

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

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

PURPOSE: Committee/Workshop Meeting

Ric and Kathy Reaman gave a presentation on how their LLC closed on the sale of the buildings from REV that past Friday. All the buildings on the south side of Route 54 plus Plant 21 up by Ametek. They already have Bulldog in Buildings 3 and 4 doing truck warranty and fab work. They were already leasing the buildings from REV before closing. Bulldog has about 30 people working.

Bulldog is a fire apparatus sales company in the northeast, headquartered outside Boston. They are the largest KME sales outfit in the country. They also do warranty work, repairs, and apparatus customization work for multiple lines of apparatus. This is an expansion of their company. They anticipate hiring back more workers as they grow here. They will also be doing sales and some engineering out of Nesquehoning as well. There is a possibility of expanding into Plant 21 if they grow enough.

As for the Corporation building, Ric and Kathy were moving forward with plans for Narrow Valley Sports Complex, an indoor sports venue. Basketball courts, pickleball courts, batting cages, an 1/8-mile walking/running track, a sprint track, turf areas for track and field or other turf-based sports practice. They are in discussions with St Luke's and LVHN over a training center inside part of the old office area. They anticipate having additional office space for lease. They anticipate it will be used for membership use, local high schools, senior programs, travelling teams, etc.

Chief Weaver introduced the newly hired part-time police officer Daniel Long and a part-time police applicant Richard Bekesy to the Council Members.

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

Councilman Paul stated about ordering the reflective car tags for the individualized handicap parking spaces. It was asked if there would only be one tag issued per vehicle. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how there would be only one tag issued per household and that the Borough will be placing the vehicle's information on the car tag, which will prevent individuals from shuffling vehicles around to park in the handicap parking spot. She stated how they had applied for a restricted handicap parking spot not a generic handicap spot. Councilman Paul stated that the cost would be approximately \$250.00 for 50 tags. Councilwoman Fox asked about the numbers being places on the sign. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they will get reflective numbers to place on the signs to correspond with the number on the tag.

Councilman Paul stated how PennDOT threw a wrench in to their line painting, but Mr. Staehle did paint all of the requested, paid driveway lines. He stated that they had originally started with the end zones for the police, because they were getting complaints of people parking in them on the main street. Councilman Paul stated that when they were done with that, they were going to start on the cross walks. He stated that he was trying to find out if PennDOT was going to do the same thing on the main street as what they did in Lansford, which would be great.

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Councilman Paul stated that Mr. Staehle was cutting grass in the morning and painting the handicap parking spots in the afternoon. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that Mr. Degiglio was helping the Water Authority with a project on Locust Street. Councilman Paul stated how he did not have a problem with him helping the Water Authority, because they have helped the Borough; teamwork. Mayor Kattner stated that when they were painting the cross walks on the main street; he wanted a police officer present.

Councilman Nalesnik stated that if they would have a larger project, they would need to sub it out. He stated about Councilwoman Guardiani cutting the grass at the monument. Mayor Kattner stated about contracting the grass out. Councilwoman Fox stated how over the winter, they should look into request for proposals for the grass cutting. Councilman Paul stated that whenever he had a list or complaints, he would write them on the board in order of importance and they would mark them off as they got them completed. He stated how he has told them that he wanted complaints looked at within 48 hours.

Councilman Paul stated how Councilman Nalesnik was looking on getting the information on the F750, because they were thinking about selling it. He asked where they were at with the F550. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she was having an issue with the buyer, because he was a dealer and did not want to transfer the title. She stated how she has been in contact with municibid to find out what their next step was. Councilman Nalesnik stated about placing the funds from the sale in a separate line item. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had purchased both trucks through Liquid Fuels, which meant that the funds from the sale of the trucks needed to be deposited back into Liquid Fuels. She stated that she wanted to talk to John Davis to make sure that the deposited funds would be available for future equipment purchases. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the only things they pay out of Liquid Fuels were the street lighting, salt and anti-skid materials. Councilman Nalesnik stated that with selling both trucks, they would be able to purchase a decent light/super duty truck, which would be a useful truck for any Borough.

Mayor Kattner asked when the last time was that anyone looked at the F750, because there was a bungee cord holding the hood down and it had a cracked fender. He stated that he had taken it for a ride and it drove great. Councilman Paul stated that he did not know what happened; it could have happened during the winter plowing.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that she felt that the street lights did not provide enough lighting and that the streets seemed very dark. Councilman Paul stated that he agreed. Councilwoman Fox stated that several years ago when PPL was switching the street lights to LED lights, the Borough decided to reevaluate the number of street lights that they had in the Borough. She stated how the conversion was not going to cost the Borough anything. Councilwoman Fox stated that they had gone over every street to assess how many lights that could be removed. She stated how the old street lights used to shine out; whereas, the new LED street lights shine down. Councilwoman Fox asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner what their monthly street lighting bill was. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she would have to check, but she thought that it was approximately \$7,000.00 a month, which they were now paying around \$4,500.00. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were paying for the street lights out of the Liquid Fuels fund. She stated how they had look at the street lighting in other towns. President Hawk stated how other towns did not have 3 – 4 lights in a block.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that if there was a different light available, they might have to look into changing the lights. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that after the conversion of the street lights, the Committee was supposed to go back out and assess any black out areas in town.

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Councilwoman Guardiani asked if they could look into a bulb upgrade. Councilwoman Fox stated that if the Borough would change the street lighting, PPL would probably charge them for the change.

Councilman Nalesnik stated that they might have to do a street at a time, but they should get a price.

Councilman Paul stated that they need some new garbage cans in the park. He stated that Mr. Staehle has informed him that they were shot.

Councilman Paul stated that he wanted to get back to the discussion with the trucks. He stated that the idea was to have two big trucks for snow removal and the new truck, a small one-ton dump truck, which would be used for inlet repairs, line painting, picking up cinders, and etc., which they were not putting a plow or a spreader on that truck. Councilwoman Fox asked about the dump body that they were looking at purchasing to put in the pickup truck. Councilman Paul stated how the truck and the dump body would not be able to handle the weight of the inlets. He stated how he had also asked Michael Radocha for a quote to help the Borough plow snow, but he wanted a guaranteed amount. Councilman Paul stated how he was not worried about the snow plowing, because they had the two big trucks, they had Mr. Pilla with his F550 and he had also talked to Mr. Quigley about the Water Authority helping out the Borough with some plowing. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the plow and the spreader from the Borough's F550 would work with the Sewer's F550. Councilman Nalesnik stated about getting that plow and spreader inside and out of the weather.

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

Councilman Paul stated how Secretary/Treasurer Ahner talked to him about using the pole cameras at businesses all over town. He stated how even some of the residents would allow the Borough to utilize their homes, which would be in problem areas. Councilwoman Fox stated about attaching one at each of the fire companies. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the camera would need to utilize power and wifi access wherever they were hooking them up at. She stated about installing some around the Borough office. Councilman Nalesnik asked about accessing the video footage. Chief Weaver stated about accessing them remotely. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that once they were connected, she thought that there was a way to access the footage on the camera from the police station. President Hawk asked that if they have access to the internet, was there a service that they could utilize in order to have the camera be part of the police services. He stated that as long as they would have internet access, they should be able to access the camera from anywhere. Chief Weaver stated that he was not sure if they would have an issue, because the cameras would be connected to different wifi's. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when they had originally talked about installing them, each camera required its own wifi router. She stated how the residents or businesses would not have access to them; it would only be the police. Councilman Paul stated about getting them off of the poles and see what they could do.

Councilman Nalesnik asked if there was an update on the body camera grant. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she did not hear anything. Chief Weaver stated how he had heard that they had put a hold on it. Councilman Nalesnik stated about finding out how far out they were suspending the grant. He stated that if it was not too far, they could wait a little longer; but if it was going to be several months, they could talk about moving forward to purchase the body cameras.

Mayor Kattner stated about a Supervisor Leadership Call for Chief Weaver at a cost of \$795.00 and the class would be held at the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department on February 20, 2023.

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Mayor Kattner stated about looking into hiring another full-time police officer. Chief Weaver stated that they have 32 hours of open shifts. He stated how Officer Long was going to cover some open shifts. Chief Weaver stated how they were also talking about guaranteed part-time 24 – 32 hours. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they were looking for another full-time police officer, but another option would be a part-time police officer that they were guaranteeing 24 – 32 hours per week. Chief Weaver stated “yes”. He stated how it would help on open shifts or to cover for a full-time officer when they were off. President Hawk stated how they could look at the budget for 2023 to see if they could hire another full-time officer. Councilwoman Fox stated how they have to look to see what all it would cost the Borough, because of health care cost, pension, etc. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they also have to see what a mill was going to be worth for 2023.

Chief Weaver stated about having Civil Service certifying a list. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how they need to appoint someone to the Civil Service Commission. Joe Guardiani stated that in 2017, the state issued a new rule that a Borough must have an alternate member 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.

Councilman Nalesnik stated about the recent incident on Route 93. He asked Chief Weaver if there was something that they could do; contact PennDOT, about reinforcing the issue of the trucks coming down that hill. Chief Weaver stated how there were signs, but they were not very big, until they get to the top of the hill and by that time it was too late, because there was no place for them to turn around. He stated how stopping at the top of the hill does help. Councilman Nalesnik stated that whatever they were doing, it was not working. He stated how they will ask Solicitor Yurchak to write a letter to PennDOT to see if they can get better signage.

Chief Weaver stated about the fire police and their assistance with the accident scene. Councilwoman Kuba asked if they could recognize them at their next meeting. President Hawk stated how the problem with that, as they had discussed at their Public Safety Committee meeting, neither of them have been recognized by the Borough as being fire police. He stated how they have never submitted the paperwork that the Borough had requested. President Hawk stated how the only fire police personnel that was recognized was Grace Whildin. He stated that the fire chief from New Columbus told them at the meeting how they would get the paperwork submitted and comply with what the Borough has asked for.

Chief Weaver stated about the eviction letter that was sent to 130 W. Catawissa Street. He stated how the landlord did start the eviction process, but withdrew it from the magistrate’s office. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated to Chief Weaver how he should talk to Solicitor Yurchak, because the Borough could revoke his rental license for not complying with the ordinance. Councilwoman Fox stated how they did that two years ago with a landlord. President Hawk stated that if they would have to apply it to the entire apartment complex, it might, insight the landlord to follow through with the eviction.

Councilman Paul stated how he was happy to where the Council Members were at and how they hired who they hired, even though there were anti-people saying stupid things about their police department. He stated how they were in good shape.

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Councilman Paul stated how he had tried to get the three fire companies together, but it did not go very well. He stated how he wanted an itemized bill for any services to the ladder truck. Councilwoman Fox asked about the bills for the aerial trucks. Councilman Nalesnik stated how there were two big bills; one was the basic service of the chassis and the other was for a ladder repair, which could be expensive. He stated how Mr. McArdle had asked for Council's approval to do service on the ladder truck and they granted approval. Councilman Nalesnik stated that they were not checking around for pricing or asking what the cost would be for the service. He stated how it was all mobile on site service for the ladder truck. Councilwoman Fox stated how they need to be more aware of the costs. Councilman Nalesnik stated that was why he had asked Mr. Reaman if they would be servicing fire trucks. He stated how they would call to inform of the issues and the cost involved.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that they should get prices from anybody before they grant approval. Councilman Nalesnik stated how Trajan Koerbler should excuse himself from working on the ladder truck since he was the assistant fire chief and that was a huge conflict of interest. He stated that he should render assistance to the chief on the invoices/ servicing of the truck, like a consultant. Councilwoman Guardiani asked about other companies that service fire trucks. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it was Campbell, Bulldog, and Randy Kraus does the exact same work with another company. He stated how it was very rare that they would have two mobile truck technicians in town. Councilman Paul stated how it was not an open check book for the fire companies in town, just because they own the ladder truck. Councilwoman Fox stated how all the fire companies should be trained on the aerial truck. Councilman Paul stated that the fire companies should look into fundraising for their fire companies. He stated that he was not against the fire companies. Councilwoman Kuba stated that they could even organize a boot drop, all three fire companies, and split the donations three ways.

2. SEWER

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

Councilwoman Fox stated how they had a third incident up at the lake over Labor Day weekend. She stated how the Borough had tried to go with the optional part until the original part would arrive in November. Councilwoman Fox stated how the optional part's wiring malfunctioned. She stated how Martin's has rewired some things and has a temporary backup or call out, which it did do that past Monday. Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla had generators up at the Lake. She asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner if it was turned over to the insurance company. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she was waiting until they had everything and that the issue was resolved. She stated how they had received three separate bills from Lake Hauto, which totaled over \$10,000.00. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they might get some relief from the insurance company, but he was not counting on it. He stated how he was not too happy with Martin's and has asked Mr. Pilla to research other companies in the area. Councilwoman Fox stated how they never had any problems with all of the work that Martin's has done for the Borough, until that pump station. Councilman Nalesnik stated that they either did not care or did not know what they were doing, because the Borough had raw sewage coming out at the beach at the most inopportune time. He stated how only one of them was a power failure; whereas, the other two was a failure of power equipment.

Councilwoman Fox stated that she wanted to find out from all of Council as to what she was to ask of them, as far as the cleanup. She stated that during the second failure, sewage did get into the lake. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that for the first bill, the part went bad and that would fall on the Borough. President Hawk stated that the next two bills, the Borough was expecting the system to work.

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Councilman Nalesnik stated that Martin's was supposed to be maintaining, testing and inspecting the equipment, the first incident should not have happened either. He stated how the problem was with the backup not the primary. Councilwoman Fox stated that equipment could fail even if it was tested and inspected. She asked Secretary/Treasurer Ahner what the total amount was. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that it was \$11,082.00 for the cleanup. She stated how Council had voted at the last meeting to install the optional part, which was at a cost of \$900.00 plus the cost of installation. President Hawk stated how they should not be expected to pay for a part that did not work. Councilwoman Heaney stated how the manufacture should make good on the part that failed. Councilwoman Fox stated that the screws were stripped on the part, which was not able to be returned.

Councilman Nalesnik stated about splitting the total cost of the cleanup. President Hawk stated about going after more. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that they should go after \$8,000.00. Councilwoman Kuba stated that they did not know what other expenses would be coming in. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that they could tell them no and that they would give them less. Councilman Nalesnik stated that they could say how the Borough would pay for the cleanup of the first incident, but the other two were the negligent of Martin's and they should be held responsible for the cost of the cleanup.

Councilwoman Fox stated that they had received two quotes, VP Construction and Radocha Excavating, for the base repair for the W. Columbus sewer line replacement project. Councilman Paul asked when they were going to move on the quotes for the paving. Councilwoman Fox stated how the plants were going to close in November. She stated how they could vote on it at their next regular meeting. Councilwoman Fox stated how they were looking into generators for the pumping stations. She stated how Bill McMullen was looking at COSTARS for the generators.

Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla had an issue with the well at the Sewer plant over the weekend. She stated how he needed two new tanks for the well, which he purchased from RJ Walker. Councilwoman Fox stated how Mr. Pilla also had a blocked sewer main line on Saturday on Catawissa Street, which he had to use the Vac truck. She stated how the property owners had complied on W. Railroad Street and they were all directly connected to the main sewer line. Councilwoman Fox stated how Emory Toth's contract expired on September 30th and it would have to be renewed. She stated how he received a monthly retainer (\$250.00) and an hourly rate (\$50.00) for any work done for the Borough, which he does the testing at the plant every other weekend.

Councilman Nalesnik stated that they will continue to review the three quotes; Kresge, A & W, & Radocha, for the heating/air conditioning unit at the Sewer Plant. He stated how they wanted to make sure that they were comparing apples to apples.

Councilman Nalesnik stated about the sewer agreement with Rush Township. He stated how he had some concerns, because Bill McMullen was a resident of Rush Township and he was also their engineer. Councilman Nalesnik stated that the rough math, a Rush Township resident pays about \$10.00 per month for sewage to the Borough of Nesquehoning; whereas, a Nesquehoning resident pays \$30.00 per month. Councilwoman Fox stated how Rush Township pays based on the sewer flows, which were metered. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that she did not know what a Rush Township resident paid on a monthly basis for their sewer. She stated that there was a formula and it was based on the flows from Rush Township along with the expenses that were incurred for the Sewer plant. Councilman Nalesnik stated how the flows did not fluctuate greatly from year to year.

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Councilwoman Fox stated how Rush Township was only be charged for the use of the main sewer line and the processing of the sewage. She stated that any work that was done in town, like the W. Columbus Avenue sewer line, was not charged towards Rush Township. Councilwoman Fox stated that a Rush Township resident would not pay as much as a Nesquehoning resident. She stated how Bill McMullen has the agreement and he was reviewing it.

3. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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

Councilman Nalesnik stated how the insurance work at the police department was almost finished. He stated that the last part was to paint the front of the building, but they were not painting the entire building. Councilman Nalesnik stated how he told the contractor not to put the sign back up. He stated how he had talked to the chief about an aluminum sign, like the one they had gotten for Johnson & Jacobs Park. He stated how he would be getting a quote from Susan Friendak for the police sign, which he thought cost \$550.00. Councilman Nalesnik stated how it would be a sign of the Police patch and the size would be approximately 3' x 3'. He stated how they would be mounting it on the front of the building.

Councilman Nalesnik stated that the tenants had moved into the apartment upstairs. He stated how there was still one or two items that needed to be completed. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the tenant had called about the windows and how she was not able to open them. Councilwoman Fox stated that she was not able to close the bathroom window. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the tenant was also having issues with the tub draining. Councilwoman Fox stated that it was draining slowly. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that the tenant also asked who she was supposed to contact after working hours and on the weekends, if she had an issue. Councilman Nalesnik stated that he would be her point of contact in the event of an emergency. Councilman Paul asked where the main water shutoff was located. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how she thought that it was in the basement.

5. SANITATION & QUALITY OF LIFE

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

Councilwoman Guardiani stated about the Blight Committee attending a PSAB Blight Webinar, which was schedule in a four part series and the cost to the Borough was \$125.00. She stated that they would be holding the webinar at the Borough office on the following dates: October 12th, October 19th, October 26th and November 2nd from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. President Hawk stated that they could start the Workshop/ Committee meeting on October 12th and the Regular meeting on October 26th at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how she spent 45 minutes on the phone with Senator Argall's office concerning blight. She stated how Senator Argall was holding a round table discussion on blight on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Coaldale Complex. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how Senator Argall wanted to meet with her and the committee, but she was waiting on available dates. She stated how she wanted Secretary/Treasurer Ahner, Mary Arieta and Chip Stalega to attend that meeting.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated about the email from David Bodnar concerning the 902 Recycling grant, which was due by October 28th. She stated how she was not prepared to apply for that grant at that time, but she wanted to get back to recycling one day. Councilwoman Fox stated that they would have to get information from recycling companies before they would apply. Councilwoman Heaney stated how they have too many unanswered questions for themselves that they would need to get answered before looking into the grant application.

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Councilwoman Guardiani stated about the NOV fees, \$25.00 for the first letter and any additional letters that were sent to the same property owner, if they remediated the issue or not. She stated that she wanted the first NOV letter to cost \$50.00, doubling it every time they would receive another letter within that same year; \$50.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$400.00 and so on. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that if they do not remediate the issue, based on the letter, a citation was filed. She stated how restitution was added to the citation for any cost incurred for the property, which would include a percentage for administration fees. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the District Magistrate could find the individual guilty, but assesses a lower amount of restitution than what was listed on the citation. She asked about charging a flat \$250.00 fee for citing an individual on top of the amount of restitution for the cost that were incurred by the Borough, which would be something that they had to write into their ordinance. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that when a citation was written for someone not cleaning up their garbage, she will request \$200.00 for restitution for cost incurred by the Borough. She stated that the Magistrate has questioned the \$200.00 restitution, which she replied that they were fees involved with taking the pictures and writing the letter. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how the Magistrate might allow the individual to pay the restitution fees, but find them not guilty, which means that they have no fines or court cost to pay.

Councilwoman Guardiani stated that in their Housing Ordinance, Chapter 11, it talks about a Housing Review Board, which the Borough did not have. She stated how it was supposed to be three people, three-year term. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how the Housing Review Board was supposed to give the Magistrate or the person who was being cited the option of hardship. She stated how the Magistrate would tell them that they had to appear before the board to discuss their hardship and possibly get their fine reduced if they follow through with everything that they were supposed to do. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that one of the issues they have when filing a citation, was trying to locate the property owner. She stated how the citation would just sit at the Magistrate's office . . . Councilwoman Guardiani stated that if they would publish it in the news paper, they could take the property. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated that if they would file a lien on the property and it would go up for Judicial or Repository sale, the lien was forgiven, because the property at that point was sold free and clear of all liens. Councilwoman Guardiani stated that when she talked to Senator Argall, she wanted to find out if there help available for Boroughs.

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

Councilwoman Kuba stated about Dimmick's Antique Book Sale on September 21st – 24th. She stated how they would be having extended hours for the days of the sale.

Councilwoman Kuba stated how the Recreation Commission would be meeting on October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. She stated that over the last several years, they have seen a reduction in the amount of kids attending the Halloween party. Councilwoman Kuba stated that at their meeting, they would be discussing other ideas for Halloween. She stated how Officer Lahovski had offered to work with the Recreation Commission to decorate the Recreation Center for Halloween.

Councilwoman Kuba stated about the 60 – 40 small games of chance that Mr. Sabol keeps bringing up at their meetings. She stated that it was organized by Governor Wolfe in 2013 and it was mainly for the non-profits organizations, which run small games of chance with rip-off tickets. Councilwoman Kuba stated how they were looking for an amount of what was sold with those tickets and that was where 60% was supposed to be given back to the community. She stated how it was not based on bingo games.

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Councilwoman Kuba stated how the Recreation Commission has a \$30,000.00 bank account but they have donated funds for the purchase of the flags and they were willing to purchase equipment for the parks. Councilwoman Heaney stated how the Recreation Commission does hold events for the children of town, Easter, Christmas, etc. She stated that all they had to do was to sign up for the events. Councilwoman Kuba stated how they were looking to schedule a Kiddie bingo also.

Councilwoman Kuba stated how everything was on schedule for the Johnson & Jacobs Memorial Park. Councilwoman Fox stated about getting a donation of benches and picnic tables for the parks.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if they had any dates to meet with Tom Tobin concerning the billing systems for Sewer and Sanitation. Councilman Nalesnik asked about the workshop meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they were having the blight webinar that night.

Councilwoman Kuba asked if anything had been scheduled for the meeting with the Lake Hauto Club. President Hawk stated how they did not get anything scheduled with them. Councilwoman Kuba stated how President Hawk had suggested meeting with them prior to the regular meeting in September. Councilwoman Fox stated that it was concerning the water system at the lake, which was old. She stated how they only have 4" lines.

Councilwoman Heaney stated how she has to see about funds in the 2023 budget for another full-time officer. She stated about budgeting for the consultant for the Sewer plant. Councilwoman Fox stated how that would come out of the Sewer budget. Councilwoman Heaney stated how she sat with Secretary/Treasurer Ahner reviewing some of the budget information. Councilwoman Fox stated how they had discussed in the past about not going back with five full-time police officers. Councilman Paul stated how it would be four full-time officers. Councilwoman Kuba stated how that included the chief. President Hawk stated how they would have open shifts. Councilwoman Fox asked about part-time officers. President Hawk stated how that was the second option to guarantee a part-time officer 32 hours a week. Councilwoman Fox stated how they previously had talked about the high costs of the police pension fund, health insurance, etc. She stated how that was why they wanted to get rid of police vehicles, because of the costs to maintain and insure the vehicles. Councilwoman Guardiani stated how it was very reasonable presenting the option for a part-time officer and guaranteeing him 32 hours per week. Councilman Paul stated how police protection was their number one priority and they could cut something somewhere else.

Councilman Paul stated about the Sports Complex Field that nobody uses. He stated how the Borough crew spends so much time cutting the grass and it was useless to the Borough. Councilwoman Fox stated how it was all wetlands and there was not much that they could do with that property. Councilman Paul stated that when they first acquired the property, they were supposed to build a Sports Complex, like what the Reaman's were going to do. He stated how they were supposed to put in softball/baseball fields there. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how they had used it for soccer several years ago. Councilman Paul stated how the Borough crew has enough grass to cut, 15 different sites to cut not just the parks.

President Hawk stated about the extension of the road that Kovatch has their billboard located. He stated how that was actually Borough property. Councilwoman Fox stated how they should be getting rental fees.

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**8. PERSONNEL/
SAFETY**

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

Councilwoman Fox stated about making a meeting with the girls in the office around 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

Councilman Nalesnik stated about the Planning Commission meeting. He stated how there were two projects that the Planning Commission granted conditional approval as long as the conditions were met. Councilman Nalesnik stated about Campbell, 334 E. Catawissa Street – converting the garage area into apartments. He stated how they had nice drawings and it was well laid out. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner asked if anything was mentioned about handicap accessibility, because once they were at four units, one would have to be handicap accessible. Councilman Nalesnik stated how that would come in under code. Secretary/Treasurer Ahner stated how it was a requirement under the UCC. Councilman Nalesnik stated how there was ample parking and they should get a good quality of people moving in, because they were not going to be cheap apartments.

Councilman Nalesnik stated that the second project was Family Promise, the former church on Mill Street. He stated how they wanted to expand their capacity by adding small rooms in the church and increasing their capacity in the rectory. Councilman Nalesnik stated that they did not have drawings or anything for their project. He stated how there was a lot of things going on down there that was not up to snuff. Councilman Nalesnik stated how they did grant them conditional approval as well, but they had work to do.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Heaney seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

RoniSue Ahner
Secretary/Treasurer