

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office

114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEN/COUNCILWOMEN FOX, GUARDIANI, HEANEY, KUBA, NALESNIK, PAUL, PRESIDENT HAWK; MAYOR KATTNER & SOLICITOR YURCHAK

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

**MINUTES:** Approve the minutes from the Regular Meetings held on October 26, 2022 and November 16, 2022 and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 29, 2022. Councilwoman Heaney moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular meetings held on October 26, 2022 and November 16, 2022 and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 29, 2022. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION;**

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for personnel. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Mike Malaska – 112 W. Diaz Avenue – asked if the Borough had an ordinance concerning vehicles being parked in the snow. President Hawk stated how they do have an ordinance for snow parking and the streets were posted. Mr. Malaska stated how he has been seeing several vehicles sitting with snow on them, which means they have not moved in over a month. Councilwoman Fox asked if they were parking in posted areas. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she thought that he was referring to the ordinance where vehicles had to be moved every 48 hours. Mr. Malaska stated how there was a car parked on Rhume Street that has not moved in 5 months. He asked about towing the vehicles. Chief Weaver stated that during the past snow storm, the majority of the people has complied and moved their vehicles. He stated how they had driven around town announcing it over the loud speaker prior to giving out tickets.

Chief Weaver stated that with the vehicles that did not move, they were working on a process, which they filed with the state to get three vehicles moved. He stated that if there were vehicles that people did see that have not moved for several days, to notify the police department. Mr. Malaska stated how it should not be up to the residents to notify the police when a vehicle has not moved since they were driving past them every day. Chief Weaver stated that they do not go around marking tires on all of the vehicles to see if they move. Mr. Malaska stated that if they were sitting with snow on their windshield for a week, they should know that the vehicle had not moved since the snow storm. Chief Weaver stated how they were working on those vehicles.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No report.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

• **Mutual Aid Agreement/Resolution – Rush Township**

Councilman Paul stated how he was not in agreement with the mutual aid agreement with Rush Township at all. He stated that when they had no police department, nobody came to their mutual aid. Councilman Paul stated how they have mostly, in the past, have worked with Lansford, Coaldale, Summit Hill and sometimes Jim Thorpe. He stated how they have never gone in to Schuylkill County and he did not want them running up there. Councilman Paul stated how he did not want the Nesquehoning Police covering Rush Township. He stated how they did what they could do to get their police up and running and he would like to keep them there. Mayor Kattner stated how he agreed with Councilman Paul. He stated how he did feel bad for other people, but he was worried about their cops, his cops, like they were brothers.

Mayor Kattner stated how he did not want to see his chief or any of the officers going anywhere else, unless they were told to go by the state police. He stated how he would not let them do it. Councilwoman Fox stated how the officers did go out of town to help other departments. Councilman Paul stated how that was in an emergency situation. Chief Weaver stated how they had read over the agreement and they had some concerns. He stated how the agreement did give them full resting powers in Schuylkill County-Rush Township. Chief Weaver stated that if an officer from Rush Township will call and request assistance, they were going to go regardless of a mutual aid agreement. Councilman Nalesnik stated about limiting it to the Schuylkill County side (Rush Township) of Lake Hauto. Mayor Kattner stated how that would be up for discussion with the chief and the officers. He stated that he did not want their police to be put in someone else's danger for no reason. Chief Weaver stated how there were some concerns on their end, which they would want verification on before they would agree to it. Councilwoman Fox stated about not being comfortable with the way it was written. President Hawk stated how he did not agree with the way it was written either.

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Guardiani seconded to reject the Mutual Aid Agreement/Resolution with Rush Township as written.**

Councilman Nalesnik stated that before they would just throw it out, they might be able to look to see if it was feasible for Lake Hauto, because it was an adjoining community with the Borough. He stated how mutual aid agreements were a good idea to help the departments work together. Councilman Nalesnik stated how he would ask that they research in a little more before throwing it out. President Hawk stated that the problem with not having it in writing; if they would go somewhere under an emergency and the police get involved in an incident to the extent where the Police/Borough would get brought into a lawsuit, there was nothing to back up their presence there. He stated how they could entertain a mutual aid agreement with Rush Township, maybe just for the Lake, but it should be under the same circumstances that they already have with the other Boroughs; whereas, it was only if they were summoned in the event of an emergency to assist officers from Rush Township, but not that the Nesquehoning Borough was actually providing the coverage. Chief Weaver stated how he did not know if that was what they were actually looking for with the agreement. President Hawk stated how it was not worded that way. Mayor Kattner stated how that was something the chief, Solicitor Yurchak and himself could sit down and look at it.

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Councilman Paul stated how he did not like them going across the County line. He stated that in the past, Lansford, Summit Hill and Coaldale have come to assist Nesquehoning, but Rush Township has never assisted Nesquehoning. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they just needed to reject what they have. She stated how they needed to convey to Rush Township as to why they were rejecting it. President Hawk stated how they would need to negotiate on something else. He stated how it could be revisited in the future.

**All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- **(Draft) - Short Term Rentals Ordinance**
- **(Draft) - Quality Of Life and Ticket Ordinance**
- **(Draft) - Noise Ordinance**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how they were meeting next week to review the three draft ordinances. He stated how they were on hold until after they were reviewed.

