

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 6:00 P.m. Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

PURPOSE: Meeting for Re-Organization

Mayor Kattner brought the meeting to order at 6:00 P.m.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials:

Mayor Kattner sworn in the newly elected officials; Suzanne Smith, Paul Kattner, Lois Kuba and Bruce Nalesnik.

Nominations for President and Vice-President:

Mayor Kattner opened the floor for nominations for President. Councilwomen Fox nominated David Hawk for President, Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Kattner turned meeting over to President Hawk.

President Hawk opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Councilwomen Kuba nominated Mary Fox for Vice-President. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reappointment of the Borough Solicitor & Borough Engineers:

Councilwomen Fox moved and Councilwomen Kuba seconded to re-appoint Robert T. Yurchak, Esq. as the Borough Solicitor.

Councilwomen Fox moved to keep ARRO Engineering as Borough Engineer as well as for sewer and streets; Barry Isett for zoning; Keystone Engineers for the Planning and Zoning. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reappointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshall:

Councilwomen Smith moved to reappoint John McArdle as the EMA and Fire Marshall. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reappointment of all non-contractual employees,(Included, but not limited to, Zoning Officer, Solicitor of the Zoning Hearing Board; Borough Janitor; Borough Office Clerks; Borough Secretary/Treasurer; Part-Time Officers; Crossing Guards)

Councilwomen Kuba moved to reappoint all non-contractual employees. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Councilwomen Smith abstained.

Reappointment of the Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Councilwomen Fox moved to reappoint William Brior as Sewage Enforcement Officer. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reappointment of Commission/Authority: Water Authority

Water Authority: Mr. Shawn Quigley current President of the Water Authority submitted a letter dated for December 27, 2023. President Hawk said that Council had not received any other letters of interest. Councilwomen Fox asked to table reappointment until the January 24th regular meeting. Councilwomen Fox made a motion to table the reappointment of the water authority position. Motion dies for lack of a second. President Hawk asked if there was a motion to reappoint Mr. Quigley? Councilwomen Smith said she needed to abstain. President Hawk said there were no other applicants. Councilmen Nalesnik said that it was not advertised, so we would not have any interests.

Reappointment of the Blight Committee Members:

Mr. Kattner was one of the public members and is now on council, he could be on the committee as a council member, President stated that the committee would need another council member. As far as the citizen members, Arvil Guardiani has stated that she would stay on the committee as a public member. Need a motion to appoint the two council members and Avril as the fifth citizen. Councilwomen Fox made a motion to reappoint the town council members, Sue Smith ad Paul Kattner and Arvil Guardiani as the public member. President Hawk seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Councilwomen Fox asked if the other were still on the committee, he said yes. They are Joe Guardiani, June Lawton, Jim Mcoyvich and Sue Heil.

Name of Borough Depositories:

Jim Thorpe National Bank and Mauch Chunk Trust.

Motion was made by Councilwomen Kuba to appoint Jim Thorpe National Bank and Mauch Chunk Trust as the Borough Depositories. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reappointment of the Borough Auditors:

Kirk, Summa and Company, LLP

Motion was made by Councilwomen Smith to reappoint Kirk, Summa and Company, LLP as the Borough Auditors. Councilmen Kattaner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings of Borough Council:

Fourth Wednesday with exception of November and December, which will be held on the third Wednesday. Committee meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month, except July, August, November and December.

Motion was made by Councilwomen Fox to set schedule of the Borough Monthly Meetings and Workshop Meetings. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to advertise for the Water Authority position and to post on the Borough website. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. President Hawk stated that President Quigley does

stay on the Water Authority until he is replaced or reappointed. All in favor. Motion passed. There is a vacancy on Council. There was a letter received, we do have to fill vacant council seat at re-organization, it will be filled at the January 24th meeting. Motion was made by Councilwomen Smith to advertise for the vacant council seat as well as the Water Authority seat. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

President Hawk stated that we could give a deadline for submission of letters prior to the January meeting. It was discussed that the date is January 19th, 2024 that all submissions are due to the Borough Office.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Councilwomen Fox to adjourn meeting. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.