

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION;**

The Borough Council Members entered into an Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for personnel. The Council Members exited their Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Approve the minutes from the Workshop/Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2022 and the minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 28, 2022.

Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to approve the minutes from the Workshop/Committee Meeting held on September 14, 2022 and the minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 28, 2022. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

LeAnn Rutch – 128 E. Columbus Avenue – stated about being able to get in touch with the Council Members. She stated how everyone was not able to get to a meeting. Ms. Rutch stated how they should be able to call and talk to somebody. President Hawk stated how she could call the Borough office and ask for a Council Member to get in touch with her.

Ms. Rutch stated about the winter parking and how it was hard for older people to move their cars from one side of the street to the other side. President Hawk stated how they would be discussing the winter parking. Councilman Paul stated how they would going to bring that up under the Street Committee report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- Family Promise – Requesting a continuance for scheduled October 4, 2022 hearing.
- Strubinger Law – Family Promise Continuance of October 4, 2022 hearing.
- Strubinger Law – Mr. Campbell failure to appear at zoning hearing on October 4, 2022

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Draft – Short Term Rental Ordinance

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had sent a draft of the Short Term Rental Ordinance to all of Council for their review. Councilwoman Fox stated how she had looked at it, but she had some questions.

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- Draft – Noise Ordinance

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had sent out a draft of a Noise Ordinance. He stated how he had also sent them copies of the Noise Ordinance from Beaver Meadows, which he thought was better. Solicitor Yurchak stated about having the Chief review the ordinance, because they were going to have to enforce it. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she had some questions with the noise ordinance. She stated how she also liked that the one was not just concerned with ATVs. President Hawk stated how they could combine the two, because he liked the idea of the decimal reader, because it would give the District Justice less leeway to be subjective. He stated that in the case of mobile vehicles, it was an impractical criterion to enforce. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how that was going to hold the property owner responsible for the noise coming from their property. Councilwoman Heaney stated that if the property owner was allowing it to happen, they should be held accountable. Chief Weaver asked if loud music coming from a house would fall under that ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it would if they could hear the music off of the property. Chief Weaver asked if they were holding the tenants liable or the owner of the house. Solicitor Yurchak stated how it would be the landlord. He stated how they basically hold the property owner responsible for everything else. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if they were able to cite the tenants under a nuisance ordinance. Chief Weaver stated how there were no hour limits, if they were unreasonable, it did not matter on the time. Councilwoman Guardiani stated about the violation and fines for not only the property owner but the person who was violating the ordinance.

- Resolution – Fee Schedule

Solicitor Yurchak stated how there has been lots of discussions concerning fees. He stated how he talked to Secretary/Treasurer Ahner, who pulled out the Fee Resolution, which is not been updated for almost 10 years. He stated how it needed to be updated. Councilwoman Guardiani asked if there was a committee that needed to handle it. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they could make some recommendations, before it went to a committee.

- Housing Board

Solicitor Yurchak stated how the Housing Review Board was listed under the Housing Structure Code. He stated that if they were going to use it, he would recommend changing the ordinance to name Council in lieu of the Housing Review Board. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she was recommending three individuals for the Housing Review Board under her report. Solicitor Yurchak stated how that was up to Council. President Hawk stated that if they had people, who were willing to serve on the Board, he did not see a problem with it.

Solicitor Yurchak stated how there were copies of two of their ordinances that they should take a look at: Residential Rental Ordinance and the Quality of Life Ordinance.

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

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	581,956.53
Receipts	425,793.44
Expenditures	258,362.59
Balance 09.30.22	749,387.38

**SANITATION FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	187,481.40
Receipts	89,223.22
Sewer	0.00
Expenditures	48,790.03
Balance 09.30.22	227,922.88

**SPORTS COMPLEX FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	91,012.06
Receipts	262.89
Expenditures	156.49
Balance 09.30.22	89,277.26

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Balance 08.31.22	8,953.55
Receipts	0.59
Expenditure	175.00
Balance 09.30.22	7,004.79

**\*ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Balance 08.31.22	335,535.49
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	116,568.00
Balance 09.30.22	218,967.49

**FIRE TRUCK FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	301,664.85
Receipts	1,357.66
Expenditures	261.45
Balance 09.30.22	302,779.06

**SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE**

Balance 08.31.22	813,918.52
Receipts	55,115.40
Expenditures	21,013.81
Balance 09.30.22	848,020.11

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	234,118.81
Receipt	18.67
Expenditures	4,556.55
Balance 09.30.22	229,581.13

**POLICE PENSION FUND**

Balance 06.30.22	2,313,743.48
Receipt	46,780.01
Expenditures	-31,213.85
Appreciation/Depreciation	192,869.00
Balance 07.31.22	2,522,178.64

**NESQUEHONING LION CLUB**

Balance 08.31.22	10,205.34
Receipts	0.84
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 09.30.22	10,206.18

**HOME FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	38,049.55
Receipts	3.13
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 09.30.22	38,052.68

**GENERAL SEWER CONT FUND**

Balance 08.31.22	278,881.33
Receipts	22.92
Expenditures	8,819.43
Balance 09.30.22	278,904.25

**\*SOLAR PARK ESCROW ACCOUNT**

Balance 05.31.22	10,062.85
Receipts	2.54
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 08.31.22	10,065.39

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

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**CD REPORT**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CURRENT VALUE 09.30.2022</b>	<b>INTEREST 09.30.2022</b>	<b>OPENING DATE</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>RENEWAL DATE</b>	<b>BANK</b>
GEN. SEWER	\$420,109.85	\$ 213.97	08-28-17	0.60%	08-26-23	JTNB
SANITATION	\$ 22,921.77	\$ 10.36	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
CAPITAL PROJ	\$ 11,234.98	\$ 5.08	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 10,976.71	\$ 4.96	06-29-17	0.55%	06-28-23	JTNB
SEWER	\$362,088.18	\$ 252.79	03-03-22	0.85%	03-02-24	JTNB
SEWER	\$517,268.81	\$ 361.13	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. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

**September 2022**

Real Estate	\$ 4,002.23
Occupational	\$ 148.50
Per Capita	\$ 132.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,282.73</b>

<b><u>EXEMPTIONS:</u></b>	Kathy Barge	\$49.50	SSI
	Cassie Muth	\$27.50	Non-Resident
	William Floyd Schoenberger	\$33.00	SSI

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. 09.26.22 DEP – Lehigh Anthracite, LP – SMP Application
2. 10.04.22 Elan City – Evolis Radar Speed Sign
3. 10.04.22 PRPS – Chestnuthill Township Park
4. 10.07.22 Robert (Ski) Siesputowski – Veterans Museum

President Hawk stated how the Navy Club and the Veteran Organization were notifying all the Boroughs that they were looking to establish a Veterans' Museum in the Panther Valley area. He stated how they were not asking for anything specific, but generally asking if there was any help that the Borough could provide.

5. 10.17.22 PSAB – Dues Renewal
6. 10.19.22 Maple Shade request – trunk or treat

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to approve the request from Maple Shade Meadows to block Locust Street from their parking lot heading east, on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a trunk-or-treat event. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

7. COG – September 27, 2022 Minutes

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

<b><u>PURCHASE ORDERS:</u></b>					
9/26/2022	11095	allen wrench to fix van	True Value	Nick	Highway
9/27/2022	11096	Handicap Parking Tags	My parking Permit	RoniSue	Police
9/28/2022	11097	jack oil for port a power for SOM	Quality Parts	Nick	SOM
9/29/2022	11098	fittings	Fry's	Bob	SOM
9/30/2022	11099	parts to put sink in & something to clear drain	True Value	Nick	GF
10/3/2022	11100	belt for officer RB	Galls	Carl	Police
10/3/2022	11101	Ammo	Tj Mars	Carl	Police
10/3/2022	11102	Garbage bags and try fold towels	Dade	Grace	Police
10/4/2022	11103	Toliet parts ( Approved By David)	True Value	Andy	Highway
10/4/2022	11104	Sign for Catawissa and Dennisen Road (Approved By David)	Bradco	Andy	Highway
10/13/2022	11105	oil filter chevy pick up	Quality Parts	Nick	Highway
10/20/2022	11106	tape for posting condemned signs	True Value	Carl	Police
10/21/2022	11107	plumbing fittings for plant well-Mary approved	True Value	Bob	SOM

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul 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 Kuba seconded to deposit all receipts, approve all bills to be ratified and pay all other bills.**

Councilman Paul questioned the price of the tires for the 2014 Ford (Code vehicle); \$199.00 each, which he thought was a little expensive. He stated how the Borough used to check Snyder Tires to see about pricing. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how President Hawk was supposed to give pre-authorization at the workshop meeting after they had discussed it, but it was not mentioned at the meeting. She stated how they had gotten tires in the past from Snyder Tires and Denny Creitz, who order directly through Goodyear. Councilman Paul stated how they should shop around for prices. Councilman Nalesnik stated how he checked on prices and they have increased, pretty much like everything else. He stated how they were all season tires, medium grade.

**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 October 25, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	09/29/2022	EFT	Fleet Services	Acct. 0496-00-343234-1 - S	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (663.03)
Bill Pmt -	09/29/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Account# 0496-00-653100-(	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (939.81)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14847	Nesquehoning Fire Relief	Commonwelath Allocation -	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (17,268.30)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14848	Kattner's	Oil For Borough Office	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,591.04)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14849	Marouchoc's Auto Repair		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (60.00)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14850	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 08/18/22 to	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,485.00)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14851	J C Small Engine Repair	Lawnmower blades	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (81.00)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14852	Strubinger Law P.C.		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (123.50)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14853	American United Life Insurance Company		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (380.73)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14854	Arro Consulting, Inc.	2022 Tippets stormwater &	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (151.25)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14855	Davidheiser's Inc.	Stop Watches tested	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (75.00)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	14856	United Concordia	Acct. # 536 400 0940 D000	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (510.72)
Bill Pmt -	10/03/2022	14857	U.S. Postal Service	Stamps-Certifieds	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (135.70)
Check	10/07/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	10.07.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (28,807.78)
Check	10/18/2022	EFT	Fire Truck Fund	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (138.97)
Check	10/18/2022	EFT	Sports Complex Fund #1	Portnoff - EFT deposit trans	-SPLIT-	\$ (26.30)
Bill Pmt -	10/19/2022	14861	Blue Ridge Communications		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (176.94)
Bill Pmt -	10/19/2022	14862	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 -Oct2022	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (145.52)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	14858	Blue Ridge Communicati	Acct # 0272893-02 Oct 20	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (86.30)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	14859	Nesquehoning True Value		200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (279.58)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	14860	Windstream	Garage - 021866821 Septe	200.00 · Accounts Payable	\$ (42.21)
Check	10/21/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	10.07.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (23,805.93)
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						<b>\$ (76,974.61)</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

**As of October 25, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	09/29/2022	EFT	Sunoco Wex Bank	Closing Date September 23	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (274.24)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	12104	American United Life Insurance Company		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (72.68)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	12105	ARRO Consulting, Inc.	General Engineering - Wes	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (298.25)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	12106	United Concordia	Acct # 5364000940 - Octobr	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (286.65)
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	12107	Water-Mechanics	Contract consultation Septe	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (650.00)
Bill Pmt -	10/03/2022	12108	United States Postal Serv	Stamps - Certifieds	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (269.15)
Check	10/05/2022	12109	Stephen Kocher	Reimbursement 139 W. Cal	364.121 · Sewer User Charge	\$ (274.80)
Check	10/05/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	10.07.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (4,532.31)
Bill Pmt -	10/07/2022	12110	Environmental Service Co	Use Jetter and HiVac to cle	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (13,213.20)
Bill Pmt -	10/07/2022	12111	Lansford Coaldale Joint Water Authority		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (238.86)
Bill Pmt -	10/07/2022	12112	Verizon	Oct 22 - 570-669-6630 75	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (47.60)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	12113	Blue Ridge Communicati	Account # 0272893-02	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (30.00)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	12114	Nesquehoning True Value		2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (296.20)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	12115	PenTeleData	Acct. # 143883 -October 2(	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (36.38)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	12116	Windstream	Acct. #021866821 - pumpin	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (41.58)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	12117	Blue Ridge Communicati	Acct. # 0335574-01 - Oct 2	2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (165.23)
Check	10/21/2022	EFT	Payroll Fund	10.21.2022 payroll	-SPLIT-	\$ (4,391.64)
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						<b>\$ (25,118.77)</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

**As of October 25, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	1612	Kattners Coal & Oil, Inc.	Recreation Center	20000 · Accounts Payable	\$ (1,368.02)
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						<b>\$ (1,368.02)</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund**

**Bills to be Ratified**

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<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						
Bill Pmt -	09/30/2022	1753	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 08.18.22 - C 20000	Accounts Payable	\$ (253.00)
Check	10/05/2022	1754	Stephen Kocher	139 W. Catawissa Street - E 201.000	Fire Escrow Payable	\$ (36,613.80)
Check	10/05/2022	1755	Agnes Schoenberger	137 W. Catawissa Street - E 201.000	Fire Escrow Payable	\$ (31,165.00)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	1756	Jim Thorpe Neighborhood	2022 Loan Payment	20000 Accounts Payable	\$ (19,243.59)
Bill Pmt -	10/21/2022	1757	Lansford-Coaldale Joint V 9 Fire Hydrants - Acct. # N-	20000	Accounts Payable	\$ (94.50)
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 25 '22</b>						<b>\$ (87,369.89)</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14863	Arro Consulting, Inc.	review construction quotes	\$ (363.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14864	Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services - Septem	\$ (1,746.25)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14865	Berks County Intermediate Unit	2022 Etaxtrax User Login	\$ (80.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14866	Bradco Supply Company	Street Signs	\$ (270.40)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14867	CopQuest, Inc.	Safariland Handcuff Case	\$ (159.12)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14868	County of Carbon	Telecommunications/ October 2	\$ (627.94)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14869	Dade Paper & Bag Co.	garbage bags	\$ (415.49)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14870	Diversified Technology Corp.	Web Hosting	\$ (592.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14871	Eagle Point Gun	TQ21 Targets	\$ (1,330.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14872	H. A. Berkkheimer, Inc.	EIT September 2022 Collection	\$ (231.86)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14873	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	\$ (140.10)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14874	Highmark Group Medical Insurance	2206010001	\$ (24,926.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14875	Kovatch Ford		\$ (14,880.77)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14876	My Parking Permit	Handicap Parking Signs	\$ (365.25)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14877	Nesquehoning Borough	October Sewer and Sanition m	\$ (60.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14878	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	Cold Patch	\$ (717.34)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14879	PMRS	Calendar year 2022	\$ (15,105.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14880	PPL		\$ (516.38)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14881	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 09/22/22 to 10/	\$ (737.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14882	RoniSue Ahner	Gas payment for use of Persor	\$ (25.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14883	S & O Computers, LLC		\$ (1,566.75)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14884	Strubinger Law P.C.		\$ (1,142.28)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14885	Susan Frendak	Aluminum Badge 36"x41"	\$ (550.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14886	SWIF	Policy # 06326470 Payment 3 c	\$ (4,847.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14887	The Times News		\$ (338.70)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14888	Topp Business Solutions	2022 Copies - Borough	\$ (68.90)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14889	United Concordia	Acct. # 536 400 0940 D000 -No	\$ (576.66)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14890	Verizon Wireless	Acct. # 842021582-00001 - Oct	\$ (282.54)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	14891	VP Construction	Industrial road pipe replacemen	\$ (4,200.00)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (76,863.23)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Highway Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1543	PPL	LED Street. Lights	\$ (4,666.23)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (4,666.23)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

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October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1758	Department of Labor & Industry	Policy # 5998250 Installment 11	\$ (1,187.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1759	Robert T. Yurchak	Legal Services 09.22.22 - 10.1	\$ (319.00)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (1,506.00)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sewer Construction Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

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October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1299	Arro Consulting, Inc.	Proj. #11233.12 Generator Proj	\$ (1,282.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1300	Lehigh Asphalt	West Columbus Ave.	\$ (5,167.37)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1301	VP Construction	Paving At Columbus Ave.Sewer	\$ (6,200.00)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (12,649.37)</u>



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Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office

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

**Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12118	A&W Plumbing	Sewer Main - 201-203 W. Ridge	\$ (890.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12119	ARRO Consulting, Inc.	Sanitary Sewer System Gener:	\$ (434.75)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12120	Billig-Helmes Insurance	Bond - Coniglio	\$ (294.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12121	Borough of Nesquehoning	Building Rent - October 2022	\$ (250.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12122	CWM Laboratories	Testing	\$ (941.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12123	Diversified Technology Corp.	Web, Maintenance	\$ (472.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12124	Environmental Service Corp.	Sludge Removal	\$ (5,881.45)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12125	Highmark Blue Shield	2206010001	\$ (71.70)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12126	Highmark Group Medical Insurance	2206010001	\$ (11,906.54)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12127	Martins Electrical Service	Dialer at Pumpstation -Sep 202	\$ (90.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12128	PA One Call	Monthly Activity Fee	\$ (49.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12129	PMRS	Non- Uniform Pension MMO - 2	\$ (7,231.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12130	PPL		\$ (3,291.24)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12131	The Times News	Account # 10001134 Liquid Slu	\$ (230.70)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12132	Topp Business Solutions	Copier	\$ (48.75)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12133	United Concordia	Acct # 5364000940 -November	\$ (286.65)
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	12134	Verizon Wireless	Acct # 842021582 -October 202	\$ (28.93)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (32,399.21)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	6238	Tamaqua Transfer & Recycling, Inc.	Oct 2022 - Acct# 531	\$ (35,870.12)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (35,870.12)</u>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Monthly Expenditures**

**October 26, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 26, 2022					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/26/2022	1613	PPL		\$ (132.89)
October 26, 2022					<u>\$ (132.89)</u>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - General Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of October 16, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22				
Deposit	09/19/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 2,205.39
Deposit	09/21/2022	Deposit	355.070 · Foreign Fire Insurance	\$ 17,268.30
Deposit	09/21/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 1,739.81
Deposit	09/21/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 363.72
Deposit	09/26/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 1,071.15
Deposit	09/28/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 1,230.23
Deposit	09/28/2022	Deposit	380.100 · Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 0.34
Deposit	09/28/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,551.18
Deposit	09/28/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 401.24
Deposit	09/29/2022	Deposit	354.011 · ARP - Grant	\$ 170,625.24
Deposit	09/30/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 11.75
Deposit	09/30/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 516.35
Deposit	09/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 53.40
Deposit	10/04/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 490.74
Deposit	10/05/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 544.06
Deposit	10/05/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 21,147.56
Deposit	10/10/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 708.55
Deposit	10/11/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 956.47
Deposit	10/12/2022	Deposit	310.512 · Local Service Tax	\$ 1,033.99
Deposit	10/12/2022	Deposit	310.210 · Earned Income Tax	\$ 1,793.16
Deposit	10/12/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 504.51
Deposit	10/13/2022	Deposit	403.110 · Tax Collection	\$ 230.65
Deposit	10/14/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,413.96
				<b>\$ 227,861.75</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Fire Truck Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of October 16, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22				
Deposit	09/21/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 275.81
Deposit	09/23/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Fire	\$ 447.29
Deposit	09/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 24.84
				<b>\$ 747.94</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sports Complex Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of October 16, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22				
Deposit	09/21/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 52.18
Deposit	09/23/2022	Deposit	301.400 · Delinquent Property - Recreatio	\$ 84.62
Deposit	09/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Income	\$ 7.33
				<b>\$ 144.13</b>

**Borough of Nesquehoning - SOM Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of October 16, 2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22				
Deposit	09/23/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 6,992.83
Deposit	09/23/2022	Deposit	364.121 · Sewer User Charge	\$ 47,932.03
Deposit	09/30/2022	Interest	340.100 · Interest Earnings	\$ 66.47
Deposit	10/11/2022	Deposit	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,624.07
				<b>\$ 57,615.40</b>

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**Borough of Nesquehoning - Sanitation Fund**

**Deposit Detail**

**As of October 16, 2022**

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22					
	General Journal	09/18/2022	16530	-SPLIT-	\$ 126.00
	General Journal	09/19/2022	16535	-SPLIT-	\$ 968.00
	General Journal	09/19/2022	16537	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,654.00
	General Journal	09/20/2022	16536	-SPLIT-	\$ 8,225.00
	General Journal	09/20/2022	16538	-SPLIT-	\$ 438.00
	General Journal	09/20/2022	16540	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,992.00
	General Journal	09/21/2022	16541	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
	General Journal	09/21/2022	16543	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,499.50
	General Journal	09/22/2022	16542	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
	General Journal	09/22/2022	16548	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,178.00
	General Journal	09/23/2022	16547	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	09/23/2022	16550	-SPLIT-	\$ 252.00
	General Journal	09/23/2022	16552	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,993.00
	General Journal	09/25/2022	16551	-SPLIT-	\$ 330.00
	General Journal	09/26/2022	16555	-SPLIT-	\$ 5,199.00
	General Journal	09/27/2022	16556	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	09/27/2022	16558	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,223.00
	Deposit	09/27/2022	Deposit 364.310	Permits/Misc Charges	\$ 35.00
	General Journal	09/28/2022	16559	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
	General Journal	09/28/2022	16561	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,679.10
	General Journal	09/29/2022	16560	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	09/29/2022	16562	-SPLIT-	\$ 678.00
	General Journal	09/29/2022	16564	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,510.00
	General Journal	09/30/2022	16563	-SPLIT-	\$ 240.00
	General Journal	09/30/2022	16565	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,358.00
	General Journal	09/30/2022	16566	-SPLIT-	\$ 657.00
	General Journal	09/30/2022	16567	-SPLIT-	\$ 7,263.50
	General Journal	09/30/2022	Balance Adjustm 66900	Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$ (10.00)
	Deposit	09/30/2022	Interest 340.100	Interest Earnings	\$ 18.29
	General Journal	10/01/2022	16570	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
	General Journal	10/03/2022	16573	-SPLIT-	\$ 438.00
	General Journal	10/03/2022	16574	-SPLIT-	\$ 6,483.00
	General Journal	10/04/2022	16576	-SPLIT-	\$ 120.00
	General Journal	10/04/2022	16578	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,584.00
	General Journal	10/05/2022	16577	-SPLIT-	\$ 409.00
	General Journal	10/05/2022	16583	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,859.00
	General Journal	10/06/2022	16579	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	10/06/2022	16586	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,980.00
	General Journal	10/07/2022	16587	-SPLIT-	\$ 405.50
	General Journal	10/07/2022	16591	-SPLIT-	\$ 2,994.00
	General Journal	10/08/2022	16588	-SPLIT-	\$ 318.00
	General Journal	10/09/2022	16589	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
	General Journal	10/10/2022	16590	-SPLIT-	\$ 240.00
	General Journal	10/11/2022	16592	-SPLIT-	\$ 180.00
	General Journal	10/11/2022	16593	-SPLIT-	\$ 9,324.00
	General Journal	10/12/2022	16598	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	10/12/2022	16599	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,334.00
	General Journal	10/13/2022	16601	-SPLIT-	\$ 624.00
	General Journal	10/13/2022	16603	-SPLIT-	\$ 3,168.60
	General Journal	10/14/2022	16602	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	10/14/2022	16604	-SPLIT-	\$ 312.00
	General Journal	10/14/2022	16608	-SPLIT-	\$ 1,813.30
	General Journal	10/15/2022	16605	-SPLIT-	\$ 60.00
	General Journal	10/16/2022	16606	-SPLIT-	\$ 186.00
Sep 18 '22 - Oct 16 '22					<b>\$ 87,556.79</b>

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY: LOUIE PAUL, CHAIRMAN; LOIS KUBA, CO-CHAIRWOMAN;  
DAVID HAWK

- Fire Department Summary Report September 2022

President Hawk stated that there were 15 calls for the month of September 2022, which included 3 Motor vehicle accidents, 2 Automatic fire alarms, 2 Dwelling fires, 2 Mutual Aids (1 Jim Thorpe – 1 Tamaqua), 5 Fire Police and 1 Special Assignment. He stated that there were a total of 111 calls for 2022.

❖ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kattner stated again about the trunk-or-treat at Maple Shade Meadows on October 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated how they will also have the trick-or-treat night on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

❖ POLICE REPORT

- October 2022 Police Report

Mayor Kattner read the breakdown of the police report which totaled \$891.84 of fine money that was received for September/October 2022. He stated how there were 26 traffic citations issued, 13 traffic accidents and 223 total incidents reported.

- Body-Worn Camera Training & Technical Assistance Grant

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how there was some paperwork that still needed to be completed. She stated how they would be getting \$10,000.00, which was not 50% of the cost of the cameras. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the cost of the Body cameras came to a total of \$35,000.00.

- Police bullet-proof vest

**Councilwoman Guardiani moved and Councilman Paul seconded to approve the purchase of the bullet-proof vest from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$5,583.40 for Chief Weaver, Officer Breiner, Officer Herring and Officer Lahovski. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Chief Weaver stated how the outside of the Police Station has been completed and the new sign that Councilman Nalesnik had ordered has been put up. He stated how it looks really good.

Chief Weaver stated that Rosetta had approached him concerning a Halloween costume contest for the Nesquehoning resident children in conjunction with the Recreation Commission and the Police department. He stated how he was going to try to have people vote on FaceBook; taking pictures of the children at the station and post them with the one who gets the most votes would win.

❖ CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- John McArdle – Resignation from Civil Service Commission

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to accept John McArdle's resignation from the Civil Service Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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Joe Guardiani stated that in 2017, the state issued a new rule that a Borough must have two alternate members appointed to the Civil Service Commission. He stated that they would have all of the rights and privileges, which would guarantee that they would have a quorum. Mr. Guardiani stated how he would recommend that a member of Council be appointed as the alternate member to the Civil Service Commission. He stated how he felt that their biggest issue was communication with the Borough.

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

- Gene Kennedy – Zoning Report – September 2022
- Chip Stalega BIA – Report

President Hawk stated about some of the properties that Mr. Stalega was currently working on: 200 Yard Street, 194 / 196 Stock Street, 251 W. Railroad Street, 66 & 87 W. Ridge Street, 151 W. Columbus Avenue, 129 E. Center Street and 306 W. Catawissa Street.

- 2014 Ford – Code Vehicle – ratify tires & repairs

❖ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- Emergency Plan for Lehigh Valley Children's Center (LVCC) at Panther Valley

Mr. McArdle stated how he had contacted the Lehigh Valley Children's Center and they were going to set up a meeting with himself, Mark Nalesnik, and the School District (principal) to discuss what their options were and to get a better idea of what they were looking for.

- After Action Report – 90 East Catawissa

Mr. McArdle stated how he has three files to give to the Solicitor; tractor trailer fire, absorbent for coolant and 90 E. Catawissa Street, which they were looking for corrections to be made in the building.

- Avoidable Alarm – 1 Industrial Complex, plant 4

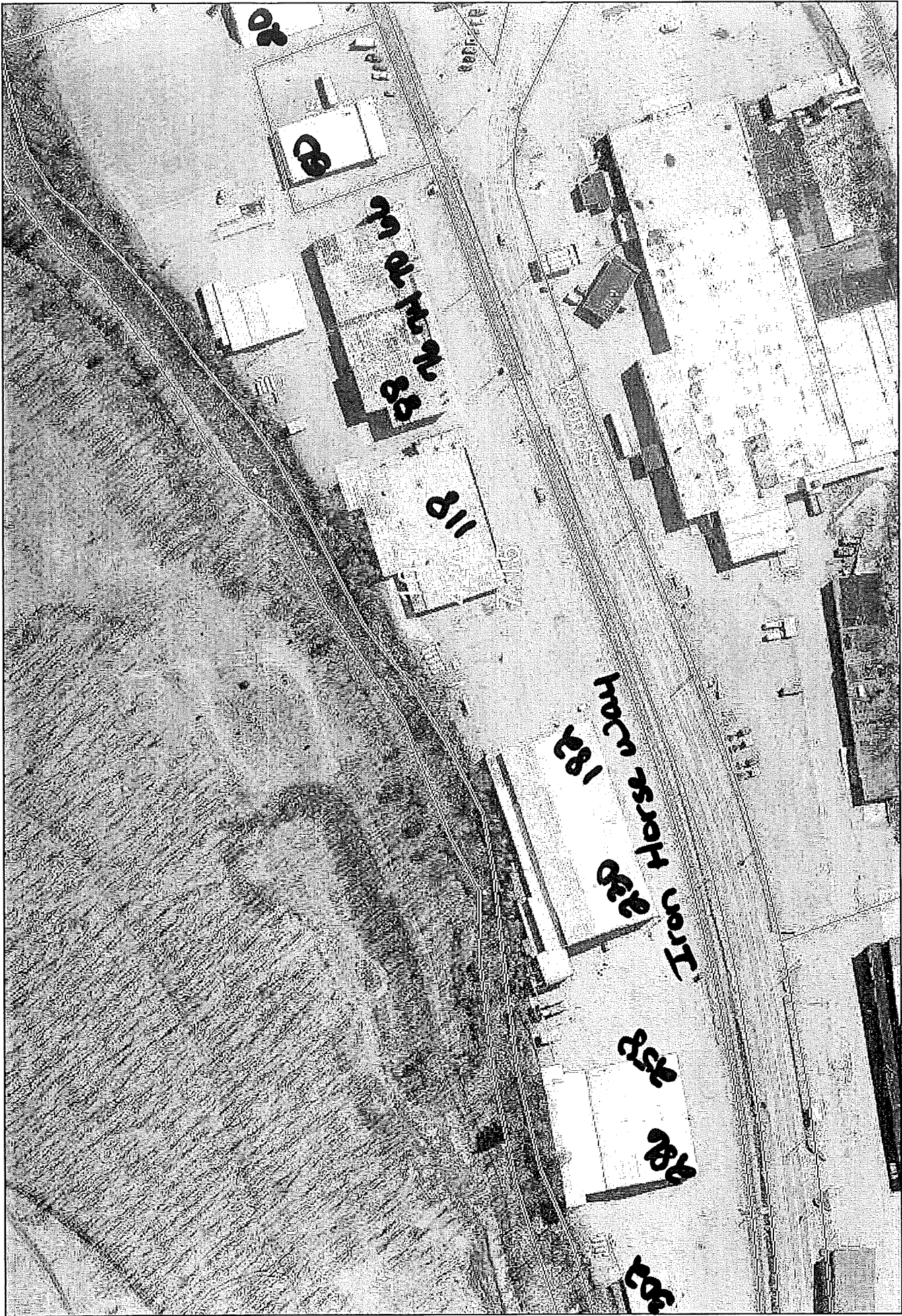
Mr. McArdle stated how he also had the address for the new home that was going to be built on N. Tippetts Road; 12 N. Tippetts Road.

- **Addresses – Iron Horse Way**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to address the properties on the north side of Route 54 (newly acquired Railroad properties) as follows: Inspection Building, 20 Iron Horse Way; Kovatch Service, 50 Iron Horse Way; Sales, 66 Iron Horse Way; Conference, 70 Iron Horse Way; Store, 74 Iron Horse Way; Paint Shop, 76 Iron Horse Way; Garage, 88 Iron Horse Way; Customer Service, 118 Iron Horse Way; Plant 7, 182 Iron Horse Way; Plant 7, 230 Iron Horse Way; Plant 6, 258 Iron Horse Way; Plant 6, 286 Iron Horse Way; Pump Test, 302 Iron Horse Way along with the address for the new home on Tippetts Road – 12 N. Tippetts Road. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Solicitor Yurchak stated how he had attended the assessment appeal hearings for the Railroad and they will be tax exempt on all of their properties except the property on Mill Street.

Mr. McArdle stated how he and Mr. Kennedy were emailing back and forth with Phantom Fireworks. He stated how they thought that they were looking to open a shop in town, but they were just looking to set up displays at the registers in Redner's, which they did not have an issue with it.



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**Councilwoman Guardiani moved and Councilwoman Heaney 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**

- **Advertise – Road Construction Materials bids**

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to advertise for the 2022 Road Construction Materials. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they will be due in the office by December 19<sup>th</sup>. She stated how they will be awarded at the December's regular meeting.

- **2011 Silver F550 – Sale**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that Municibid did repost the truck for sale, but it was not closing until Thursday evening (October 27<sup>th</sup>). She stated that the current bid was higher than their reserve price.

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she was looking for approval to award the purchase to the highest bidder, instead of waiting until their next regular meeting.

**Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to authorize Secretary/Treasurer Ahner to accept the highest bid received through Municibid for the 2011 Silver Dump Truck. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- No Parking – Winter Parking
- Memo – Winter assignments

Councilman Paul stated about the memo for the winter assignments. He stated about which driver would be in which truck and in which area the driver would be responsible for covering. Councilman Paul stated how he wanted the employees to get a copy of the memo if all of Council agreed, because he wanted them to stay in their area until they were finished. He stated the snow removal equipment would be based on seniority, which would include the loader. Councilman Paul stated how he was recommending that they do not post for winter parking, because of all the issues they have had in the past. He stated that if Council would agree, their responsibility was to open the streets; driving lanes for emergency personnel. Councilman Paul stated how he was leaving it up to the discretion of the drivers to widen the streets, if there were no vehicles parked there. He stated how it was due to people not moving their vehicles, damages and complaints. Councilman Paul stated how he talked to the president of the Water Authority, Shawn Quigley, about helping with the plowing; alleys, parking lots, fire companies, etc. He stated how he suggested that the Borough and Authority go together to purchase a snow blower to keep at the Borough office. Councilman Paul stated how he was trying to get everyone to work together.

Councilman Paul stated how they wanted to follow the CDL law and cap them at 12 hours. He stated how they will have a few hours off, but then they can work another 12 hour shift; unless it was a state of emergency. Councilman Paul stated how all of the calls would be based on seniority. He stated how the Borough crew has to punch in when they arrived at work, regardless of the time they were called, and they must punch out at the end of the day. Councilman Paul stated how all overtime must be approved by Council President or someone on the Street Committee.

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Solicitor Yurchak stated how the snow parking was done by virtue of the ordinance. He asked if they were doing it as a temporary police regulation or did they want to change the ordinance. Councilman Paul stated how they were not changing the ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they would have to go with a temporary police regulation or the chief was not able to enforce it. Councilman Paul stated how the Borough was not posting any “no parking” signs. President Hawk stated that if the Borough had to do snow removal, they will post signs, but they were not posting any signs for plowing.

- Historical Society – Handicap Parking Sign
- Loader – Cleveland Brothers
- Paving Completed – Industrial Road

Councilman Paul stated how they had voted to pave Mussmano Avenue next year. He stated about the paving projects for next year.

Councilwoman Fox asked who was responsible for cleaning the snow off of the sidewalks at the Recreation Center. She stated how the sidewalks should be cleared, in the event they would have to utilize the Recreation Center as an emergency shelter.

Councilman Paul stated to Chief Weaver that he did not want people piling snow on the corners, because it was a safety hazard.

### **3. SEWER**

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

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

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

- **Award – Liquid Sludge Bids**

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had received three bids; Environmental Service Corp (their current hauler) bid price of \$0.0809 per gallon; Waste Management bid price \$0.1040 per gallon and Biros Septic bid price of \$0.1360 per gallon.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to award the Liquid Sludge Hauling bids to Environmental Service Corp at a bid price of \$0.0809 per gallon. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- **Excavator – Sewer Plant**

Councilwoman Fox stated how they were going to have a demonstration of an excavator at the Sewer plant. She stated that the cost of the excavator would be approximately \$85,000.00.

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to authorize President Hawk to potentially purchase an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- F750 Red Dump Truck



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- **711 E. Center Street & 1257 E. Catawissa Street – Water meters**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to request the Nesquehoning Water Authority to install water meters at 711 E. Center Street and 1257 E. Catawissa Street (The Lantern) due to change in ownerships for sewage purposes. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

- Paving completed – Columbus Avenue
- 1100 E. Catawissa Street – request from last year

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that Council has approved the waiving of the sewer and garbage at 1100 E. Catawissa Street for 6 months, even though they did not have the water turned off. Councilwoman Fox stated that the Borough should start billing them until they would come back to the Council Members with another request.

- Budget overview

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had a budget meeting for the sewer, but they did not have anything finalized yet.

**4. BUILDINGS  
& GROUNDS**

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

- Police department insurance repairs completed

Councilman Nalesnik stated that the insurance repairs have been completed and the front facade had been painted. He stated how the sign has been installed.

Councilman Nalesnik stated how they wanted to look into budgeting some funds to freshen up the Recreation Center. Councilman Paul stated about the roof at the police station. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they could take a look at that in the Spring.

**5. SANITATION &  
QUALITY OF LIFE**

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

- September 2022 Tamaqua Transfer Tonnage Report

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that there was 150.48 tons of garbage for September 2022.

- Review – Dumpster Ordinance

Councilwoman Guardiani stated about taking a minute to review the Dumpster Ordinance. She read from part of the ordinance. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Dumpster permits were required at a cost of \$50.00 for 30 days, with a 2 week extension, if requested. She stated how the ordinance was adopted in 2018, so it has been on the books for 4 years and needs to be followed.

❖ **BLIGHT COMMITTEE**

- **Appoint members to the Housing Review Board**
  - Paul Kattner
  - Susan Highland
  - June Lawton

**Councilwoman Guardiani moved and Councilwoman Fox seconded to appoint Paul Kattner, Susan Highland and June Lawton to the Housing Review Board. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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- Act 152 of 2016

Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she had talked to Solicitor Yurchak about Act 152 of 2016; “DCED County Demolition Fund Reporting Act 152-2016 amends Act 87-1982, the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, and allows the governing body of any county to adopt a resolution or an ordinance that authorizes the recorder of deeds to charge and collect an additional fee not to exceed \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded. The fee must be deposited in a county demolition fund and used exclusively for the demolition of blighted property in the county.” She stated how Solicitor Yurchak sent a letter on June 12, 2020 to the Carbon County Commissioners asking them to Adopt Act 152, which they refused to do. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how there were other Counties, such as Schuylkill County that has adopted Act 152. She stated how she had discussed the Blight Committee meeting with the Commissioners face to face, but she wanted to make sure that they had all of their information in place before setting up a meeting.

Council-woman Guardiani stated about sending a letter to the surrounding Borough’s to see if they were interested in attending the Commissioners’ meeting with them. She stated that the Borough has the ordinances, but they just did not have the money to do what needs to be done. Solicitor Yurchak stated that the Commissioners biggest objection was how it would not bring in enough money. He stated how the program could be set up as a grant, whereas the program would get money back and it would just keep rolling over. Councilwoman Guardiani stated about Secretary/Treasurer Ahner contacting the other Borough’s to see what their thoughts were in attending a Commissioners’ meeting on a date to be determined. Solicitor Yurchak stated how they could then contact the Commissioners to be placed on the Agenda for the meeting.

- Draft – Blight Plan

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that the Blight Plan was taking shape. She stated that she did not want to meet with the Commissioners until they have finalized the Blight Plan.

- NOV fines – effective January 1<sup>st</sup>

Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Secretary/Treasurer Ahner had informed them at their last Blight meeting that there were 453 rentals, 44 were not active (no water) and 172 of them did not pay their rental fee for the year.

- Update on Blighted Properties (10)

1. 31 W. Railroad Street-garage on High Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the garage was demolished.
2. 217 W. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Mr. Stalega has been working on that property. She stated how it was a half of a double with a hole in the roof and there was someone living in the other half. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that the property owner was cited and the property was posted condemned. Solicitor Yurchak stated about contacting Bill McMullen to inspect the property to see if they were able to tear that property down; if there was a foundation wall. He stated how they will have to find out that if they would tear down the one half of the house, if it would affect the other half.
3. 129 E. Center Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how that property was also on Mr. Stalega’s report. She stated how it was up for Sheriff Sale, but they paid the taxes 5 day prior to the sale. Councilwoman Fox stated how that was also a half of a double.
4. 571 E. Center Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did not hear anything yet as far as what happened with the property at the Sheriff Sale.

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5. 1, 3 and 5 E. High Street – Solicitor Yurchak stated how it was in the judges hands.
6. 111 W. Catawissa Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she has not heard anything concerning the NOV that Mr. Stalega sent.
7. 58 E. Mill Street – Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how citations have to be filed for the property owner.
8. 227/229 E. Catawissa Street – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Mr. Stalega had told her that they were allowed to go into the property to clean things out, but they were not allowed to stay there. She stated that if the property would sell the new property owner would have to apply for a building permit to fix it up and Mr. Stalega was going to turn it over to Tim Dow (BCO) in order for him to do an interior and an exterior inspection. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the property was settling on Friday. She stated how they did send a copy of the NOV to the settlement company and told them about needing permits and inspections. Councilwoman Fox asked if they had to do a dye test. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how Ms. Coniglio had informed them that it needed a dye test.
9. 151 W. Columbus Avenue – Councilwoman Guardiani stated how it was posted condemned and the property owner was cited.

Councilwoman Fox asked if they had anything concerning the property at 200 Yard Street. She stated that the water was off, but they were still living there. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they were still living there. She stated how they keep removing the condemned signs. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they also had issues with 194 & 196 Stock Street. She stated how Mr. Stalega had a very good conversation with that property owner and they were being cooperative.

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

- Nesquehoning Recreation June 2022 Meeting
- Nesquehoning Recreation August 2022 Meeting
- Nesquehoning Recreation Commission Treasure Report June & July
- Nesquehoning Recreation Commission Treasure Report Aug. & Sept.
- **Virginia Tatusko – Reappointment – Recreation Commission**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilman Paul seconded to reappoint Virginia Tatusko to another 5-year term to the Recreation Commission. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilwoman Kuba stated how the Recreation Commission Members would be handing out candy and taking pictures at the Recreation Center on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that if it was raining, they would be inside the Recreation Center. Councilwoman Kuba stated how the flag at the Recreation Center was looking pretty worn. She stated how she had contacted Senator Argil office and they were going to be sending them a new flag.

Councilwoman Kuba stated about the basketball sketch plans from Barry Isett and Associates for the Johnson & Jacobs Memorial Park project. She stated how all of the Council Members should review the plans.

Councilwoman Kuba stated how they will be holding an ornament making session for the kids on December 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that their next Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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Councilwoman Kuba stated how they were holding a Paint N' Sip on December 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated how they were holding the Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup>, which is only open to Nesquehoning children.

Councilwoman Kuba stated how they have also been in discussion of holding a gun bingo on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Paul stated how he would like to keep an eye out for a grant for the New Columbus Park. He stated how he would like to get the Basketball court redone and getting some lighting in the park.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that her brother handed her a letter for the Borough Council Members: Dear Nesquehoning Council Members, we are the Nesquehoning VFW Post 8008 were requesting the release of funds totaling, which they did not include a total; for the purchase of 15 new tables for the VFW. Thank you for your consideration. She stated how they had attached proposals from Lowes, Home Depot and Amazon. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that Home Depot was \$133.89 per table, which comes to approximately \$2,010.00. Councilwoman Kuba stated how it would come from grant funds. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if someone could contact her regarding the grant. She stated that when the Borough was awarded a grant, they do not get the money. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the items, which would have been included in the grant application, has to be purchased or work has to be done before the Borough can submit paperwork for a reimbursement. She stated how she would need to see the grant application to see what they all applied for, because if they did not apply for tables in the grant, they will not get reimbursed for those tables. Mayor Kattner stated how the grant was for the improvement of the grove. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if Brad Hurley wrote the application. Mayor Kattner stated how that was who he thought wrote it. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she would get in touch with Mr. Hurley.

### **7. BUDGET/FINANCE      FRAN HEANEY, CHAIRWOMAN; ABBIE GUARDIANI, CO-CHAIRWOMAN; DAVID HAWK**

- **Updating VUB – DBS January 2023**

**Councilwoman Guardiani moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to transfer/update from the VUB to the DBS at a cost of \$5,500.00. All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Councilwoman Heaney stated how the Budget/Finance Committee would be meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> to review the entire budget. She stated how she has noticed that the Borough was very concerned with saving money and reviewing purchases; making wise choices. Councilwoman Heaney stated how they had discussed the parks and the roads and they will be budgeting accordingly.

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

- **Insurance Renewal rates**

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had received the Health Plan renewal rates from ETA Benefits. She stated how they have to schedule a meeting with Mr. Pilla to review the different Health plans and their rates. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she had also received the information concerning Geisinger Health Insurance. She stated how she has asked Mr. Pilla about the coverage area for that plan.

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilwoman Fox moved and Councilwoman Kuba seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

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RoniSue Ahner  
Secretary/Treasurer