- **Resolution – Act 57 – Real Estate Taxes**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to adopt the Act 57 Real Estate Tax Resolution. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how JTNB had sent an assignment to the Borough for the Nesquehoning Hose Company project grant, which needed to be approved. He stated how it would assure the bank that the Borough was releasing the grant funds to the Fire Company for their project loan.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and President Hawk seconded to add the JTNB assignment to the agenda. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- **JTNB Assignment**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to approve the assignment with the JTNB for the Fire Company Project grant funds. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to accept Planning Commission Report, Engineer's Report and Solicitor's Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**BOROUGH OF NESQUEHONING  
CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH, CARBON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, WAIVING ANY LATE FEES OR PENALTIES OF TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES IF SAID TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL AT THE BASE RATE WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR OF ISSUANCE PURSUANT TO ACT 57 OF 2022

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Legislature enacted Act 57 of 2022 to provide for real property tax relief for property owners who do not receive a real estate tax bill within one (1) year of purchasing a parcel of land; and,

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022 permits a "Taxing District" which has been defined as a "Borough, Town or Township of any class in this Commonwealth" to enact an ordinance or resolution to implement such relief; and,

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022 grants authority to Boroughs to enact property tax relief as provided in Section 7 and permits a taxing district, by majority vote to waive any penalties or fees if the base Township real estate tax is paid in full within one (1) year in order of issuance of the tax bill to effectuate financial relief to its residents and taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body must enact a Resolution and deliver same to the Tax Collector for the Taxing District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Carbon County, Pennsylvania:

Section 1. That any penalties and fees associated with late payments pertaining to real property taxes levied within Nesquehoning Borough may be waived for purchasers of real estate in the event no tax bill is received by the persons purchasing the real estate and the purchasers certify that no tax bill was received, and present a copy of the recorded deed showing date of transfer. The Said real estate purchasers of Nesquehoning Borough are hereby granted one (1) year from the date of purchase to make payment in full at the base rate of the real estate taxes upon real property upon request for waiver to the tax collector.

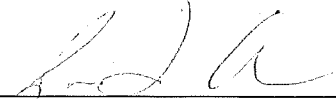
SECTION 2. All other municipal tax rates are to remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.


SECTION 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Tax Collector immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022 by the Council of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary

**NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BY:**   
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President

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**JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance 10.31.2022	746,159.39
Receipts	48,624.44
Expenditures	161,038.94
Balance 11.30.2022	633,744.89

**SANITATION FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	245,749.41
Receipts	26,127.04
Sewer	59,474.81
Expenditures	85,586.54
Balance 11.30.22	200,136.21

**SPORTS COMPLEX FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	88,021.70
Receipts	10.12
Expenditures	452.73
Balance 11.30.22	87,579.09

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Balance 09.30.22	7,004.79
Receipts	0.59
Expenditure	0.00
Balance 10.31.22	7,005.38

**\*ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Balance 10.31.22	218,967.49
Receipts	63.72
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 11.30.22	219,031.21

**FIRE TRUCK FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	215,291.90
Receipts	32.82
Expenditures	4,958.21
Balance 11.30.22	210,366.51

**SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE**

Balance 10.31.22	726,089.53
Receipts	59,660.31
Expenditures	59,244.13
Balance 11.30.22	726,505.71

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	224,956.96
Receipt	16,618.80
Expenditures	9,374.08
Balance 11.30.22	232,201.68

**POLICE PENSION FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	2,201,878.26
Receipt	3,600.43
Expenditures	-20,462.80
Appreciation/Depreciation	158,824.56
Balance 11.30.22	2,343,840.45

**NESQUEHONING LION CLUB**

Balance 10.31.22	10,207.05
Receipts	0.84
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 11.30.22	10,207.89

**HOME FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	38,055.91
Receipts	3.13
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 11.30.22	38,059.04

**GENERAL SEWER CONT FUND**

Balance 10.31.22	410,762.20
Receipts	1,347.88
Expenditures	20,105.43
Balance 11.30.22	392,004.65

**\*SOLAR PARK ESCROW ACCOUNT**

Balance 08.31.22	10,065.39
Receipts	2.51
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 11.30.22	10,067.90

**\*Savings Accounts Statements are on a Quarterly basis**

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**CD REPORT**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CURRENT VALUE 11.30.2022</b>	<b>INTEREST 11.30.2022</b>	<b>OPENING DATE</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>RENEWAL DATE</b>	<b>BANK</b>
GEN. SEWER	\$ 420,531.22	\$ 219.19	08-28-17	0.60%	08-26-23	JTNB
SANITATION	\$ 22,942.85	\$ 10.37	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
CAPITAL PROJ	\$ 11,245.31	\$ 5.08	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 10,986.80	\$ 4.96	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
SEWER	\$ 362,602.73	\$ 253.15	03-03-22	0.85%	03-02-24	JTNB
SEWER	\$ 518,003.88	\$ 361.64	03-03-22	0.85%	03-02-24	JTNB

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and the CD Report.**

Councilwoman Fox asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to explain what the Home Fund was. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the Home Program was a grant/low interest loan program, which was administered through the State. She stated how those funds were supposed to be repurposed back into the Borough for lower income property owners (owner/occupied properties) for home projects as loans/grants.

**All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

**November 2022**

Real Estate \$ 7,953.54  
 Occupational \$ 280.50  
 Per Capita \$ 154.00  
 TOTAL: \$ 8,388.04

**EXEMPTIONS:** Stephanie McMillan – Deceased - \$27.50  
 Walter Tristani – Deceased - \$206.00

**APPLICATIONS:** Dean Kunkle – Borough Employee

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. 11.14.2022 SaNoNi Blades and Brooms – Cutting Edge & Measuring Guide
2. 11.14.2022 Outten Jeep – Service Saving
3. 11.16.2022 LEM-PRO Clean Solutions – Professional Cleaning Services
4. 11.21.2022 PA Rural Water – Science Of Manhole Inspections
5. 11.28.2022 PennDOT LTAP – Fall 2022 Information Sheet

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6. 11.28.2022 PA Rural Water – Corrosion Control & Flushing
7. 11.29.2022 PA Rural Water – Water Filtration Options
8. 11.29.2022 ISETT Insider – Fall 2022
9. 12.02.2022 Reading & Northern Railroad – address change
10. 12.05.2022 Letter – Robert Sksputowski – Bringing in new businesses
11. 12.09.2022 PA State Associations of Boroughs – Upcoming PSAB Training
12. 12.12.2022 Systems Design Engineering, Inc – Lansford-Coaldale Joint Water Authority
13. 12.19.2022 Max Spann – Auction Company
14. 12.19.2022 Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health & Development Services

Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health was looking for a Green-Light Campaign for the month of May.

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to accept the Tax Collector’s Report with the exemptions and to approve all communications/application and place them on file. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

<b>PURCHASE ORDERS:</b>					
11/15/2022	11114	Tarp to cover cold patch	True Value	Andy	Highway
11/15/2022	11115	batteries for remote for meeting room	True Value	RSA	General
11/16/2022	11116	screw driver & screws to put up winter parking signs	True Value	Andy	Highway
11/21/2022	11117	plow	Em Kutz	Andy	Highway
11/21/2022	11118	hydraulic fluid , supplies	Ballis	Andy	Highway
11/21/2022	11119	bathroom apartment	True Value	Nick	GF
11/23/2022	11120	Flasher unit for Van	Kovatch Ford	Nick	Highway
11/29/2022	11121	battery for generator-approved by Mary Fox	Napa	Bob	SOM
		Blaster dry lube, Gloves, Spray deicer			
11/29/2022	11122	2 electric heaters-approved by Mary Fox	Friedman	Bob	SOM
11/29/2022	11123	chart rec, rubber gloves & wipes-approved by Mary Fox	Bluebook	Bob	SOM
11/29/2022	11124	Extension cord for Lions Tree	True Value	Mary Fox	SCF
11/29/2022	11125	Lions tree lights	True Value	Mary Fox	SCF
11/29/2022	11126	screen for apartment tub	True Value	Nick	GF
12/6/2022	11127	Envelopes - Adding machine paper	Office Depot	Shawn	SOM/Sani
12/7/2022	11128	8 - \$50 gift cards walmart	Walmart	Mike	Police
12/13/2022	11129	metal for truck-per Bob approved by Mary	Remaley metal	Bob	SOM
12/14/2022	11130	metal for truck per Nick approved by Louie for 750	Pottsville Metal	Nick	General
12/14/2022	11131	hydraulic fluid , supplies	Ballis	Andy	General
12/15/2022	11132	wiper blades for international	Quality	Nick	
12/19/2022	11133	citations	AOPC	Weaver	Police

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to approve all of the purchase orders. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Guardiani seconded to deposit all receipts, approve all bills to be ratified and pay all other bills. All voted yes. Motion passed.**



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**Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

**As of December 20, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Nov 17 - Dec '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	11/18/2022	14931	Barry Isett & Associates,	Professional Services - Octr	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (3,781.25)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14932	Carbon County Clerk of C	2021 Annual Audit - Financi	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (92.50)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14933	Commonwealth of Penns	Firearms Certification	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (300.00)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14934	Diehl Emergency Equipm	Fire Extinguishers, etc.	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (94.80)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14935	Grace Whildin		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (95.39)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14936	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (70.03)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14937	Highmark Group Medical	2206010001	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (12,477.90)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14938	Jim Thorpe Neighborhood	Bank	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (26,026.00)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14939	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 - Nov 2022	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (145.52)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14940	Quality Parts Co., Inc.	Headlight Dimmer Switch	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (190.94)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14941	American United Life Insurance	Company	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (425.12)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	14942	Windstream	Garage - 021866821 Nover	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (39.45)
Check	11/30/2022	EFT	Intuit	QuickBooks - Annual Subsc	-SPLIT-	\$ (689.00)
Check	12/02/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	12.02.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (30,315.17)
Bill Pmt -	12/02/2022	14943	U.S. Postal Service	Stamps-Certifieds	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (127.85)
Check	12/02/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (77.71)
Check	12/02/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (14.70)
Bill Pmt -	12/09/2022	EFT	Fleet Services	Acct. 0496-00-343234-1 - N	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,019.63)
Bill Pmt -	12/09/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Account# 0496-00-653100-(	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (959.80)
Check	12/15/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (79.04)
Check	12/15/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (14.95)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14944	Andrew Staehle	2022 Uniform	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (93.94)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14945	Blue Ridge Communications		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (173.44)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14946	Central Square Technolo	Visual Alert 2 Base Packagt	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,888.09)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14947	Nesquehoning True Value		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (148.88)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14948	Nicholas Degiglio	Clothing (Uniform )	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (81.67)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14949	S & O Computers, LLC		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (915.00)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14950	Stamp Fullfillment Service	Stamped Envelopes (Admin	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (350.75)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	14951	Timothy Wuttke	2022 Insurance reimbursem	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (16,808.04)
Check	12/16/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	12.16.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (27,569.57)
						<b>\$ (125,066.13)</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

**As of December 20, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Nov 17 - Dec '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12160	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (36.93)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12161	Highmark Group Medical	2206010001	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (5,953.27)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12162	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 - November	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (36.38)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12163	Water-Mechanics	Contract consultation Nover	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (650.00)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12164	American United Life Insurance	Company	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (72.68)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12165	Windstream	Acct. #021866821 - pumpin	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (38.46)
Bill Pmt -	11/30/2022	12166	Martins Electrical Service	Dialer at Pumpstation - Nov	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (90.00)
Check	12/02/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	12.02.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (5,038.38)
Bill Pmt -	12/02/2022	12167	United States Postal Serv	Stamps - Certifieds	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (245.60)
Bill Pmt -	12/09/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Closing Date November 23	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (497.44)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	12168	Blue Ridge Communications		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (225.23)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	12169	Diehl Emergency Equipm	Fire Extinguisher Inspection	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (5.70)
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	12170	R.J. Walker	Well Tanks	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (188.45)
Check	12/16/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	12.16.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (4,987.53)
						<b>\$ (18,066.05)</b>

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**BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS**

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

**As of December 20, 2022**

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Nov 17 - Dec '22						
Bill Pmt -	12/16/2022	1616	Diehl Emergency Equipm Inspection	Fire Extinguishe 20000	Accounts Payable	\$ (32.60)
Nov 17 - Dec '22						<u>\$ (32.60)</u>

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## BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

### Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund

#### Monthly Expenditures

December 21, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14952	Aftermath	Clean up jail cell	\$ (300.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14953	Balas Distributing	WW Fluid, Oil, WD40, Car Was	\$ (391.67)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14954	Bradco Supply Company		\$ (861.69)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14955	Daniel Long		\$ (239.06)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14956	Davidheiser's Inc.	Stop Watches tested	\$ (75.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14957	Deezines	Christmas Wreath - Lions Club	\$ (75.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14958	Diversified Technology Corp.	Upgrade to DBS	\$ (2,725.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14959	E. M. Kutz, Inc.	Handle crank collar	\$ (171.71)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14960	H. A. Berkheimer, Inc.		\$ (997.78)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14961	Heller's Gas	Borough garage Propane	\$ (665.98)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14962	Kattner's	Oil For Borough Office & Apartr	\$ (999.34)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14963	Marouchoc's Auto Repair		\$ (108.73)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14964	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	Cold Patch	\$ (594.83)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14965	Office Depot	Envelopes - Adding machine pa	\$ (56.46)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14966	PA State Association of Boroughs	Renewal Fee - 2023 - CDL - Me	\$ (75.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14967	PPL		\$ (602.99)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14968	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 11.10.2022 - 1:	\$ (726.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14969	RoniSue Ahner	Walmart Gift Cards for Police fc	\$ (400.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14970	S & O Computers, LLC		\$ (963.75)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14971	Seitz Bros. Exterminating Inc	Pest Control	\$ (567.49)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14972	Sernak Farms	2005 Bucket Van Ford Inspecti	\$ (60.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14973	St. Luke's Occupational Medicine	Physical Exam,Urine drug scre	\$ (507.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14974	Strubinger Law P.C.	Zoning Hearing Campbell	\$ (9.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14975	Telco, Inc.	Red light out - Replace light	\$ (291.70)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14976	The Times News	Account # 10001134 Invitation t	\$ (270.75)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14977	Topp Business Solutions	2022 Copies - Borough	\$ (175.72)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14978	United Concordia	Acct. # 536 400 0940 D000 Jan	\$ (543.69)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	14979	Verizon Wireless	Acct. # 842021582-00001 - Dec	\$ (102.55)
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					<b>\$ (13,558.39)</b>

### Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund

#### Monthly Expenditures

December 21, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1765	Borough of Nesquehoning	Tax Collector Salaries, Fica, Me	\$ (34.78)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1766	McGriff Insurance Services	Insurance Fee Consulting Fee	\$ (613.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1767	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 11.10.2022 - 12	\$ (748.00)
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					<b>\$ (1,395.78)</b>

### Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund

#### Monthly Expenditures

December 21, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12171	CWM Laboratories	Testing	\$ (825.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12172	Diversified Technology Corp.	Upgrade to DBS	\$ (2,725.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12173	Johnson Controls Security Solutions	Recurring Service Acct# 01300	\$ (161.98)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12174	Martins Electrical Service	Dialer at Pumpstation - Dec 202	\$ (90.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12175	Office Depot	Envelopes - Adding machine pa	\$ (56.46)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12176	PA One Call	Monthly Activity Fee	\$ (7.92)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12177	PPL		\$ (4,864.36)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12178	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 11.10.2022 - 12	\$ (143.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12179	RoniSue Ahner	Reimbursement - Part # BM6	\$ (498.41)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12180	United Concordia	Acct # 5364000940 -January 20	\$ (286.65)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	12181	Verizon	Dec 22 - 570-669-6630 751 76	\$ (46.78)
<b>December 21, 2022</b>					<b>\$ (9,705.56)</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**December 21, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 21, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	6240	Tamaqua Transfer & Recycling, Inc.	Dec 2022 - Acct# 531	\$ (35,870.12)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	EFT	SOM	November 2022 Sewer Paymer	\$ (43,555.60)
December 21, 2022					<u>\$ (79,425.72)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**December 21, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 21, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1617	Borough of Nesquehoning	2022 Tax Wages	\$ (6.58)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1618	Kattners Coal & Oil, Inc.	Recreation Center	\$ (471.96)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1619	PPL		\$ (255.87)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1620	Seitz Brothers, Inc.	Pest Control Service	\$ (567.49)
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1621	Barry Iseff & Associates	Engineering - Johnson Park	\$ (1,425.00)
December 21, 2022					<u>\$ (2,726.90)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Highway Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**December 21, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 21, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2022	1545	PPL	LED Street. Lights	\$ (4,778.06)
December 21, 2022					<u>\$ (4,778.06)</u>

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**BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS**

**Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/14/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 7,785.41
Deposit	11/14/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 474.47
Deposit	11/16/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 4,826.21
Deposit	11/16/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 164.09
Deposit	11/16/2022	Deposit	403.110 · Tax Collection	\$ 125.26
Deposit	11/21/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 6,160.74
Deposit	11/21/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 1,459.58
Deposit	11/23/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 5,280.39
Deposit	11/23/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 318.72
Deposit	11/23/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 543.83
Deposit	11/28/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 2,194.55
Deposit	11/28/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 1,613.61
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 555.17
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 10,658.32
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 12.65
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,497.22
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 164.09
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 55.01
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 3,262.49
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	360.000 · Charges for Services	\$ 25.00
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,183.98
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 8,809.72
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 850.00
Deposit	12/05/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 3,549.64
Deposit	12/07/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 9,362.77
Deposit	12/07/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 190.93
Deposit	12/12/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 5,103.75
Deposit	12/15/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 280.75
				<b>\$ 76,508.35</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 40.41
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 400.00
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 17.47
Deposit	12/15/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 79.04
				<b>\$ 536.92</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/30/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 7.64
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Income	\$ 7.21
Deposit	12/09/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 14.70
Deposit	12/15/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 14.95
				<b>\$ 44.50</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
General Journal	11/13/2022	16679	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	11/14/2022	16682	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,202.00
General Journal	11/15/2022	16685	-SPLIT-	\$ 529.00
General Journal	11/15/2022	16686	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,181.50
General Journal	11/16/2022	16687	-SPLIT-	\$ 285.00
General Journal	11/16/2022	16688	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,059.00
General Journal	11/17/2022	16691	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	11/17/2022	16692	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	11/17/2022	16694	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,019.00
General Journal	11/18/2022	16695	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,534.00
General Journal	11/20/2022	16696	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	11/21/2022	16693	-SPLIT-	\$ 8,165.00
General Journal	11/21/2022	16697	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,728.00
General Journal	11/22/2022	16698	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,214.00
General Journal	11/23/2022	16699	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,815.00
General Journal	11/23/2022	16701	-SPLIT-	\$ 306.00
General Journal	11/24/2022	16702	-SPLIT-	\$ 300.00
General Journal	11/25/2022	16703	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	11/27/2022	16704	-SPLIT-	\$ 300.00
General Journal	11/28/2022	16705	-SPLIT-	\$ 360.00
General Journal	11/28/2022	16706	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
General Journal	11/28/2022	16707	-SPLIT-	\$ 9,404.50
General Journal	11/29/2022	16710	-SPLIT-	\$ 864.00
General Journal	11/29/2022	16712	-SPLIT-	\$ 4,609.00
General Journal	11/30/2022	16711	-SPLIT-	\$ 192.00
General Journal	11/30/2022	16713	-SPLIT-	\$ 726.00
General Journal	11/30/2022	16714	-SPLIT-	\$ 564.30
General Journal	11/30/2022	16715	-SPLIT-	\$ 5,324.00
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	340.100 Interest Earnings	\$ 15.31
General Journal	12/01/2022	16719	-SPLIT-	\$ 434.00
General Journal	12/01/2022	16721	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,590.00
General Journal	12/02/2022	16723	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	12/02/2022	16726	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,188.50
General Journal	12/03/2022	16724	-SPLIT-	\$ 630.00
General Journal	12/04/2022	16725	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
General Journal	12/05/2022	16728	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	12/05/2022	16729	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,743.00
General Journal	12/06/2022	16733	-SPLIT-	\$ 510.00
General Journal	12/06/2022	16734	-SPLIT-	\$ 980.00
General Journal	12/07/2022	16736	-SPLIT-	\$ 322.00
General Journal	12/07/2022	16737	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,104.00
General Journal	12/08/2022	16738	-SPLIT-	\$ 504.00
General Journal	12/08/2022	16739	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,568.00
General Journal	12/09/2022	16740	-SPLIT-	\$ 564.00
General Journal	12/09/2022	16746	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,181.00
General Journal	12/10/2022	16741	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
General Journal	12/11/2022	16744	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	12/12/2022	16745	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	12/12/2022	16747	-SPLIT-	\$ 894.00
General Journal	12/12/2022	16748	-SPLIT-	\$ 252.00
General Journal	12/12/2022	16749	-SPLIT-	\$ 4,642.00
General Journal	12/13/2022	16751	-SPLIT-	\$ 387.00
General Journal	12/13/2022	16753	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	12/13/2022	16754	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,160.00
General Journal	12/14/2022	16755	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	12/14/2022	16757	-SPLIT-	\$ (60.00)
General Journal	12/14/2022	16759	-SPLIT-	\$ 610.00
General Journal	12/14/2022	16760	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,473.50
				<b>\$ 83,011.61</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - Community Projects Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/14/2022	Deposit	12000 · Undeposited Funds	\$ 500.00
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 581.95
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 33.34
				<u>\$ 1,115.29</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Highway Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/21/2022	Deposit	380.100 · Miscellaneous	\$ 16,600.00
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	380.341 · Interest Earnings	\$ 18.80
				<u>\$ 16,618.80</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of December 17, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 13 - Dec 17 '22				
Deposit	11/14/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 124.07
Deposit	11/18/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 124.07
Deposit	11/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 61.43
Deposit	12/02/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 124.07
				<u>\$ 433.64</u>





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Councilman Nalesnik asked Chief Weaver if they had verified the monthly cost of maintaining the Toughbooks in the vehicles. Chief Weaver stated that the only thing that they had to worry about was the Wifi cards. He stated how the Durango had a computer and they did not have the Wifi cards in the past, because they were using hotspots off of the iPads to access the computer. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they will eventually want the Wifi cards and asked if he had a cost on that. Chief Weaver stated how he did not get a cost for the cards. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it was another item that they did not consider which would be perpetual.

Councilman Nalesnik asked if there was a trade in value for the rifles that the Borough currently had. Chief Weaver stated that they have one rifle that they were able to use. He stated how they were missing the optics on a second one, which did work, but they were not able to use it. Chief Weaver stated how they could look into selling the old rifles. President Hawk stated about liquidating the old rifles on either a trade in or sale. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she wanted to clarify that they had four full-time officers and one rifle to use between those officers.

**All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilman Paul stated about starting a police fund so when the police would need something they did not have to come before Council. He stated that any citations or tickets would go into that police fund. Councilman Paul stated that when the police would need something, the funds would be available and they would not have to debate or argue as to where they were getting the money from. He stated that the police fines would be used for police and not for other things; buildings, roads, lights, etc. Councilman Paul stated how the police fund would be like the Fire Company Fund (Fire Truck Fund); where as their violation fees get deposited into that fund and when the fire companies need something, they take it.

Solicitor Yurchak stated that they were getting into dangerous territory when they talk about using the funding from the citations. He stated how it will look like they were setting quotas. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she does not know if DCED or the Auditors will allow something like that. She stated how it would be something that they would need approval from the State before they could approve something like that.

Councilman Paul stated how the Automatic Fire Alarm fines go into the Fire Truck Fund and the Fire Companies get that money. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated "no". Councilman Paul stated to Secretary/Treasurer Ahner how she told him that they did get that money. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the fine money goes into the Fire Truck Fund, but the Borough budgets Fire Company yearly allotments, Vehicle insurance, etc. She stated how the Fire Companies submit their request to the Borough prior to the end of the year so those items can be included in the budget. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was not something that they were allowed to automatically spend out of the fund, it has to be approved. Councilman Paul stated how he did not see much difference between that and what he was suggesting. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that parking tickets, citations, speeding tickets (which were submitted through State Police fines) were all income budgeted items within their General Fund Budget. She stated that she did not know if the State would allow them to pull those items out of the General Fund and place them into a different fund. Councilman Paul stated about keeping track of it, so when the police need something they can see how much fine money was available.

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Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the Borough budgets, real estate taxes through millage; 1.85 mills for fire protection, .35 mills for recreation and 17.1 mills for the general function of the Borough, which includes police, office and streets. She stated how George Sabol had wanted the police to have their own fund/budget, which they were not able to do. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had asked the auditors at that time, if it could be done and they told her flat out no. Councilwoman Kuba asked if she could talk to the auditors again, just to get clarification. Councilman Paul stated how he would like to talk to the auditors.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that if they would look at the line items in the general fund budget, the borough anticipates (budgets) is bringing in funds for citations, parking tickets, etc. President Hawk stated how they do know what those values were by looking at the budget. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how those funds were used towards police uniforms, police vehicle insurance/maintenance/fuel, police department utilities, etc.; that they just did not have an open checkbook to use the funds to get whatever they wanted. Councilman Paul stated how it was always pulling teeth with the police wanted something. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that if they were to submit their request prior to creating the budget, the items would be placed into the budget. Councilman Paul stated how they do not spend their money wisely. Councilman Nalesnik stated how the Borough Council members have to approve expenditures from any account. President Hawk stated how they can look at their budget to see what came in from fines. He stated how it was not all lumped into the general fund, so they do know what was being brought in. Councilman Paul stated how he wants to see their police get what they need. She stated how he was going to make sure that the police had enough to stay and have the proper tools to protect the people of the town. Councilman Paul stated that as the Chairman of Public Safety, it was what he was going to fight for.

Councilwoman Kuba stated that the Council Members were very appreciative for what the Fire Departments and the Police Department was doing for Nesquehoning.

- **Officer Breiner – Letter of Request – Carry over unused vacation/personal time**  
Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to allow the full-time police officers to carry over their personal and vacation time. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### ❖ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kattner stated how they started with nothing and Chief Weaver was going to take their police force far and beyond what they were. He stated how they have great cops on duty and they were doing their job the proper way. Mayor Kattner stated how he was very happy that the Council Members were on board to get the police department back to where they need to be. He stated how he wanted to thank all of Council especially Councilman Paul.

### ❖ POLICE REPORT

- December 2022 Police Report

Mayor Kattner read the breakdown of the police report which totaled \$3,727.88 of fine money that was received for November/December 2022. He stated how there were 126 traffic citations issued, 6 traffic accidents and 293 total incidents reported.

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- **Handicap Parking Sign – Lori A. Arthur**
- **Handicap Parking Sign – Historical Society**

**Councilwoman Guardiani moved and Councilman Paul seconded to approve the Handicap parking signs for Lori Arthur at 200 E. Center Street and the Nesquehoning Historical Society at 159 W. Railroad Street. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- **Tires – Police Explorer**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to purchase and have mounted Goodyear Enforcer Winter Tires at \$150.56 per tire and \$112.00 for balancing/mounting from Snyder Tire. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

❖ **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

- **Letter of Interest – John Zlock – Civil Service Commission**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to appoint John Zlock to the Civil Service Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they need a representative from Borough Council to be an alternate on the Civil Service Commission. Councilwoman Kuba stated how she would be the alternate.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to appoint Councilwoman Kuba as the alternate member on the Civil Service Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

❖ **HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

- Gene Kennedy – Zoning Report – November 2022
- Chip Stalega BIA – November Code Report 2022

❖ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- November 16, 2022 – Avoidable Alarm Violation – 90 E. Catawissa Street
- December 15, 2022 – Avoidable Alarm Violation – 90 E. Catawissa Street

John McArdle stated about the truck accident on Route 93 in September 2022 and asked Solicitor Yurchak what the status was with the insurance carrier concerning the letter he had sent them. Solicitor Yurchak stated how the insurance company had requested a copy of the police report, which he was going to have Chief Weaver send him a copy. Mr. McArdle asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner if she had gotten a response concerning the absorbent letter for the accident that occurred on Route 93 on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated “no”. Mr. McArdle asked if Solicitor Yurchak could send a letter to the insurance carrier/trucking company for that accident.

Mr. McArdle stated how another concern that he had was due to discussions about the blighted properties. He asked if Councilwoman Guardiani could provide him with a list of the properties and their findings. Mr. McArdle stated how he would like to put that information into the Computerized Dispatch for the Communications Center. He stated how they could put an alert out for whoever was responding to an incident at those properties. Mr. McArdle stated how it would put up a flag that if they were to have an incident at the property, they were not going to rush right in.

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Mr. McArdle stated how he had a property that they have been to several times for an automatic alarm and when they get there, the alarm has been turned off. He stated how they were having an issue with the property owner and asked if Solicitor Yurchak send him a letter making him aware of the ordinance and what the cost were going to be.

Mr. McArdle stated how they had a very productive meeting concerning the Lake Hauto Water System. He stated how they had the majority of the players at the meeting, including Representative Heffley and Senator Argall. Mr. McArdle stated that the Lansford/Coaldale Joint Water Authority had authorized their engineer to conduct a study of the water system at Lake Hauto, which would take approximately one year. He stated that Representative Heffley and Senator Argall have offered their support in the form of funding, which the Carbon County side of the Lake had the opportunity to apply for the LSA Grant.

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to accept the Public Safety Committee Report, which includes the Mayor Report, Police Report, Civil Service Report, Housing & Code Report and Emergency Management Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**2. STREETS                    LOUIE PAUL, CHAIRMAN; BRUCE NALESNIK, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
FRAN HEANEY**

• **Award Road Material Bids**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to approve the 2022 Road Material Bids as follows:**

- **Lehigh Asphalt – Type A sand at a bid price of \$30.00 per ton delivered.**
- **New Enterprise – Base 25.0mm at a bid price of \$81.50 delivered.**
- **New Enterprise – Wearing 19.0mm at a bid price of \$87.35 delivered.**
- **New Enterprise – Wearing 9.5mm at a bid price of \$97.65 delivered.**
- **Lehigh Asphalt – #57 (2B Stone) at a bid price of \$25.75 per ton delivered.**
- **New Enterprise – 2A (Modified) at a bid price of \$22.25 per ton delivered.**
- **Lehigh Asphalt – #3 Stone at a bid price of \$25.45 per ton delivered.**
- **Lehigh Asphalt – #4 Stone at a bid price of \$25.45 per ton delivered.**
- **New Enterprise – Cold patch at a bid price of \$147.60 per ton FOB Plant**

**All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilman Paul stated how he wanted to thank the Borough workers for a job well done with the last snow fall/nuisance. He stated how he would also like to thank the girls in the front office with communications with him and the drivers. Councilman Paul stated how he did not want people coming into the office and abusing the office workers, because they were not out there plowing the snow. He stated how the drivers were going to clear the middle of the streets first and then come back around to push the snow back. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they should thank the Police department as well for riding around with the loud speaker informing the residents that they should be moving their vehicles.

Councilman Paul stated that as of the first of the year, he was declining the chair for the Street Committee. He stated that he would help whoever was going to take it.

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**3. SEWER**

**MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; BRUCE NALESNICK, CO-CHAIRMAN;  
FRAN HEANEY**

- **November 2022 Sewer/Sanitation Adjustment Report**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Nalesnik seconded to approve the November 2022 Sewer/ Sanitation Adjustments. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- **Jim Collura – Request for utility billing to be stopped at 1100 E Catawissa Street.**

Councilwoman Fox asked if the water was turned off at 1100 E. Catawissa Street. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the property was on a well. She stated how the old request was discussed a few months ago. Councilwoman Fox asked if the water was not off, how did they know if the utilities were not be used. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that in the request letter they were planning on doing renovations over the winter in order to sell the property. She stated that they did not know if they were going to put garbage out or use the water while they were working there. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if the Water Authority was able to lock off the water even though they were on a well. Solicitor Yurchak stated “yes”. President Hawk stated that they could if there was a valve. He stated how they could ask about them allowing a water meter for sewage purposes, since once it got sold, they would have to install one anyway. Councilwoman Fox stated about tabling the request until they have more information.

Councilwoman Fox stated how the insurance company was not going to pay for the damages from the first incident or the third incident. She stated how the third incident should be referred to Martin’s insurance. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the insurance was paying for the second incident, because the Borough had knowledge of the issue, since it had happened before. Councilwoman Fox stated how she thought that it should be the other way around; covering the first incident since it was equipment failure and not covering the second incident since the Borough had knowledge of the issue.

**4. BUILDINGS  
& GROUNDS**

**BRUCE NALESNIK, CHAIRMAN; LOUIE PAUL, CO- CHAIRMAN;  
ABBIE GUARDIANI**

No report.

Councilman Nalesnik asked about the status of the grant for the Body Cameras. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were awarded \$10,000.00 for the PCCD Body Camera grant. Councilman Nalesnik asked what their next step was. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had to get President Hawk to sign the award/contract letter and submit it. Chief Weaver stated how they will lock in the price on the Body Cameras and get them ordered. He stated how they will also have to develop all of the policies that were required.

**5. SANITATION &  
QUALITY OF LIFE**

**ABBIE GUARDIANI, CHAIRWOMAN; LOIS KUBA CO- CHAIR-  
WOMAN; MARY FOX**

- November 2022 Tamaqua Transfer Tonnage Report
- Certificate of Recycling

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that there was 175.63 tons of garbage for November 2022. She stated how they had recycled 5,922 pounds of electronic waste.

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Councilwoman Guardiani stated how there were three ordinances that the committee was going to review with Solicitor Yurchak.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she would like to set up a meeting with the Fire Chiefs and Mr. Stalega to review the list of properties. She stated how she would like to discuss a placard system, just like placing a condemned sign on a building. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the fire companies would know not to enter the building and to only fight the fire from the outside. Mr. McArdle stated how people do like to remove the placards.

### ❖ BLIGHT COMMITTEE

- Update on Blighted Properties (10)
- 129 E. Center Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Mr. Stalega had sent the property owner an NOV, but she did not know if it was returned or signed for.
- 571 E. Center Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Rocket Mortgage had taken back possession of the property.
- 1, 3, 5 E. High Street – Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Judge had contacted him for some clarification on those properties. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how someone had cut back the brush at those properties, so they could really see the house now.
- 111 W. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how an NOV was sent on November 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated how the fines will be increasing as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 227 / 229 E. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how someone did purchase those properties. She stated how they have gotten building and zoning permits and were informed that they needed to get in touch with Gene Kennedy and Tim Dow. She stated how they were going to being go back with a 4 unit.
- 217 W. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they had met with the owners of the other half of double and they have offered to purchase the property and to fix the roof and she had refused them. Councilwoman Fox asked if the neighbor could press charges against the property owner for the damages to the other half of the property. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they could, but they did not want to go that far yet. She stated how a citation was filed at the magistrate's office and they were accruing a fine of \$25.00 a day. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that if they needed to, they could file a lien against another (nicer) property that she owned in PA. She stated how the property has been taped off so nobody goes on the porch.
- Old Factory next to the post office – Mr. McArdle stated how they had just put a roof on that property. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Mr. Stalega has sent the property owner an NOV for the roof. She stated how there was a possibility of that property being sold.
- 130 / 132 W. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she was made aware that there was a hole in the roof at that property, which they were sent a NOV.
- 251 W. Railroad Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Mr. Stalega had told her that the hole in the door had been closed, but she did not know any more.

### 6. RECREATION    **LOIS KUBA, CHAIRWOMAN; MARY FOX, CO-CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID HAWK**

- Dimmick Digest – November/December 2022

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- **Ashley Smith – Letter of Interest – Recreation Commission**

**Councilwoman Kuba moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to appoint Ashley Smith to the Recreation Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to accept Grace Whildin's resignation from the Recreation Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilwoman Kuba stated how the Recreation Commission held an ornament making session for the kids on December 1<sup>st</sup> and a Paint N' Sip on December 6<sup>th</sup>, which were both well received. She stated about the Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup> and how there were over 100 children in attendance. Councilwoman Kuba stated how they will be holding a gun bingo on March 4<sup>th</sup>, which they were selling 200 tickets. She stated how they had strict rules for getting the guns afterwards; background checks and guns were being held at Dave's Gun Shop. Councilwoman Kuba stated that their next Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Kuba stated that the bids will be on the agenda for the January meeting for the Johnson & Jacobs Memorial Park. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the engineers from Barry Isett and Associates will be presenting the project to all of Council at their January regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. She stated how they will be voting to advertise the project at that meeting.

Councilwoman Kuba stated to Councilman Nalesnik about getting together after the New Year to see what they could do in the kitchen/bathroom at the Recreation Center. Councilwoman Fox stated about looking into a LSA Grant for the Recreation Center. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the LSA Grants usually open in June/July and close on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Kuba stated about getting done in the New Columbus Park also. She stated how that park will be utilized by more of the youth.

**7. BUDGET/FINANCE      FRAN HEANEY, CHAIRWOMAN; BRUCE NALESNIK, CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK**

- Lehighon Ambulance Association, Inc. – Request

Councilwoman Heaney stated how they had discussed the Ambulance's request and they did not know if they were looking for a one time donation or a monthly donation. She stated how she did not have a problem with giving them a onetime donation. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the request looked like they were asking for a line item in the budget. She asked if they had a line item in the budget when they had the Nesquehoning Ambulance (their Ambulance in town). Mr. McArdle stated how the Borough paid for the Ambulance's insurance every year, which was approximately \$4,500.00. Councilwoman Heaney stated how that was part of their discussion, because they wanted to support them, but financially to what degree. Councilwoman Kuba asked if any of the other towns were donating and how much if they were. Mr. McArdle suggested that they contact Keith Heckman, since he was the individual that ran the Ambulance and ask him to attend a meeting. President Hawk stated how they could invite him to one of their workshop meetings.

- Donation Request – Panther Valley Museum – Robert Siesputowski
- **Adopt the 2023 General Fund, Fire Truck Fund & Sports Complex Fund Budgets**

Councilwoman Heaney stated that they would be raising the millage .25 of a mill. She stated how the millage would be set at 19.55 mills, which include Recreation .35 mills, Fire 1.85 mills and the General Fund 17.35 mills.

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Councilwoman Heaney stated that they had a balanced General Fund budget at \$1,850,149.60. She stated that they had a balanced Recreation Fund budget at \$57,626.87. Councilwoman Heaney stated how they had a net income of \$6,905.88 for the Fire Truck Fund budget, which had an income of \$118,972.69 and expenses of \$112,066.81.

**Councilwoman Heaney moved and Councilwoman Guardiani seconded to adopt the 2023 General Fund, Fire Truck Fund, and Sports Complex Fund Budgets with the .25 mills increase. All voted yes except Councilman Nalesnik who voted no. Motion passed.**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to advertise the Tax Levy Ordinance. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**8. PERSONNEL/ SAFETY MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; BRUCE NALESNIK, CO-CHAIRMAN; FRAN HEANEY**

- PIRMA – Property & Liability Insurance Changes in Coverage
- Borough Policy – Storage of Personal Belongings

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to adopt the Storage of Personal Belongings on Borough Property Policy. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilwoman Fox stated about giving the employees the handbooks. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if the Committee wanted to review the handbook, because there were a few changes made since they had adopted it in 2015, plus they did not coincide with the contracts. Councilwoman Fox state dhow they would schedule a meeting early in January.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to accept all of the Committee Reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilwoman Heaney moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to advertise the 2023 Meeting Dates. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Paul stated about the snow blower and if the water authority would pay half the cost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilwoman Heaney moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer