

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL
December 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

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

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Hawk at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deb DeFranco, Secretary/Treasurer with Councilmen/Councilwoman Fox, Guardiani, Heaney, Kuba, Nalesnik and Mayor Kattner in attendance. Councilmen Paul was absent.

PURPOSE: Discuss 2024 Proposed Budget and Millage Rate for 2024.

BUDGET/FINANCE:

President Hawk started the meeting addressing the proposed 2024 budget and if there were any questions regarding the budget. Lacey Gonzalez, temporary treasurer, started the meeting with council members by going through some of the budget that they had concerns over, such as Councilwomen Kuba, reference the line item for the Police Legal fees. Lacey had typed in \$75,000.00 and Councilwomen Kuba thought it was extremely high. Lacey said that she made an error and that it should have read \$7,500.00. She made the change. Councilman Nalesnik mentioned that there was a 4% increase in the health care portion of the budget. It was also stated by Lacey that Blight was added at \$25,000.00 and that she made a separate line for Part-Time Police Officers. She said that they should be separate from the other police salaries. Councilwoman Guardiani spoke about the increase in the Sanitation bill for 2024. Councilwomen Guardiani said that there was an increase to the garbage bill for 2024 by \$10.00. It would make it \$25.00 for sewer and \$40.00 per month. She spoke also about the contract with Tamaqua Transfer for next year and that there would be a possibility that the garbage would have to go up again, depending on what the bid came in at. Councilwomen Guardiani made the motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2024. Councilwomen Heaney seconded. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

The next item on agenda was about the millage for 2024, Lacey Gonzalez, temporary treasurer, had given three alternates for different millage rates for 2024, she also mentioned that it was decided to add Lights into the mix of the Real Estate Tax monies. It was decided on 1.1 mil. The council decided that they were going to increase the millage by 1.25% for 2024. That would bring the millage to 17.5 for General; 0.35 for Sports Complex; 1.85 Fire Truck Fund and 1.1 for Lights, equaling 20.8 mils. Councilwoman Guardiani approve the motion, Councilwomen Heaney seconded. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council a motion was made by Councilwomen Fox to adjourn, it was seconded by President Hawk. President Hawk closed the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Deborah DeFranco, Secretary/Treasurer.