them on the subject yet. Solicitor Yurchak stated how there should be some kind of idea as to what they were proposing, with the cost broken down. Mr. Cochran stated how it would probably only take one crossing and all of the speed issues would stop.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Railroad has had people out counting cars. Councilman Jacobs stated how they could talk about it all night. He asked what direction they were going to take, if any or were they going to wait until the Railroad came to them. Mr. Tirpak stated how the counting of cars was going to be to the Railroad's benefit, because the traffic was less than it was before. He stated how their justification for closing the crossing would be because there were not a lot of cars, so there really was not a need for it. Solicitor Yurchak stated that when they had filed the petition, they had submitted 80 vehicles a day. He stated how it would probably exceed it with all of the businesses on Industrial Road.

Councilwoman Poremba stated about closing the crossing at Part Avenue, because they a weight restriction on there anyway. Solicitor Yurchak stated how that was also a public crossing. Mr. Tirpak stated that if they would close that crossing and make it a one entrance road way with a dead end, they would probably lose their liquid fuels for that roadway. President Hawk stated how they already have a restriction on truck traffic for Park Avenue. Commissioner Nothstein stated how they would have to get clarification from the Railroad. Commissioner O'Gurek stated how they need a break down the cost. President Hawk stated how he agreed that it had to be the County, because the Borough had not been involved.

Commissioner Nothstein stated how they would have to deal with the Railroad and that they would keep the borough informed. Commissioner O'Gurek stated how they have to go back to the original email, tear it apart and request details. Mr. Cochran stated how they have not only gone to Panther Creek and the County; they were also approaching other businesses in regards to the other crossings in Nesquehoning. Councilman Jacobs stated how he figured that they were not looking at just one crossing. Commissioner O'Gurek stated how the Railroad just filed a "declaration of taking" to take some of the County land next to the trestle bridge to build an additional bridge. He stated how they had talked about increasing the speed years ago. Councilman Sabol asked if the Railroad had received money for that project. Commissioner O'Gurek stated how he believed that the Railroad received \$10 million from the state.

Councilman Sabol asked if the property of the railroad bed belonged to the County, which runs through Nesquehoning. Commissioner O'Gurek stated "yes". Councilman Sabol asked if it was leased to the Railroad. He asked about the length of the lease. Commissioner O'Gurek stated how it was leased until 2038. He stated how that was why Andy Muller purchased half of CNS Railroad, because they extended the contract, which gave them management rights for 25 years.

Commissioner O'Gurek stated how they will do like they said that they would do and if the Railroad files a PUC action, the County will find themselves defending it. He stated how the Borough would probably be engaged in it at that time. President Hawk stated that if they do take official action, then the Borough will have to respond to it. Commissioner O'Gurek stated about the walking bridge the D&L wants to construct across the Lehigh River and how Andy Muller wants \$160,000.00 in flagging fees. Councilman Sabol asked the Commissioners about information concerning the Jim Thorpe Bridge. He also asked the Commissioners about holding their meetings during the day instead of in the evening. President Hawk thanked the Commissioners and Matt Cochran for coming to the meeting.

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**PURPOSE:** Committees/Workshop

### **1. STREETS**

**DON DeMARCO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID DeMELFI, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
GEORGE SABOL, III**

Councilman DeMelfi stated how he had talked to Councilman DeMarco concerning some no parking signs for Tippetts Road. He stated how the residents were now parking on the other side of the street, in the woods. Councilman Jacobs stated that as long as they were off the road and the right-of-way. He stated how that was Water Authority property. He stated how the ordinance was advertised and would be up for a vote at the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Sabol stated how they were up behind the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church changing the storm drain. He stated how they were moving the storm drain.

Councilman Sabol stated how the Borough crew was cutting grass and installing the equipment at Johnson Park. He stated how he hoped that they would get down to cut the trees by the bridge so people could see pulling out from Willow Lane and Locust Street.

Mayor Kitchko stated to Councilman Sabol about the question he had with community service and it was not their job to get them work. He stated how the individual has to contact them to see if they had any community service available.

Councilman Jacobs stated about Tippetts Road. He stated how Street Committee should meet with the Borough crew and give them some direction as to what they were doing with Tippetts Road. Councilman Sabol stated how Councilman DeMarco was supposed to set up a meeting with them, but it never happened. He stated how he had talked to them and their recommendation was heavier base than blacktop, because if they just black top over stone, it was not going to last until Spring. He stated that if they would cut it out, install a heavier stone with modified, and then black top it would last a few years. Councilman DeMelfi stated how they were talking about only having about two months left to get it done. President Hawk stated how the Committee was going to have to meet and come up with something. Councilwoman Porembo stated how they had earmarked money for those repairs. She stated how they were hoping to get the grant so it was repaired completely in 2018. Councilman Sabol stated how he would call Councilman DeMarco again but how would he go about getting something done if he could not get Councilman DeMarco to hold a meeting. President Hawk stated how Councilman Sabol and Councilman DeMelfi could just set up a meeting.

President Hawk stated how he had talked to Joe Tout and asked if they had ever considered extending Cedar Street and abandoning Tippetts Road. He stated how it would go through LCCC property. He stated how it was not a far difference from there and Tippetts Road. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was worth looking at, but there were lots of wet lands in there.

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### **2. SEWER**

**MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO- CHAIRMAN;  
GEORGE SABOL, III**

President Hawk stated how he had received some information from Councilwoman Fox. He stated how she had mentioned how the Sewer Committee met concerning Hazard Street and Railroad Street manhole replacement. President Hawk stated how they had received three quotes, Stempa \$1,645.00, Radocha \$6,950.00, and Stony Lonesome \$12,850.00, quotes were for machine and labor only the Borough would supply all the material.

President Hawk stated how the Sludge Hauling bids were due by 2:00 p.m. on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will be awarded at the regular meeting.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox had called David Lear because he had received some paperwork from Bio-Med. He stated how everything looked good but Mr. Pilla did not receive a copy of the paperwork.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox mentioned about Rose Chapello's probation period and having the Committee meet with her.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox stated how Ms. Chapello had found two PA One Call training sessions, which would count toward the DEP continuing education credits. He stated how she would like to attend the one session, which was a locator program on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fulleton Fire Company. He stated how it was free to attend; they would just have to pay her for the day.

Councilman Sabol asked when Ms. Chapello's probationary period was up, because he felt how they have some personnel issues that they have to discuss. President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox had said that the Committee would meet with her next week. Councilman Sabol stated how it should be more than the Committee that meets. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about them going into an executive session after the meeting.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox states that they will be meeting with Mike Tirpak to review the 2017 budget. He stated about the quote from J.C. Small Engine on the high cfm blower for clearing the catwalks at the clarifier. He stated how Councilwoman Fox states that she never heard of it until she received the quote and that she was not really sure if it was issue or not.

Councilman Jacobs stated about having to order the manhole for the project on Hazard and Railroad Street. He stated how they have to order all of the material for the project as well. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they have to let the contractor know that he was going to get the job, because he will have to drill test hole for depth measurements to be able to order the manhole. President Hawk stated about checking with Mr. Tirpak.

Councilman Sabol stated how he thought that Mr. Pilla had requested a leaf blower. He stated how he did not see why they needed one. He stated how he had talked to Mr. Staehle and there were two leaf blowers at the garage and they were more than welcome to use one at the sewer plant over the winter time. Councilman Jacobs stated how they also only received one quote.

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Councilman Sabol stated how he had called J.C. Small Engines, which was another personnel issue and that they would get to that later.

President Hawk stated how he did get a call from Dave Kutcha regarding the condition the Nesquehoning Creek when it exits the pond. He stated how he had told him how they were up and did some testing. President Hawk stated how Mr. Tout had expressed his feelings that it was coming from up at the lake. Councilman Jacobs stated how it could be coming from up in Hometown. He stated that he had told Mr. Pilla to pull samples from the lake. President Hawk stated how he was going to mention something at the next Conservation Club Meeting to see if they could get some testing done.

### **3. BUILDINGS            GEORGE SABOL, III, CHAIRMAN; FRANK JACOBS, CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID DeMELFI**

Councilman Jacobs stated about seriously thinking about installing the ductless heating/air conditioning units at the Recreation Center. President Hawk stated how it sounded like they were for it as well. Councilman Sabol stated how he would make the motion at the next meeting. Councilman Jacobs stated how they need to get a certified electrician. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated about making sure of the btu's when getting the quotes.

### **4. PUBLIC                DON DeMARCO, CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK, CO- CHAIRMAN; SAFETY                    ROSEMARY POREMBO**

President Hawk stated about the crossing guards and the extra time with the late bus. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they do not know how many kids were getting off the bus. Councilwoman Porembo stated how they could call the school to get information.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the letters had been sent to the local businesses concerning the lock boxes. She stated how they had received a few phone calls and they were all directed to Mr. McArdle.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox had asked if there was any movement on the Claypool property. Councilman Sabol stated how he had contacted Solicitor Yurchak to hold a meeting with the owner.

### **5. SANITATION        DAVID DeMELFI, CHAIRMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRWOMAN DON DeMARCO**

Councilman DeMelfi stated how he had received calls concerning the guys throwing the garbage cans around. He stated how he had called Larry Wittig and Mr. Wittig had informed him that the two individuals that were responsible were fired. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they received a phone call and it has been better since it was in the paper.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked about scheduling a recycling event. Councilman Sabol stated how there was something in the paper that night in regards to the televisions found all over the roadways. President Hawk stated about getting something scheduled.



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

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox had noted that the Recreation Commission's next was on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and all of Council was invited to attend that meeting to see the improvements.

President Hawk stated how they have a Paint and Sip scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated how the playground equipment was being installed by the Borough crew.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox states that she hopes to set up a meeting with the committee and David Walls in regards to the Hauto Playground on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

President Hawk stated how Pam Zlock had asked him about the Commission receiving a bill for equipment rental. Mayor Kitchko stated how the Borough crew had to rent an auger and skid loader to install the playground equipment.

Councilman Jacobs stated that if they were not able to get up to the park to complete the install, there should be something placed over the shafts that were sticking up out of the ground.

Councilman Sabol stated how they were waiting for mulch. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the mulch and sand were being delivered in the morning.

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

Councilman Jacobs stated how they were waiting for the figures from the County. He stated how they were also working to get other figures for the sewer and sanitation. Councilman Sabol stated about a break in the sewer and sanitation bills but they will be collecting additional funds for the roads. Councilman Jacobs stated how they will have a tentative budget for the end of October. Councilman Sabol stated about the tax increase last year for the Fire Company. Councilman Jacobs stated how it was .25 mill increase for the Fire Company. Councilman Sabol stated how he would like to get more familiar with the budget. Councilman Jacobs stated how they have to increase the millage just because of the salaries because they would be an increase in salaries at approximately \$12,000.00 - \$13,000.00 for the wages. Councilman Sabol stated how the Fire Companies can get money when they need it, but they were not able to get money for the streets.

Councilman Jacobs stated about the article in the paper regarding the Jim Thorpe Fire Departments. Councilman Sabol stated how he was fine with that. Councilman Jacobs stated how the Borough was paying the insurance for 12 – 13 vehicles. He stated how he did not think that the Borough needed that many emergency vehicles. Councilman Sabol stated how they only needed one Fire Company because they were only one town.

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

Councilwoman Porembo stated how there were two things that would be coming up for a vote. She stated how they will be looking to change the employees' benefits.

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Councilwoman Porembo stated how they received the same quotes from two different companies, but Equinox has a better customer service and a website program for the employees. She stated how the broker would help with the contract negotiations.

Councilwoman Porembo stated how they would be looking at going to an online billing program through Diversified Technology, their current billing program, at a setup cost of \$750.00. She stated how it would eliminate some of the traffic in the office.

Councilwoman Porembo stated that with the Equinox insurance, they would not be voting on the insurance cost or the insurance coverage but to hire the broker and the company that they will be dealing with. Councilwoman Porembo stated how they want to get everything together to make sure that they have the best comparable benefits. She stated how they do not want to violate any contracts.

President Hawk stated how Councilwoman Fox also had noted to not let the street light issue fall through. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were waiting for the install of the new lights on Locust Street. President Hawk stated how Coaldale had their lights changed over to LED.

President Hawk stated how she had also noted about the Sparch property. Councilman Jacobs stated how they could have sold that property several years ago.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilman Jacobs moved and Councilman Sabol seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer