

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

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

Councilwoman Poremba was absent.

President Hawk asked for a moment of silence to remember and recognize the passing of Council Frank Jacobs.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to authorize Solicitor Yurchak to draft a Resolution and Proclamation to commemorate Frank Jacobs' service to the Borough. All voted yes. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Approve the minutes from the Workshop/Committee meeting held on April 13, 2022 and May 11, 2022 and the minutes from the Regular Meetings held on April 27, 2022.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to approve the minutes from the Workshop/Committee meetings held on April 13, 2022 and May 11, 2022 and the minutes from the Regular meeting held on April 27, 2022. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Fox stated that after speaking to Solicitor Yurchak she would like to wait until they were able to publicize the vacancy in the paper. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they have 30 days to fill the seat and they will be holding a special meeting in early June for other reasons. President Hawk stated how they will get something in the paper to see if they have any other interested individuals.

- Suzanne Smith – Letter of Interest for vacated council seat.
- Rose Chapello – Letter of Interest for vacated council seat.
- Dawn Jacobs – Letter of Interest for vacated council seat.
- Sal Polichetti – Letter of interest for vacated council seat.

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

HEARING OF VISITORS

George Sabol – 158 Padua Street – stated how he wanted to apologize to Council and especially Councilman Paul for losing his temper and sounding off at a public meeting; yelling obscenities, which was totally unacceptable and should never have happened. He stated how he was extending his apologize and hoped that they would accept it.

Mr. Sabol stated that whoever got the banners and the flags for the bridge, hats off to them, because it looked great.

Mr. Sabol stated how the Borough purchased Station Park and how it was one of his biggest pet projects. He stated how they were not planning on installing any swings for kids, but it would be a place for people of all ages to hang out. Mr. Sabol stated how he wanted to make it a Railroad theme, because it was the location of the Borough's train station, which burned down in the 70s.

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Mr. Sabol stated about the issue that the Borough was having with the property, because Mr. Stempa had staked a claim to the property for whatever reason. He stated how he and Councilman Paul had tried to work with Mr. Stempa to come up with an agreeable plan for the property. Mr. Sabol stated how he never had a confrontation with Mr. Stempa over that property. He stated how Mr. Stempa was trying to cause trouble, to build a bogus case against him. Mr. Sabol stated that he would hope that Council would make a decision as to what he could or could not do at Station Park. He stated how he has volunteered his time for years down there and has spent thousands of dollars of his own money.

Mr. Sabol stated that two weeks ago he cut the grass at Station Park, with his own zero turn lawn mower. He stated how he raked the stone, which he had asked permission to do so; along with cutting the ornamental grass and fixing the pole that broke off. Mr. Sabol stated how he was working at Station Park, cutting the grass and weeds, hanging a lantern, hanging a post with a railroad crossing sign that read "stop, look & listen", etc. He stated how Mr. Stempa raced by twice and they looked at each other. He stated how Mr. Stempa got out of his truck and slammed his door. Mr. Sabol stated that Mr. Stempa was looking at him so he was looking at Mr. Stempa, who got back in his truck slamming his door and took off. He stated how that happened approximately four times.

Mr. Sabol stated that he was standing there and five minutes later Officer Weaver showed up explaining to him on how he had received a phone call from Mr. Stempa claiming that he was staring at him. He stated how he did not utter a word or made any obscene jesters toward Mr. Stempa and the police were called. Mr. Sabol stated how he had received a copy of the incident report, which he could read to them: 'Officer Weaver was dispatched to the area of 227 W. Mill Street for a disturbance. The caller, Bob Stempa, stated that George Sabol was across the street staring at him. I arrived on scene and made contact with George, who was standing directly across the street from Stempa's garage. I spoke to George, who stated that he did all of the landscaping there.' He stated how he was admiring his work. Mr. Sabol stated that he did not know what the incident was. He stated how he was given permission to go there.

Mr. Sabol stated how the Borough crew did the form for his Antique, Cast-Iron Nesquehoning Valley Railroad mile marker, which he got from someone who lived in Nesquehoning. He stated how he wanted to get it up for Memorial Day.

Mr. Sabol stated that he had heard how the Borough was looking to sell that property and he was hoping that they would not do that. He stated how it was for the benefit of the tax payers; their enjoyment. Mr. Sabol stated how the Railroad was making an investment in the town, if he would pay taxes or not. Councilwoman Fox stated that Mr. Sabol was supposed to let President Hawk know what he was going to be doing on the property. He stated about not utilizing Borough equipment. Mr. Sabol stated how he had signed the waiver. He stated how he was not told that he had to contact President Hawk every single time that he wanted to go down there. President Hawk stated that he did not have any problem with Mr. Sabol doing the maintenance like he had requested. He stated that he asked Mr. Sabol to sign the waiver, which he did. President Hawk stated that the main issue was that there was still an ongoing lawsuit for that property. He stated how anything that would happen down there could influence the lawsuit and they just want to get it over with. President Hawk stated how they could not have things going on that would prolong it or complicate it. He stated that he believed that the ball was in Mr. Stempa's court. President Hawk stated how they were just hoping to get it resolved. He stated that in the meantime, they thought that they could have him down there doing some things and it would not be a problem, but apparently for Mr. Stempa it was. President Hawk stated how that was why they had asked him again to wait.

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Mr. Sabol asked if everyone else on Council agree with that assessment. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were taking the advice of their Solicitor as far as the lawsuit goes. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they had discussed that property at the last meeting and it has come to a point where the Council members have to decide what they want to do. He stated that if they wanted to develop it into a park, he had suggested that they get an engineer to draft a proper layout for what was appropriate for that property or did they want to investigate selling it. Councilman Nalesnik asked if they wanted a park by a railroad track; if it was the best thing for a train that did not stop or slow down. He stated how they did not make a decision but they did discuss their options. Mr. Sabol stated that he did not see where it was a liability to the Borough and they were using that as an excuse. He stated how there would not be any swings down there. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they were luring people to an area where a train goes through. Councilwoman Kuba stated how she felt the same way; she was listening to the Solicitor's advice and also to the advice of all the Council members who have been there before her. She stated how she was very concerned for the children.

Mr. Sabol stated how he apologized to Councilman Paul, to all of the Council Members, to the audience and to all of the citizens of the town for his inappropriate actions. He stated how it was wrong. Councilwoman Fox stated that she felt how he was doing a nice job, but they had to take the advice of their solicitor. She stated how they did not want to impair the lawsuit. Mr. Sabol asked how long the lawsuit was going on. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he did not know, because he was not directly handling the case. President Hawk stated how the Borough has other legal counsel representing them with that matter. Mr. Sabol asked if it had been going on for 2 years. President Hawk stated that it could be going on two years since it started. Mr. Sabol asked Solicitor Yurchak that in his professional/legal opinion, how long do those things usually take. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he was not handling that specific case and each case was different.

Mr. Sabol asked if he could hang the mile marker, because the concrete was already there. Councilman Nalesnik stated that in the interim, maybe he could give it to the Nesquehoning Historical Society until the time would come when they could place it down on the property. Mr. Sabol stated how that was his next option. He stated how he had several pieces of historical artifacts that he had wanted to donate to the Borough. Councilwoman Fox stated to Mr. Sabol that she did appreciate all of the work he had put into the property. She stated that when everything was finalized, they could review his plan with an engineer, because she felt that it would be an asset to the town. Mr. Sabol stated about hiring an engineer to place some historical artifacts. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it would be for a site study to see what would work best for the property; water runoff, accessibility, etc. Mr. Sabol asked how much an engineer study would cost. Councilman Nalesnik stated that he did not know; that it was something that they had to look into.

Mr. Sabol asked how he would go about putting it on a referendum for the people to vote on. President Hawk stated how he did not know. Solicitor Yurchak stated how he might have to get in touch with the elections bureau. Mr. Sabol stated how they should get in on the ballot for the November election; to see if the people want the Borough to sell the property or keep it for a park. He apologized again for his actions and thanked the Council Members for their time.

Mike Malaska – 112 W. Diaz Avenue – stated how the light had not been fixed yet on the side of the Borough building.

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PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

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JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 03.31.22	68,051.84
Receipts	135,241.00
Expenditures	77,481.74
Balance 04.30.22	125,811.10

SANITATION FUND

Balance 03.31.22	158,168.86
Receipts	99,728.77
Sewer	56,407.24
Expenditures	56,407.24
Balance 04.30.22	201,490.39

SPORTS COMPLEX FUND

Balance 03.31.22	72,023.32
Receipts	103.68
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	72,127.00

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Balance 03.31.22	8,147.22
Receipts	144.15
Expenditure	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	8,291.37

***ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Balance 03.31.22	155,425.56
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	155,425.56

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance 03.31.22	173,795.78
Receipts	530.84
Expenditures	18,293.66
Balance 04.30.22	156,032.96

SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

Balance 03.31.22	658,298.16
Receipts	71,024.04
Expenditures	17,264.32
Balance 04.30.22	712,057.32

HIGHWAY FUND

Balance 03.31.22	252,552.44
Receipt	20.07
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	252,552.44

POLICE PENSION FUND

Balance 03.31.22	2,699,266.33
Receipt	2,421.92
Expenditures	-12,038.04
Appreciation/Depreciation	- 236,065.42
Balance 04.30.22	2,453,584.79

***NESQUEHONING LION CLUB**

Balance 03.31.22	10,201.07
Receipts	0.88
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	10,201.88

HOME FUND

Balance 03.31.22	31,636.00
Receipts	2.51
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	31,638.51

GENERAL SEWER CONT FUND

Balance 03.31.22	292,497.60
Receipts	23.24
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 04.30.22	292,497.60

***SOLAR PARK ESCROW ACCOUNT**

Balance 11.30.21	10,057.82
Receipts	2.48
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 02.28.22	10,060.31

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

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CD REPORT

FUND	CURRENT VALUE 04.30.22	INTEREST 04.30.22	OPENING DATE	CURRENT RATE	RENEWAL DATE	BANK
GEN. SEWER	\$418,054.84	\$ 213.44	08-28-17	0.60%	08-26-23	JTNB
SANITATION	\$ 22,869.00	\$ 10.33	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
CAPITAL PROJ	\$ 11,209.11	\$ 5.06	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 10,951.44	\$ 4.95	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
SEWER	\$360,800.80	\$ 251.89	03-03-22	0.85%	03-02-24	JTNB
SEWER	\$515,429.70	\$ 359.84	03-03-22	0.85%	03-02-24	JTNB

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and the CD Report. All voted yes. Motion passed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

April 2022

Real Estate	\$215,179.27
Occupational	\$ 2,499.00
Per Capita	<u>\$ 2,783.20</u>
TOTAL:	\$220,461.47

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 04.28.2022 Elaine Kloss – Request permission to cleanup property near 1 Seventh Ave.
2. 05.03.2022 Pa One-call – Pipeline Safety Bulletin
3. 05.09.2022 PVH CORP – Annual Meeting of Stockholders
4. 05.17.2022 PennDOT – Yield to Pedestrian Channelizing Devices
5. 05.19.2022 Costars Connection 2022 Spring edition
6. 05.19.2022 DEP – Surface Mining Permit – BET Associates IV, LLC

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to approve the Tax Collector's Report and to approve all the communications and place them on file. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund

Bills to be Ratified

As of May 24, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	14660	American United Life Insurance Company		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (483.88)
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	14661	Arro Consulting, Inc.		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,843.50)
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	14662	Heller's Gas	337 W. Railroad Propane	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (66.05)
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	14663	New Enterprise Stone & L Cold Patch		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (953.81)
Bill Pmt -	05/02/2022	EFT	Fleet Services	Acct. 0496-00-343234-1 - A	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (344.06)
Bill Pmt -	05/02/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Acct. # 0496-00-653100-8 -	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (372.82)
Bill Pmt -	05/02/2022	14664	U.S. Postal Service	Stamps-Certifieds	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (123.38)
Check	05/04/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff May 4, 2022 Transf	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (294.87)
Check	05/04/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff May 4, 2022 Transf	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (55.79)
Check	05/05/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff April 27, 2022 Tran	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (502.92)
Check	05/05/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff April 27, 2022 Tran	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (95.15)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	14665	Nesquehoning True Value	brass padlock - outside fauc	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (9.99)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	14666	Secure Watch 24, LLC	LPR Hosting - Mission Critic	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (600.00)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	14667	Sean Smith	Pay period - April 17 - 30, 2i	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (3,115.20)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	14668	Timothy Wuttke	Pay period - April 17 - 30, 2i	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (2,686.40)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	14669	Windstream	Garage - 021866821 April 2	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (39.72)
Check	05/06/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	05.06.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (22,662.28)
Check	05/11/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff May 11, 2022 Tran	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (49.03)
Check	05/11/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff May 11, 2022 Tran	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinq	\$ (259.16)
Bill Pmt -	05/13/2022	14670	Blue Ridge Communications		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (172.36)
Bill Pmt -	05/13/2022	14671	The Times News		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (116.20)
Check	05/18/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	April 2022 Collections - tran	301.100 · Real Property Taxes	\$ (20,625.99)
Check	05/18/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	April 2022 Collections - tran	301.100 · Real Property Taxes	\$ (3,902.22)
Bill Pmt -	05/20/2022	14672	Sean Smith	Pay period - May 1 - 14, 20i	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (3,115.20)
Bill Pmt -	05/20/2022	14673	Timothy Wuttke	Pay period - May 1 - 14, 20i	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (2,686.40)
Check	05/20/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	05.20.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (29,827.55)
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						\$ (95,003.93)

Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund

Bills to be Ratified

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	11992	American United Life Insurance Company		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (72.68)
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	11993	Water-Mechanics	Contract consultation April 2	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (850.00)
Bill Pmt -	04/29/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Closing Date April 29, 2022	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (113.46)
Bill Pmt -	05/02/2022	11994	United States Postal Serv	Stamps - Certifieds	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (204.56)
Check	05/06/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	05.06.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (4,461.98)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	11995	Nesquehoning True Value		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (63.78)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	11996	Verizon Wireless	Acct # 842021582 - April 20	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (57.10)
Bill Pmt -	05/06/2022	11997	Windstream	Acct. #021866821 - pumpin	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (39.73)
Bill Pmt -	05/13/2022	11998	Blue Ridge Communications		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (218.14)
Bill Pmt -	05/13/2022	11999	Verizon	May 22 - 570-669-6630 751	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (58.41)
Check	05/20/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	05.20.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (4,719.89)
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						\$ (10,859.73)

Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund

Bills to be Ratified

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						
Bill Pmt -	05/19/2022	1731	Jim Thorpe Neighborhod	Payment due May 8, 2022	20000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (26,478.02)
Bill Pmt -	05/19/2022	1732	John P. McArdle	Reimbursement on postage f	20000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (7.96)
Apr 28 - May 24 '22						\$ (26,485.98)

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Monthly Expenditures

May 25, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14674	Amazon	Wheel for bench grinder	\$ (31.12)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14675	Arro Consulting, Inc.		\$ (803.78)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14676	Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services - April 20	\$ (110.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14677	Corey Herring	Police Uniform:Corey Herring	\$ (258.55)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14678	County of Carbon	Telecommunications /May 2022	\$ (627.94)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14679	Datapilot	Product Code CP210-TRN-WEI	\$ (1,295.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14680	Glenn O Hawbaker	2B, AASHTO #57	\$ (3,085.01)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14681	H. A. Berkkheimer, Inc.		\$ (336.31)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14682	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	\$ (83.65)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14683	Highmark Group Medical Insurance	2206010001	\$ (15,054.76)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14684	Horwith Trucks, Inc.	Front Drive axle	\$ (8,470.35)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14685	Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank		\$ (26,137.32)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14686	John M Turcmanovich	Background check	\$ (150.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14687	Johnson Controls Security Solutions	01300114708853	\$ (189.42)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14688	Lehigh Asphalt & Construction Company	2A Modified	\$ (1,433.32)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14689	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	Cold Patch	\$ (1,042.33)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14690	Office Depot	Office Supplies for Police	\$ (49.07)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14691	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 - May 2022	\$ (145.52)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14692	PPL		\$ (582.65)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14693	Priya Foods, 121	Diesel/Gas Borough	\$ (368.69)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14694	Reading & Northern Railroad	Paving for Industrial Drive East	\$ (11,799.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14695	RoniSue Ahner	QuickBooks	\$ (319.30)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14696	SWIF	Policy # 06326470 Installment 1	\$ (4,146.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14697	United Concordia	Acct. # 536 400 0940 D000 - Ju	\$ (668.85)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14698	Verizon Wireless	Acct. # 842021582-00001 -May	\$ (365.34)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	14699	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 04.21.22 thru	\$ (957.00)
May 25, 2022					<u>\$ (78,510.28)</u>

Borough of Nesquehoning - Highway Fund

Monthly Expenditures

May 25, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1538	PPL	LED Street. Lights	\$ (4,619.03)
May 25, 2022					<u>\$ (4,619.03)</u>

Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund

Monthly Expenditures

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May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1733	Department of Labor & Industry	Policy # 5998250 Installment 6	\$ (1,190.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1734	Diehl Emergency Equipment	Foam	\$ (848.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1735	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 04.21.22 thru 0	\$ (429.00)
May 25, 2022					<u>\$ (2,467.00)</u>

Borough of Nesquehoning - Sewer Construction Fund

Monthly Expenditures

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1290	Fry's Plastic	Pipe	\$ (2,460.67)
May 25, 2022					<u>\$ (2,460.67)</u>

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May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12000	ARRO Consulting, Inc.	Sanitary Sewer System Genera	\$ (764.85)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12001	Borough of Nesquehoning	Building Rent - May 2022	\$ (250.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12002	CWM Laboratories	Testing	\$ (769.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12003	Environmental Service Corp.	Sludge Removal	\$ (6,489.07)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12004	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	\$ (35.85)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12005	Highmark Group Medical Insurance	2206010001	\$ (5,953.27)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12006	Martins Electrical Service	Dialer at Pumpstation -April 202	\$ (90.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12007	Office Depot	Date Stamper	\$ (8.13)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12008	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 - May 2022	\$ (36.38)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12009	PPL		\$ (4,788.57)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12010	Pyrz Water Supply Co., Inc.	Blue White Pump 52.5 GPD @	\$ (900.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12011	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 04.21.22 thru 0:	\$ (22.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12012	Rush Township. Board Of Superisors	Reimbursment	\$ (10,866.68)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12013	United Concordia	Acct # 5364000940 - June 2022	\$ (286.65)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12014	USA BlueBook		\$ (3,629.48)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12015	Verizon Wireless	Acct # 842021582 - May 2022 -	\$ (57.06)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	12016	Water-Mechanics	Contract consultation May 202:	\$ (650.00)
May 25, 2022					\$ (35,596.99)

Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund

Monthly Expenditures

May 25, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	6228	Tamaqua Transfer & Recycling, Inc.	May 2022 - Acct# 531	\$ (35,870.12)
May 25, 2022					\$ (35,870.12)

Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund

Monthly Expenditures

May 25, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 25, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1602	PPL		\$ (225.92)
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2022	1603	RoniSue Ahner	Military Flags for bridge	\$ (119.82)
May 25, 2022					\$ (345.74)

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Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund

Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
Deposit	04/18/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 532.79
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 302.84
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 91,947.44
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 83.42
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 2,096.67
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	430.231 · Gasoline - Highway	\$ 113.46
Deposit	04/22/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 5,366.57
Deposit	04/25/2022	Deposit	342.300 · Building Rent Income	\$ 250.00
Deposit	04/27/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 2,604.80
Deposit	04/27/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 874.90
Deposit	04/27/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 7,233.31
Deposit	04/27/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 5,246.69
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,716.36
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 885.28
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,183.04
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 1,763.56
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,150.54
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 4.85
Deposit	05/03/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 624.56
Deposit	05/03/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 593.78
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 934.35
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 3,076.24
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 129,097.27
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,965.82
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	1499 · Undeposited Funds	\$ 25.00
Deposit	05/05/2022	Deposit	430.231 · Gasoline - Highway	\$ 471.35
Deposit	05/09/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 1,483.45
Deposit	05/09/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 1,144.50
Deposit	05/11/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 2,703.65
Deposit	05/11/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 4,216.62
Deposit	05/13/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 686.67
Deposit	05/16/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 8,828.29
Deposit	05/17/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 665.57
Deposit	05/18/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 1,112.58
Deposit	05/18/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 10,698.67
Deposit	05/18/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,764.27
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				\$ 295,449.16

Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund

Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
Deposit	04/22/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 260.50
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 32.76
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 13.09
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 294.87
Deposit	05/05/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 502.92
Deposit	05/11/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 259.16
Deposit	05/19/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 37,573.80
Deposit	05/19/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 12,884.63
Deposit	05/19/2022	Deposit	301.100 · Real Property Taxes - Fire	\$ 20,625.99
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				\$ 72,447.72

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Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
Deposit	04/20/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 6.20
Deposit	04/22/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 49.28
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Income	\$ 5.73
Deposit	05/04/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 55.79
Deposit	05/05/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 95.15
Deposit	05/11/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 49.03
Deposit	05/13/2022	Deposit	301.100 · Real Property Tax - Recreation	\$ 3,902.22
Deposit	05/19/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,418.72
				\$ 6,582.12

Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund

Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
Deposit	04/22/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 637.73
Deposit	04/22/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 124.07
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 55.68
Deposit	05/11/2022	Deposit	364.121 · Sewer User Charge	\$ 62,274.38
Deposit	05/13/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 124.07
Deposit	05/20/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 6,942.83
				\$ 70,158.76

Borough of Nesquehoning - Capital Projects Fund

Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest	\$ 0.65
Deposit	05/02/2022	Deposit	12000 · Undeposited Funds	\$ 93.50
Deposit	05/13/2022	Deposit	12000 · Undeposited Funds	\$ 200.00
				\$ 294.15

Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund

Deposit Detail

As of May 21, 2022

Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
General Journal	04/17/2022	16178	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	04/18/2022	16179	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	04/19/2022	16180	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	04/19/2022	16184	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	04/19/2022	16188	-SPLIT-	\$ 8,443.50
General Journal	04/20/2022	16186	-SPLIT-	\$ 7,709.00
General Journal	04/20/2022	16187	120.001 · Accounts Receivable-Sewer	\$ 720.00
General Journal	04/20/2022	16193	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,886.00
General Journal	04/21/2022	16192	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	04/21/2022	16194	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,896.50
General Journal	04/22/2022	16196	-SPLIT-	\$ 285.00
General Journal	04/22/2022	16199	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,176.00
General Journal	04/23/2022	16197	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	04/24/2022	16198	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
General Journal	04/25/2022	16200	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
General Journal	04/25/2022	16202	-SPLIT-	\$ 9,650.00
General Journal	04/26/2022	16201	-SPLIT-	\$ 52.50
General Journal	04/26/2022	16203	-SPLIT-	\$ 332.00
General Journal	04/26/2022	16204	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,150.50
General Journal	04/27/2022	16205	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00

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Deposit Detail

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Type	Date	Memo	Split	Amount
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				
General Journal	04/27/2022	16207	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,154.00
General Journal	04/28/2022	16206	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	04/28/2022	16209	-SPLIT-	\$ 420.00
General Journal	04/28/2022	16211	-SPLIT-	\$ 7,220.50
Deposit	04/29/2022	Deposit	364.310 · Permits/Misc Charges	\$ 328.88
General Journal	04/29/2022	16210	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	04/29/2022	16212	-SPLIT-	\$ 612.00
General Journal	04/29/2022	16214	-SPLIT-	\$ 12,374.50
General Journal	04/30/2022	16213	-SPLIT-	\$ 540.00
Deposit	04/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 12.64
General Journal	05/01/2022	16217	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
General Journal	05/02/2022	16219	-SPLIT-	\$ 756.00
General Journal	05/02/2022	16221	-SPLIT-	\$ 5,705.50
General Journal	05/03/2022	16220	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	05/03/2022	16224	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	05/03/2022	16225	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,746.00
General Journal	05/04/2022	16229	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,652.00
General Journal	05/05/2022	16228	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
General Journal	05/05/2022	16230	-SPLIT-	\$ 132.00
General Journal	05/05/2022	16234	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,133.60
General Journal	05/06/2022	16233	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	05/06/2022	16235	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,209.25
General Journal	05/07/2022	16232	-SPLIT-	\$ 246.00
General Journal	05/09/2022	16231	-SPLIT-	\$ 129.00
General Journal	05/09/2022	16236	-SPLIT-	\$ 584.00
General Journal	05/09/2022	16237	-SPLIT-	\$ 8,938.25
General Journal	05/10/2022	16238	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	05/10/2022	16239	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,014.00
General Journal	05/11/2022	16241	-SPLIT-	\$ 349.00
General Journal	05/11/2022	16242	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,368.50
General Journal	05/12/2022	16243	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	05/12/2022	16246	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,697.00
General Journal	05/13/2022	16244	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
General Journal	05/13/2022	16247	-SPLIT-	\$ 570.00
General Journal	05/13/2022	16249	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,762.64
General Journal	05/16/2022	16248	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	05/16/2022	16250	-SPLIT-	\$ 862.00
General Journal	05/16/2022	16253	-SPLIT-	\$ 4,137.00
General Journal	05/17/2022	16251	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
General Journal	05/17/2022	16254	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,475.50
General Journal	05/18/2022	16252	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
General Journal	05/18/2022	16255	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,926.00
General Journal	05/19/2022	16257	-SPLIT-	\$ 312.00
General Journal	05/19/2022	16260	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,921.16
General Journal	05/20/2022	16259	-SPLIT-	\$ 7,541.00
General Journal	05/20/2022	16263	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,545.00
General Journal	05/21/2022	16262	-SPLIT-	\$ 438.00
Apr 17 - May 21 '22				\$ 121,609.92

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PURCHASE ORDERS:

4/26/2022	11003	Propane		Andy	Highway
4/28/2022	11004	Foam	Diehl Emergency Equipment	John	FTF
4/29/2022	11005	4 tubes construction adhesive to fix bridge	True Value	Bob	
5/3/2022	11006	Absorbent	Quality Parts	John	FTF
5/4/2022	11007	Grinding Wheels	Amazon	Andy	Highway
5/5/2022	11008	Paving	Railroad	David	Highway
5/12/2022	11009	Weed killer	NEC	Bob	Sewer
5/16/2022	11010		Napa	Andy	Highway
5/17/2022	11011	Street mirror		Louie	Highway
5/19/2022	11012	Police Uniform equipment	Amazon	Corey	Police
5/20/2022	11013	Billing & #9 double window envelopes	Office Depot	Shawn	GF/SOM
5/24/2022	11014	uniform	Galls	Carl	Police

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

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED, EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to deposit all receipts, approve all bills to be ratified and pay all other bills with the exception of General Fund check # 14694. All voted yes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

Councilman Paul stated how he wanted to get the Durango, police vehicle, lettered white, so the people in the town would know that the police were patrolling the town. Mayor Kattner stated how people have been questioning as to who was driving up and down the streets. He stated how the people should be able to tell which vehicles were police vehicles. Councilman Paul stated that police presence was one of his top priorities and he wanted the people to know that it was a police vehicle, the Durango. He stated that they would start with the newest vehicle and then figure out how many vehicles they were going to keep. Councilman Paul stated how they might keep one police car unmarked.

President Hawk asked how much it cost to have the other car lettered. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it was \$850.00. He stated that he did not know if there was any ghost lettering on the vehicle. Mayor Kattner stated how the vehicle did not have any lettering. President Hawk stated how they would need to make a motion not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the lettering. Councilman Nalesnik stated about waiting until they received quotes, because the lettering should be reflective and the lettering on the code vehicle was not reflective. He stated that he would get a quote and a layout; show it to the police officers and the mayor before sending it to all of Council for their review. Councilman Nalesnik stated how there might be some markings that they want or need on a police vehicle. Solicitor Yurchak stated about giving President Hawk the authority to approve the stenciling and Council could ratify it at the next meeting. Councilman Paul stated how he did not want to wait two months to get the vehicle lettered. Councilman Nalesnik asked if they could cap the approval to \$1,500.00. Solicitor Yurchak stated "yes".

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Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to grant President Hawk the authority to approve the stenciling of the police vehicle not to exceed \$1,500.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Fire Department Summary Report – April 2022

President Hawk stated that there were 18 calls for the month of April 2022, which included 2 Motor vehicle accidents, 3 Mutual aid (Tamaqua, Weatherly, Jim Thorpe), 1 Spill, 2 Dwelling fire, 2 Fire Police, 3 Brush fire, 2 EMS, 2 Unknown type fire and 1 Landing Zone. He stated that there were a total of 50 calls for 2022.

- **USDA – grant/loan – Police Vehicle**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how USDA does do grants and loans for the purchase of police vehicles. Councilman Nalesnik asked about the grant. Mayor Kattner stated how it was a 50/50 matching grant. He stated how the other vehicle that they have was taking on water. Mayor Kattner stated that if they could get a new car at a minimal cost, he could not see why they would not do that. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they do part grant and part loan. He stated how their interest rates were lower.

Councilman Paul moved and Councilman Nalesnik seconded to pursue the USDA Grant/Loan to purchase a new police vehicle. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Police Body Cameras – quote**

Councilwoman Fox asked about the price; if the \$35,000.00 was for five years and if it was paid yearly or all at one time. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it was paid yearly. He stated how they had received paperwork for a grant for body cameras. Councilman Nalesnik stated how the deadline to submit applications was July 6th.

Councilman Nalesnik moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to pursue the 50/50 grant under the PCCD for body cameras for the police officers. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Jim Nardozzi – Letter informing Borough of new Fire Chief – New Columbus Fire Company**
Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to acknowledge the organizational changes for the New Columbus Fire Company; Tyler Schlier – Fire Chief and Richard Staneck – Asst. Fire Chief. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- Joseph & Abby – Request to be on Blight Committee.

Councilwoman Fox stated that Senator David Argall has reached out to let them know that he would have someone come to a blight committee meeting to speak on blight, whenever they get the committee fully formed. She stated how they might be able to see what kind of grants were available through his office.

Councilwoman Fox stated how she had not seen anything from the fire companies concerning the list of volunteers or a schedule of events. She stated how Council should be aware because of being covered under the Borough's workers compensation. Councilwoman Fox stated how the fire companies were also to be submitting receipts to the Borough to show Council where the yearly allotment was being spent on. President Hawk asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner if she had received a copy of the receipts. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had not received them in years. Councilwoman Fox stated how she had asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner about the list of volunteers as well, which she said that she did not receive. President Hawk stated about contacting the fire companies and reminding them of their obligations; receipts, updated membership list and notifications of events.

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❖ **MAYOR'S REPORT/
COG REPORT**

- Carbon County Council of Governments – Meeting minutes
- **Panther Valley School District – Bus Stop changes for 2022-2023**

President Hawk stated how they were questioning if the Borough was planning on changing any of the bus stops for the 2022-2023 School year. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was a yearly school district question. Mayor Kattner stated how he did not receive any complaints on the bus stops so they would be leaving them where they were.

❖ **POLICE REPORT**

- May 2022 Police Report

Mayor Kattner stated how there was a total of \$1,674.12 fine money received for April/May 2022.

- Rhino Tablet Issues

Mayor Kattner stated how they would be outlying cemeteries on Sunday for Memorial Day with Officer Breiner. He asked if they could post No-parking signs for Monday, May 30th at St. Patrick Cemetery.

❖ **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

No report.

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

- Gene Kennedy – Zoning Report - April 2022

❖ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- Railroad requesting addresses – Kovatch buildings

President Hawk stated how the Railroad had requested property addresses for the Kovatch buildings. He stated how they had kicked it around several times, even by extending Catawissa Street. Councilwoman Fox asked if they could extend Catawissa Street to Park Avenue. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had done that in the past and then reversed it back again. Councilman Paul stated about waiting for Mr. McArdle to discuss the address situation.

- Avoidable Alarm Ordinance violation 90 East Catawissa Street

President Hawk stated that the burn ban will expire on May 25th and Mr. McArdle did not see a need to extend it.

President Hawk stated how there were concerns that the property at 139 W. Catawissa Street, which was involved in the fire, was not secure. He stated that Mr. McArdle was requesting that a letter be sent to the property owner to make sure that the property was secure.

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President Hawk stated how they should find out what the property owners intentions were for the properties as far as repair or demolition. Secretary/ Treasurer Ahner stated that 139 W. Catawissa Street's owner was looking to demolish. She stated how they were waiting on the property owner of 137 W. Catawissa Street. Councilwoman Fox stated that 145 W. Catawissa Street was going to repair their property.

President Hawk stated how he was also requesting a new battery for his pager. He asked if it was something that he had put in his budget. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did not know.

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

2. STREETS LOUIS PAUL, CO-CHAIRMAN

Councilman Paul stated that when the Street Committee met with the engineer with the Railroad for the reconstruction of the railroad crossing, the original estimate was \$29,500.00. He stated how the Borough agreed to pay up to \$11,800.00. Councilman Paul stated how he was informed that the Railroad paid \$18,500.00 to have the crossing paved. He stated how the Borough would agree to pay half, which was approximately \$9,000.00. Councilman Paul stated how he wanted verification to what the contractor was paid for that project, because there was a big difference in \$29,500.00 and \$18,500.00. President Hawk stated how the engineer was looking into getting the clarification on the bill. He stated how it was hearsay (rumors/gossip) that the Borough had heard in regards to what the Railroad had paid. President Hawk stated how they were asking the Railroad to clarify the amount. Councilman Paul stated how the Borough was not going to pay anything until they see what the cost of the project was. He stated how the Borough did not get anything in writing as to what the paving cost.

- Matthew Johnson R.R. Crossing – Roadway approach road painting

Councilman Paul stated that the last time he tried to paint a railroad crossing; he was told no by the Railroad that they would do it. President Hawk stated how it was the Railroad asking the Borough to paint the lines. Councilwoman Fox asked if they gave specifications as to what needed to be painted. President Hawk stated "yes". Councilman Paul asked what they were going to do. President Hawk stated how they were going to do what the railroad asked them to do. Councilman Paul asked who was going to paint it. President Hawk stated "the Borough crew". Councilman Paul asked if the Railroad gave the Borough the specifications as to what they wanted. President Hawk stated how they sent a drawing. Councilman Paul stated how he did not see it. President Hawk and Councilwoman Fox stated how it was sent in an email. Councilman Paul stated how he does not see all of the emails. He stated how the communication had to get better, because he cannot come to a meeting shooting on a whim.

Councilman Paul stated how emails were good and he tried to communicate more with the office and it seemed to be working with the complaints. He stated that if the Railroad wanted the crossing painted, he felt that the Railroad should paint it. Councilman Paul stated that if they want the Borough crew to paint it, he will see what he could do. He asked about the signs. President Hawk stated how they were not asking for signs; they were only asking for paint. Councilman Paul asked who was going to put the signs up. President Hawk stated how the Railroad was probably going to put the signs up. Councilman Paul asked President Hawk if he could meet with someone from the Railroad concerning the line painting. President Hawk stated "yes". Councilman Paul asked if he would email someone to set up the meeting.

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Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office

- Radio Maintenance Inc. – Borough radios

President Hawk questioned the radio maintenance. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how there was talk about getting rid of the cell phones and going with radios. Councilwoman Fox stated how most of the Borough employees do not use the Borough cell phones. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the two maps that were sent, one was with the antenna on the church and the other was with the antenna on the Borough office. She stated that she did not get prices, but she thought that the radios were somewhere in the cost range of \$300.00 each. Councilwoman Fox asked if that was to purchase. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated “yes”. Councilwoman Fox stated how it would just be for the Borough workers to communicate with each other. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated “yes”. She stated that if two workers were having a conversation, everyone with a radio would be able to hear the conversation.

Councilman Nalesnik asked if they considered giving them a stife towards their cell phones and just letting them use their own phones. He stated that he felt that radios were a thing of the past. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they would be expected to use their own cell phones for work. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they would have to run it by the union. President Hawk stated how they have to purchase the antenna, the radios and they would have to pay a FCC fee. Councilman Nalesnik stated how people might be able to tune into the conversations of the Borough workers. Councilman Paul stated that when they met at the garage, it was the union representative who suggested the radios and he did not agree with it then. He stated how he will usually call their cell phones or leave a message at the Borough garage. Councilman Nalesnik stated how he had two numbers for each, but did not know which one would get answered. President Hawk stated how he usually calls their personal cell phones. Councilman Nalesnik stated about not needing Borough cell phones if they were answering their personal cell phones.

Councilman Paul stated how texting works the best. He stated how the office staff will text him as soon as they get a complaint. Councilman Paul stated how some things fall by the wayside. He stated how he has told the Borough crew that he wanted a complaint answered within 48 hours, which does not mean repaired, but at the least checked out. Councilman Paul stated how communications with the Council Members was terrible. He stated that the person who was in charge of the committee should at least know what was going on. Councilman Paul stated how not everybody reads emails, which he did not. He stated how he never worked in an office and does not care for emails so he relies on text messages. Councilman Paul stated how there were certain things that night, he did not know about and he was not happy about that. He stated how it makes them look like fools, because they were on Council and did not know about it. Councilman Paul stated how he did not rely on emails and it was probably his fault because he did not read them. He stated how the communication should be better with the office personnel and the members of Council.

- PennDOT – Inspection Notification – National Bridge Inspection Standards

Councilman Paul stated how he would pass off the inspection reports to the engineer to see what his recommendations were. He stated how the Borough was not qualified to do some of the work. Councilman Paul stated how they did do some of the smaller items and they were happy with it.

- Request for Storm Drain at 45 Park Ave.

Councilman Paul stated how there was no storm drain at 45 Park Avenue. He stated how he did not see that there was a storm drains there before. President Hawk stated how they were asking if a storm drain could be installed there. Councilman Paul stated how he did not know what the problem was there. He stated how they would not install anything until they would have to do something with the street.

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- **Curb Cut – 8 W. Center Street – Paul Niedzialek**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to approve the curb cut at 8 W. Center Street for Paul Niedzialek. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilman Paul stated about having the Borough's part-time mechanic replace the loader pins. He asked about somebody giving the gentleman a call and letting him know.

Councilman Paul stated how he had received a complaint on how tight it was to make a turn onto Ratcliff Street with the parking on Ratcliff Street at Catawissa Street; the top spot. He stated how the Borough should paint the end-zone on Ratcliff Street and have a no-parking section at least the length of a vehicle.

President Hawk stated how he had received an email in regards to W. Mill Street from the Railroad. He stated how they would discuss it at their workshop meeting.

3. SEWER

MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN

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

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

- Sewer Line issue at 119 West Railroad (Brian Burns)

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had a sewer line complaint concerning a five way line. She stated how it was the same situation as what they had on W. Mill Street. Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla will have to put a saddle on the main line, because there were not separate laterals for each line. She stated how there will be letters sent to all of the property owners letting them know that they would have to separate their lines. President Hawk stated that according to the complaint, they were running through the houses and all coming out at 123 W. Railroad. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she has to get with Mr. Pilla to find out all of the information so she can portray that in the letters as to what they would need to do. Councilwoman Fox stated how they will all have to connect to the main line, which was according to the Borough's sewer ordinance. She stated that when they were coming across these lines, they were going to make them directly connect to the main line.

Councilwoman Fox stated how Eastern Environmental was supposed to be at the Sewer plant that day to get the repairs done to Unit #2.

Councilman Paul asked about Columbus Avenue. Councilwoman Fox stated how the engineer had met with Mr. Pilla, but she did not hear anything back yet. Councilman Paul stated to Councilwoman Fox on how he had talked to the engineer and he was going to meet with her about the paving. He stated how they might go a little wider to replace the sewer line. Councilman Paul stated about the COVID funds for that project. Councilwoman Fox and Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the Sewer was paying for that project. Councilman Paul asked if they were paying for the paving also. Councilwoman Fox stated how the Sewer was going to pay for the paving of the entire street; as far as the sewer line replacement went. She stated that if Council wanted to pave any further, that would be paid out of the General funds. Councilman Paul stated about just placing base repair where they rip up the road to replace the Sewer line. President Hawk stated how they will eventually pave the full width of the street. Councilman Paul stated how they should wait until next year to fully pave the street, which will allow for the settling of the base repair.

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Councilwoman Fox stated how they will do it the same way as to what they did on Rhume Street.

Councilman Paul stated how he wanted a good repair job so they did not have an issue in the future.

4. BUILDINGS BRUCE NALESNIK, CHAIRMAN

Councilman Nalesnik stated how he was working on a few projects. He stated how he would also be meeting with the Recreation Commission on June 6th, to look at some possibilities for the Recreation Center. President Hawk stated how they had received some correspondence from Seitz concerning the Recreation Center. He stated how they would discuss it at their workshop meeting.

5. SANITATION LOUIS PAUL, CHAIRMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO, CO-CHAIRWOMAN; BRUCE NALESNIK

- April 2022 Tamaqua Transfer Tonnage Report

- **Request - reimbursement Sewer/Sanitation – 139 W. Catawissa Street, dwelling fire**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when the request came into the office, they had discussed it. She stated how the request was coming from the one fire property owner, who had initially paid the entire year for sewer and sanitation. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that in her opinion, Council could approve the reimbursement, but no reimbursement would be sent until the property repairs/demolition was completed.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to approve the request for the reimbursement of sewer/garbage for 139 W. Catawissa Street, effective April 18, 2022 (date of fire), contingent on the finalization of property repairs/demolition. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **Family Promise – Sanitation fees**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had noticed on her way to work that they were placing an overabundance of garbage out. She stated how it was over 3 times the limit of what was allowed to be put out for garbage. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Ms. Coniglio had informed them of the allotted amount and how they were exceeding. She stated how they had replied that they were willing to pay additional garbage fees. President Hawk stated how they did have multiple families living there so three units would be fair. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she also wanted to request that Council look into business garbage fees. She stated how there were other establishments in town that put out an over abundance of garbage.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to assess the Family Promise property as three units for garbage. All voted yes. Motion passed.

President Hawk stated that once they have a full complement of Council, they will be reorganizing the committees.

6. RECREATION MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; LOUIS PAUL, CO-CHAIRMAN; DAVID HAWK

Councilwoman Fox stated that the Recreation Commission meeting was scheduled for June 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. She stated how they were still holding bingo every other week.

- Dimmick Memorial Library – Fundraiser

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- **Johnson Park name change**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to change the Earl Johnson Memorial Park's name to the Johnson & Jacobs Memorial Park. All voted yes. Motion passed.

7. BUDGET/ ROSEMARY POREMBO, CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID HAWK
FINANCE

President Hawk stated how they had received a copy of all of the budgets, but he did not have time to look at them.

- Penn State Extension – What is a Municipal Storm water Fee?

8. PERSONNEL/ MARY FOX, CHAIRWOMAN; ROSEMARY POREMBO; CO-
SAFETY CHAIRWOMAN; BRUCE NALESNIK

- **Change employment status - Active to Disability Retirement**
 - Sean Smith
 - Tim Wuttke

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to change the employment status for Chief Sean Smith and Officer Tim Wuttke from Active Duty to Disability Retirement effective May 31, 2022 with the stipulation of an active grievance to be finalized at a later date. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor Yurchak stated about reviewing the job specifications for the duties of the Chief and to see if there was anything they needed to update in the SOP in order for Council to be ready to advertise for a new Chief. He stated that he would strongly recommend that the new Chief not be a member of the bargaining unit, because he finds it difficult for the Chief to be a member of the same bargaining unit of the other officers. President Hawk stated about the Personnel Committee reviewing the job specifications. Solicitor Yurchak stated that he will answer any questions that they might have and that he will also help prepare the new specifications.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to accept all committee reports. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval – destroy 2014 and prior destroyable records**

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to approve the destruction of 2014 and prior destroyable records. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

• **William Olsen - Request to put vending machine in Borough Hall**

Councilwoman Fox stated that she was thinking that they could possibly place one of the vending machines at the Recreation Center. She stated how it would probably get more use at the Recreation Center. Councilwoman Fox stated how they would get back a commission from the sale. President Hawk stated how it would probably see more people at the Recreation Center than it would at the Borough office. Councilwoman Fox stated how they could discuss it at the Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for personnel. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer