

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

President Hawk started meeting at 6:00 p.m.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Weston Brehm, the Executive Director of the Carbon County Housing Authority. The reason I am here is to speak with Council about Ordinance 2019-1; the false and avoidable alarms Ordinance and how it is currently be implemented and its impact upon my property located at 121 High Street in Nesquehoning Borough. I did a print out on materials to share with Council to help with the discussion, again I am not certain if this is the proper platform to do this or if this is something that needs to be done a special meeting, but I could give you the basic summary of what I am looking at. President Hawk stated that was fine but it needs to be brief and to the point. Mr. Brehm, pointed out the highlighted items on the copy of the Ordinance. He said that he is having an issue with trying to respond the avoidable alarms. He said that he believes the Ordinance is in effect to try and deter these avoidable alarms from happening, and being held accountable and responsible for when they do occur. Currently the housing authority is being assessed the fines when an incident happens. Because the housing authority, the property and the nature of it, being that it is federally state subsidized housing for elderly and disabled individuals who are below income status. We are unable to pass along fees associated with the fees that we are receiving. Additionally, we are unable to legally hold accountable, the residents, which that takes away the whole rational behind what you are doing, we can't evict, we can only send threatening letter stating that the Housing Authority is being fined for these avoidable alarms. We are currently standing at \$1,400.00 worth of fines in the last six months and our next fine is going to \$350.00, it goes up \$50.00 for each event. So my suggestion and recommendation is that the Ordinance specially states that property owners, lease or the person in control of the property, may be assess these fees. Instead of assessing the owner, assess the resident. If it was assessed to the resident, the resident would be held accountable and the resident would be responsible for the fees associated with the fines and maybe these events would stop happening, we can stop sending out volunteers for people burning, because I think that is the ultimate goal of the Ordinance, is to alleviate this burden from the volunteers, not generate funding. Mayor Kattner asked who happens if that person was to meet their maker, who would be responsible for the fine? Mr. Brehm said that it would be associated with the Borough like any other fine. Kattner then went on to what if they person went onto the pearlie gates. Brehm responded by saying that it would then probably go to their estate. Councilwomen Guardiani said first off, you initially made it clear that the residents that are in your home, are not capable of paying, they are low income and not capable of paying, and on the other hand you are looking at the Fire Company and saying what I want you to do is not asses the fine to us, but assess the fine the people that are unable to pay. That is not making sense to me, and I realize that's difficult for the housing authority, which you also pay. I agree with you to a certain extent with you and in fining the housing authority what does it do to them, but it is upon the housing authority, it is upon anyone who owns a structure and rents to someone to have a certain responsibility to the persons that are renting from you. I realize that you can't kick them out, but I do know that the alarms that have gone off at the place you own have been February 12th, February 23rd, March 2nd, March 20th, April 20th, May 1st, May 17th for a total of \$1,400.00, so the big picture is that our Fire Companies are made up of volunteers, I actually heard you say

something about raising funds, wait a minutes, our companies are made up of volunteers, these ladies and gentlemen do not want to leave their homes, they don't want to leave any occasional that they are at. This is not at all a money making adventure for them. Mr. Brehm said that he agreed with Councilwomen Guardiani. She told him that he needed to retract the statement that he made about making monies, she said they are called avoidable alarms because they are avoidable. Mr. Brehm then went on to say, My initial statement was that I understand the point of the Ordinance is to deter and not assess people, unfortunately, the way that it is being processed by default and how we have to manage it, it results in simply generating fees, because we can't hold the resident s accountable. Councilwomen Guardiani said that maybe you need to have a meeting, with the Fire Company to see if we could come up with a better resolution. President Hawk said that a meeting did happen several years ago with the housing authority and he thought, at that time there was an agreement between the Borough and the Housing Authority that any deficiencies in the alarm system, were going to be corrected at the time and the housing authority was going to try to educate and manage and police the tenants in terms of their activities to avoid the burning food on the stove, the smoking and whatever else as to what was causing these avoidable alarms. I don't know that the Borough has anymore ability to manage or police the tenants then you would as the owner of the building and the renter of the building. The Borough can do code type work and that would be a lot more work for the Borough, than I believe the landlord has in managing the activity of the tenants. Solicitor Yurchak did say that President Hawk was correct and that there was a meeting several years ago, Mr. Schulman was there and other people. This is not something we have not already done with the Housing Authority. We have done this with them and they agreed to take action to address, so this would not happen again, but again these alarms, in less than six months is unacceptable. President Hawk did say that perhaps they should meet in a special meeting with the actual people involved and continue this discussion, we could work on setting something up instead of prolonging this here tonight. Mr. Brehm, then stated I am the new Executive Director as of two and half years ago, in reviewing the Ordinance, in trying to process this through my insurance company, which is an industry standard when it comes to these new activities in assessing fees, my insurance did pay for the first group of these last year, now they are annoyed by it and are not willing to continue forward and even so passing the cost to the insurance and paying does not resolve the behaviors. The systems have been fully reviewed and assessed that the fire alarm does work fine, it is a newer system, all the ventilation systems have been confirmed to an interim standard, there is nothing that we can do different in the system of the property that the only problem of the variable is the tenant. President Hawk said that when they went into the meeting, there were instances of malfunction that were prominent, I know that as of late, that when there has been a call there, it has been for some type of behavior that has resulted in an avoidable alarm. Mr. Brehm said that he has provided a summary in the packet with the units and the reasons why the avoidable occurred, the date the fine. The unit is different every time and that is what makes it harder for me to do something everytime. He said that currently there are two, but other than not it is individual. Councilwomen Guardiani asked if in is agreements does he have any strifulls? Mr. Brehm responded and said that it is HUD based template lease and can be altered. Councilwomen Guardiani stated that they had consent avoidable alarms down at 98 West Catawissa. The guys and ladies are called out all the time and that it is also HUD based. Mr. Brehm did state he did not want the volunteers going out to the family and can't manage going out to a property because someone is burning food. Solicitor Yurchak said that every time John McArdle has an avoidable alarm, he sends a letter you have never taken any step to appeal these notices? Mr. Brehm said that he has engaged with the insurance that they were just going through that process. I have even explained to John McArdle that I will keep sending them to my insurance company and it pays them, but it really does not benefit what the actual rational is behind the Ordinance and that is to deter these events from happening. I am on a tight budget. Solicitor Yurchak said, why didn't you make this on appeal, would be better instead of waiting to get a letter from me saying that you owe this money and

then coming to a council meeting. Mr. Brehm answered and said, this was the only opportunity for me to do it. Councilwomen Guardiani said to contact the office and we could take another meeting, under better circumstances. Mr. Brehm said it would be great and that is why he came to the meeting, to try and have a conversation. I read the Ordinance, I these statements of leasee or person in control of property. I highlighted the person responsible who is to be assessed the fee, honestly the housing authority is not responsible as it is my understanding, but I thought it was relevant on what I was reading, to at least say hey is there a possibility to change how this is being implemented, so we can hold these resident responsible. To my knowledge no training or education has been put in play, Solicitor Yurchak stated that the Borough would be in touch.

Terrance Snyder from the Estates approached. He said the he was at the meeting because of the noise on the weekends and the truck with their j-brakes. It is getting out of control. Every weekend, can't even watch TV with the noise, loud workers or gun shots, fireworks at night, etc. Wondering if the Borough is going to do anything about it, it is getting out of control, and they are not local people, it is all out of towners. Something needs to be done. It is seven days a week. Mayor Kattner said that he is aware of what Aaron is saying and that these trucks paid a lot of payments for our taxes almost \$1,000.00 to be on the road. He said he can't take them off the road. It was stated that there is an Ordinance for the j-brakes, President Hawk did say that it is something that has to be enforced. Mayor Kattner said that the police department does patrol and there have been instances were vehicles have been taken, but there a lot more important police work going on. He does understand. He said that if you want taxes to go up, we could have an officer there all night. Mr. Snyder did say that we need to get those trucks out of the borough because they are doing nothing for our area. Solicitor Yurchak said the biggest issue is that it being private property. President Hawk said that he was going to bring it up during planning. He said that our planning commission on closing out some of the lingering issues with the final plans of the solar park, and the question came up on the ownership of the road, and our solicitor did research it and the road going up towards Fourth Hollow, from Industrial Road up is entirely on private property, the Borough does not own any portion of that road, so a vehicle legally traveling on Industrial Road can go up that road as long as the property owner does not stop them from doing. The Borough can't stop them from going up there. President Hawk stated that he did not know if the Borough owned Dennison Road. Solicitor Yurchak replied by saying the Borough owns part of it. He went to say that as far as getting access to it, the Boroughs hands are tied and as long as the property owner allows it to go on there really is very little the Borough can do. Mr. Snyder asked if they would get a tax break. President Hawk said they looked into that at one time. Mr. Snyder said that they can shoot up there at the mountain, but I can't shoot in my own backyard, he said you are going to arrest me? Solicitor Yurchak said he was not criticizing Mr. Snyder in any way. Mr. Snyder said that something needs to be done. Councilmen Nalesnik said that signs where put up and people ignored them. He said the only way to enforce it is if the owners say so. Phil Coniglio said that the Borough needs to get everyone together, go out there and say you are not allowed here.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:

President Hawk stated that there was a question from the planning commission on that road ownership, so since the Solicitor has researched that, I would be replying to that as to what he has found out. As far as zoning, have to zoning report for May from zoning officer, he had three (3) contacts and total receipts of \$156.00 for permits.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Yurchak sent a letter to the game commission, did see an ad in the newspaper that they were going to be doing some work up there. He said that he has been seeing that the last couple of days. Councilwomen Guardiani said it looks like they are putting a pipe in first, some drainage. Solicitor Yurchak said that they were doing some work yesterday on both sides of the road. Next month, the only thing I have is if we could put the Fee Resolution on the Agenda for adoption.

Councilwomen Guardiani moved for the motion to accept the zoning and solicitor's report. Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT & CD REPORT:

Councilwomen Heany moved for the motion to accept the Treasurer & CD Report. Councilwomen Guardiani seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR MAY:

Real Estate: \$809,010.90
Occupation: \$6,894.30
Per Capita: \$6,713.00
TOTAL: \$822,618.20

COMMUNICATIONS:

8 items
Nothing requires any immediate action.

Councilwomen Guardiani moved to make the motion to accept Tax Collector Report and Communications. Councilmen Nalesnik seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

President Hawk stated there were 16 responses for April for brush fires. 4 automatic fire alarms; 4 mutual aid; 3 in Jim Thorpe; 1 in Mahanoy City; 1 fire police call out; 1 dwelling fire; 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 terrain rescue. In May there were 13 incidents; 3 brush fires; 1 wild fire; 2 automatic fire alarms; 2 mutual aid responses, 1 in Jim Thorpe, 1 in Weatherly; 1 motor vehicle accident; 2 owner investigation; 1 fire police call out and 1 trash fire. So they have 66 incidents for the year. Nesquehoning hose company did participate in a live structural burn at the county emergency training center on June 24, 2023, I had given authorization to attend so they were covered under worker's comp. It will need to be ratified at the next meeting. Motion by Councilmen Paul to ratify the participation at the structural fire training. Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

APPLICATIONS:

Received two applications from Lake Hauto Club to hold a firework display on July 1st. To be displayed by Bixler Pyrotechnics. It has been approved by Dave Walsh, fire chief of fire company, they provided a cert of liability insurance and it going to be setting them off from west of the dam. Motion to approved the firework display by Councilwomen Heany, Councilwomen Guardiani seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Just for the record it is 8:30 to 9:30 on July 1st. Councilwomen Guardiani mentioned that there were paper signs posted for the dry hydrant no parking, she asked if there was a possibility to get metal sign and posts that were stable and not falling down. The signs were taken within three days. President Hawk stated that they will be put back up.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kattner said the police did tour Bull Dog, but there was a little mishap and there is construction. They saved us by donating a \$1,000.00 to save the police department and the borough. They need a big thank you.

Mayor Kattner said that for 3 more body cams the cost would be \$15,084.00 and that is with a 60 month warranty. He stated that Chief Weaver was doing a good job and that the Mayor would like to bring the department up to where it should be. He said that we are going to have to afford the new body cams to up to par. It claimed that there was not enough man power to control the dirty bike situation that the police attention needed to be on the town itself. He stated that if the town wanted their taxes raised, the we could supply more police officers. He stated that we need to worry about now and the body cams for the officers and in simply words, we need to put and officer on part time and I would have one police car that needs a motor put in it, and he wants the code enforcement car put in place, he stated that the car has moved in three months. The vehicle that needs a motor, he said that he would have issue putting the motor in himself on the weekend. He also stated it would cost \$1,800.00 for the rest of the computers for the police department. Councilmen Paul asked Mayor Kattner what the first thing was that they needed. Mayor Kattner said that he needs two cars on the road. He stated that he has looked at the paperwork that is being done and the crime in this area is terrible. Councilmen Paul made the motion to purchase 2 new computers for the police department for the two new officers that were coming on. Councilmen Nalesnik seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

President Hawk went on to say that he sees the benefit to the body cams and he thinks we need them, but he feel need to take a break for a month or so, so that Chief Weaver can possibly find a grant for the remaining body cams that are needed. He said to revisit it next month. Councilmen Nalesnik did ask if the body cams we currently have can be switched off to another officer and the response from Mayor Kattner was NO. It is activated to that specific officer. Mayor Kattner claims he looked into that situation. President Hawk, said they were going to wait until next month to discuss further, waiting to find out what Chief Weaver does. Councilmen Nalesnik said that as far as the car, he said that awhile back the police department had six vehicles and one officer. Two vehicles were burned into the ground. Paid over \$1,000.00 to strip the car and at that time hired a part time code enforcement officer to use the vehicle, that's the snap shot of that vehicle. He is does not totally agree with taking a car with 150,000 miles on it, paying over a \$1,000.00 to fully equip it, with the radios and etc, light back in and striping and fix things that does work. We did get some insurance money from the wrecked vehicle would like to wait a little bit. Mayor Kattner said that the car has not moved in three months and that the work would basically be done for free. President Hawk said that there are a lot of questions, with regards to fixing this vehicle. Councilmen Nalesnik said that they are not deterring from the fixing of the car, but do they have an entity do the work or a part time mechanic do it? He said that everyone was in general agreement that the car was going to be fixed. President Hawk did mention that some quotes are needed in order to make that final decision. He stated that the borough can't have just anyone working on the vehicles. Councilmen Nalesnik said that the police department has three good vehicles and that

if council wants the fourth one put back in they would make that decision. He said about getting pricing on the whole think and then council can make a decision. Mayor Kattner is saying that they can not wait another six months to a year for a grant, he states that these vehicles need to be on the road as soon as possible. He said he will get quotes.

POLICE REPORT:

Magistrate, vehicle codes, crimes code & misc.\$2039.05; Local Ordinance \$283.56; Title 18-\$175.69; Title 75- \$1579.80; Magistrate restitution \$236.16; Title 75 motor vehicle \$181.60; Attorney General, #33.44; Parking, \$200.00; Moving permits, \$130.00; Accident Report, \$60.00; Total:\$3,150.25 . Traffic citations- 47; traffic accidents-6; Total calls for the month 206.

CIVIL SERVICE: NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Request for fire police to help out the Borough of Leighton for fireworks on July 4th. Motion to approve fire police to help out with fireworks. Councilwomen Heany made motion, Councilwomen Guardiani seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. The burn band has been lifted. There we two avoidable alarms, both at 90 E Catawissa.

Motion to accept the Police and Public Safety; Mayor's report; police report; code report and the emergency management report. Councilwomen Guardiani made motion, Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

STREETS:

Councilmen Nalesnik stated that a project had been completed and H & K provided an invoice draft to be review by the engineering firm. The engineering group has reviewed it and approved it. It actually came in under \$1,199.00 under the award value and that is rare. They will be sending in a notarized copy of the invoice in the next several days. No motion needed to be made. Street painting will be starting soon, speaking with the workers. I did check highway signs, crossing signs with Penn Dot and they do not give them out. I checked with the assistant supervisor of Leighton. For workshop, I have pricing on seven new signs. I will present at workshop and get on agenda for next month. We discussed in the past to seek grant monies for Industrial Road. Discussed with ARRO, they have worked with others on Industrial Road and have been good at getting some sizable grant monies. The estimated cost for Industrial Road would be a 1.2 million to complete that is from start to finish. It would be an ARC Grant through NEPA. The estimated cost to get all the data together, feedback and everything else to submit, their estimated cost would be about 5 to 8,000.00 to prepare this document for submission. We may not the grant the first time, but at least we would have the information and keep trying. Maybe get that on the Agenda and discuss further at workshop, not ready tonight to make a motion. It is in the works. Councilmen Paul said that comparison, professionalism and the knowledge that ARRO Engineering has saved us tons of money. We have paved almost several streets, two alleys we did. Between last year project and this year project we have saved almost \$50,000.00. He said, That was \$247,000.00 we have \$685,000.05. We did one street with total reconstruction for \$300,000.00 everyone knows what street it was. So asking Council this, continue to mill and fill process that we created that saved us tons of money and our street are getting paved, if we can continue like this, we will get more streets paved for what we can afford. This is the difference between an engineering firm

that uses wisely or an engineering firm who does not care and just wants to make money. This is where I am comparing, I am glad that we took ARRO on and I have to take my hat off to Bill McMullen. They did an excellent job. Their work is fabulous.

SEWER:

First thing is the adjustment report. Sewer/Sanitation Report for May. Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to accept the Sewer/Sanitation Report for May. Councilmen Paul seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. There is a quote from Diversified Technology for customization of our statement to update the after due day amount components of the bill. It is a cost of \$300.00. It calculates the late charges. Councilwomen Guardiani said that with current issues, it is something that needs to be put on the bills. Councilwomen Guardiani made a motion to approve the \$300.00 to update the wording on the bills. Councilmen Paul seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. On the Agenda there is a letter sent to John Kovatch IV to way surcharge bills. It was agreed to waiver the sewer surcharge. They did the borough for the water. Letter will be going out. The vac truck is out getting work done.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Councilmen Nalesnik said the quotes for the replacement of the HVAC system down at the sewer plant. Office and Lab. Replacing the system that is there and keeping the iol burner backup, so it was a complete replacement that the spec was formatted by ARRO and the quotes, we received three quotes, it comes under the bid requirement. The low amount that met the qualifications was Radocha and Sons coming in at \$13,217.75. I verified today with ARRO that their quote met the specifications and they said it did. That would be in the sewer budget. Councilmen Paul made the motion to award the HVAC replacement to Radocha and Sons which was the low quote for \$13,217.75, the quote has been approved by ARRO that they meet the specifications. Councilmen Nalesnik seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik said they have been discussing the electrical service for New Columbus Park. He said he will talk about that more at workshiop. He said he has gotten two prices and it is hard to get more quotes. He said he will finalize that at workshop. This was to get service into the park for possibly doing something and various recreation projects. I agree that we should get some information and quotes about solar lighting. Councilmen Paul says he believes that solar would save the borough some money here and there. Councilmen Nalesnik said that the solar would be good to for lighting at night and for walking and for safety.

SANITATION & QUALITY OF LIFE:

The Municipal Tonnage Report from Tamaqua Transfer for May 145.66 tons which is the typically tonnage nothing out of the ordinary. Councilwomen Guardiani said at the last meeting, I have given everyone a little information on Consumer Fireworks on looking at conditions. She is asking Council to let herself and Solicitor Yurchak allow him draft an Ordinance, it's just with those very simple issues on it, certainly not taking away people's right to fireworks, it is clearly common sense limitations. I also had John McArdle at the meeting and had him look over it as well, he has no issues with it. I had the Chief of Police look over it and he has no issues with it, so I am going to ask Council to allow Solicitor Yurchak to do that. Councilwomen Guardiani made a motion to allow Solicitor Yurchak to do an Ordinance for Consumer Fireworks. Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. The electronic recycling date is now 100% firm. DEP has issued us the letter stating that we can do it, so if someone would like to take one of the recycling forms, welcome to it, if you have a place to post them

help yourself. The date is September 6, 2023 from 2p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It does list some of the prices. Councilmen Nalesnik as what the cost was that they took in from last year. He said some boroughs do it as a public service. Councilwomen Guardiani did say that it did cost the borough approximately \$2,000.00 last year. President Hawk did ask in the past for a fee less event, but did not get any information. Councilwomen Guardiani did say that the date is set for the recycling. I have told by Chief Weaver that the quick ticket process is going well. He does not need to issue a ticket, that when he goes to the door, and knocks and asks to do what they need to do, they seem to comply. He is going to issue the quick ticket report separate from the police report starting next month. She said that she is going to make a motion asking Council to put a six month moratorium on the short term rental Ordinance that we approved, considering where we are at right now when we look at the short term rental Ordinance as we wrote it, right now we do not have anyone to review the applications as they come in, there are a lot of things that people need to supply, who is going to approve or deny the application? Who is going to issue the permit? We do not have any of the people in place. Motion made by Councilwomen Guardiani to approve six month moratorium on the short term rental application. Councilmen Paul seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. She mentioned that there were 13 pages from Chip Stalega, zoning. The issues are unreal. Mr. Brehm who was here and mentioned the avoidable alarms, she said she did bring up 90 E Catawissa, there avoidable alarms are just incredible. There is one resident there who has had three fires in his apartment alone. The condition of the apartments are deplorable. She said that the met yesterday about it and they are taking the necessary steps to rectify, notifying the proper authorities, that structure is a monster, it is structurally sound, but inside of some of the apartments is terrible. Chip is giving the proper NOV's and the proper letters. The same property management for that apartment is also the property manager for the Bossie next door. We have been trying to get in there for months, we are issuing another letter to help us get in the door. It is not being inspected or maintained and it is deplorable. Moving on to 135 High Street. The burned down structure. Let the public know what Council has done about 135 High Street. In trying to save money to bring this structure down, we did contact state fire officials, they now allow you to do a control burn, I went up there with two fire officials and Chief of Police, I was 100% certain that there are persons entering this building. The chief was with us. The two gentlemen with the fire state training, not just through the building, but upstairs when then came down all they did was look at me and shake their heads. It is actually so unsafe that you can't even burn it down. Contacted Bill McMullen came up and entered the property, he said it is so structurally unsafe, it needs to come down in an emergency demolition like asap before further west side of the building is leaning falls into the street or hurts someone. The process for emergency demolition is Chip went up with ARRO to look at it and he will be declaring and emergency tear down for that structure. Had to go to the neighbor on the left hand side, only access to take house down. Met with neighbor and he is allowing (Solicitor Yurchak is finishing a draft of an agreement between this man and the borough allowing us access through his property to tear down this house. In the agreement it states that if we damage his property, in any way, the borough is required to fix it. Once emergency demolition is signed, it is 30 days to take down. Property up at High Street, it is still owned by the same people. It is cost tax pay dollars to take this structure down.

RECREATION:

Councilmen Nalesnik said that right now recreation doing the benches all around the borough. People are buying benches in their loved ones name. There already been six or seven put at New Columbus Park. As they come in they are going to be built and put all over various parts of town. On rainy days will help with the borough workers put the benches together. President Hawk said Recreation was contacted that WNEP, Joe Schnedicker was doing his bike tour, 26th annual one this year. He is going to

be stopping in Nesquehoning on July 26th. She is going to try and get the recreation committee and the police and everyone kind of involved into doing something for that. If the recreation commission could possibly do a donation to the case that Joe is sponsoring, maybe have the people drop off any kind of donation at the borough.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Councilwomen Heany stated that they still need to have their committee meetings for the budget and figure out where we stand considering our tax monies are getting smaller do to Kovatch going to the Railroad. We are looking at possibly buying body cams and computers for the police department, we definitely need to look at this from a budget stand point.

PERSONNEL & SAFETY

Councilmen Nalesnik said that at executive session and workshop we discussed a proposal for the Part-Time Treasurer position. We need to act on that tonight .Presidnet Hawk said that due to the fact our agreement with our previous Secretary/Treasurer, she has decided to terminate the part time employment with the borough and she did provide notice. Councilman Nalesnik made a motion to enact an agreement with the person at the agreed upon rate, the rate that was including putting her on payroll, which was the lower amount. Motion to immediately render her services. Motion to hire Lacey Gonzalez as a part time treasurer at the rate of \$40.00 not the exceed 25 hours per month that is to provide services for payroll, budget tracking. Councilwomen Guardiani seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Regarding Borough Manager on two municipal sites, we have received one resume and see what else we get in and personnel will vote, so keep council up to date on that. The Mayor, what are the start dates for the new police hires, we want to make sure all paperwork and all qualifications are in order. All paperwork is good.

Motion to accept all committee reports. Councilmen Paul moved, Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bills to be ratified and paid and the deposits to be approved. Motion was made by Councilmen Paul to ratify all bills and deposits. Councilwomen Heany seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Guardiani mentioned another thing about 135 High Street stating that Chip did go up and did post for demolition and sent out courtesy letters to the two owners stating that we are taking down the properties, and put a lien on the properties. President Hawk did mention that there was a settlement with one of the owners.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Councilmen Paul, seconded by Councilwomen Heany. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.m

Deborah DelFranco
Secretary/Treasurer