

## **MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM., Borough Office**

**114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240**

President Hawk called meeting to order at 5:30 PM

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILWOMEN/COUNCILMEN: FOX, SMITH, KUBA, NALESNIK, KATTNER, SHUBECK, PRESIDENT HAWK, MAYOR KATTNER & SOLICITOR YURCHAK

**MINUTES:** Councilwomen Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2025 meeting and September 10, 2025 Workshop meeting. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** Ruth-Ann the owner of Confessions and President of Family Promise, and Carol Lamm, the director from Family Promise. RuthAnn said that they are here to answer any questions Council may have about their upcoming motorcycle event on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilwomen Kuba said that they would not need police presence and Ruth-Ann confirmed that. Deb will let Chief Hess know. Councilmen Nalesnik stated coming into town and leaving town, you are not going to need any police. Ruth-Ann said that they have their own, and they will lead. Councilmen Nalesnik asked if they are fully insured and was told yes they are fully. Ruth-Ann said that they had everyone sign waivers. Councilwomen Kuba stated that New Columbus Fire Company was going to do the traffic and the response was yes, we have already spoken with them. Councilwomen Kuba asked about parking. Ruth-Ann stated that she had already spoke with the bank and the post office. We are looking for a few spots out in front of my bar. Councilmen Nalesnik asked if there were poles to hang no parking signs, but it would be better to have the barricades dropped off on Friday and you could put them out on Sunday. There are going to be two, three food trucks and the motorcycles will be leaving from the sports complex. Councilwomen Kuba asked how many riders and Ruth-Ann stated she is hoping for at least 75, but there could be more. They are riding up to Freeland to the American Legion and then coming back to Nesquehoning. She stated that they are only making one stop.

**PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING HEARING REPORT:** Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to conditionally approve the plans for 185 W. Diaz, pending the plan revision outlined by the County. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. President Hawk did not vote for this is his property. Councilmen Kattner made a motion to approve the Kovatch subdivision plans that were already approved by Planning Commission and County. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** NONE

Councilmen Kattner made a motion to accept Solicitor's report. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S & CD REPORT:** Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve the Treasurer's & CD Report. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Fox made a motion to approve the PO's from August 27, 2025 to September 16, 2025. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Fox made a motion to approve, bills to be ratified; expenditures; deposits. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:** August 2025

Real Estate: \$4,801.05  
Per Capita: \$ 308.00  
Occupation: \$ 544.50  
TOTAL: \$5,653.55

Councilwomen Shubeck made a motion to accept the Tax Collector Report for August. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to put the two pieces of communications on file. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to ratify the Burn Ban, effective September 15<sup>th</sup> for 30 days. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to authorize the fire companies to hold and attend various events in October. 10/4 Summit Hill Dedication; 10/10 Fire Prevention at Elementary School; 10/11 Nesquehoning Hose Golf Tournament; 10/12 Boot Drive; 10/20 Live Structural Training and 9/20 New Columbus Truck Dedication. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve the Trunk and Treat on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at the Nesquehoning Hose #1. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Kattner made a motion to approve New Columbus Fire Company to help out at the Poker Run on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Kuba stated that our Solicitor is working with the Chief to finalize the paperwork with regards to registering for the camera registry. That should be ready to go soon. She asked if we needed to do a Resolution and Solicitor Yurchak stated that you should do one. He will work on the Resolution. Councilwomen Kuba mentioned that at our October meeting to have the Resolution and Proclamation for Grace Whildin. We will also invite her to the meeting. She stated that we discussed at workshop was the speed indicators and that Paul Kattner and herself are on the Historical Society and we will be purchasing a speed sign for the police

department. Deb will get together with Chief Hess and order the item. It is a very good thing that we will be having some coverage in town and that the indicators do collect a lot of data, especially a movable one. The other two will be stationary.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Kattner stated that Halloween will be Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 6-8 PM. Councilwomen Smith made a motion to approve extra police, fire police, crossing guards to help out. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded the motion. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Mayor Kattner also stated that there will be many children and to be on the look out with regards to the cars.

**POLICE REPORT:** Mayor Kattner stated, Magistrate Dodson, vehicle code, crimes code \$1,457.86; Local Ordinance: \$54.44; Title-18 payable to municipality, \$240.79; Title 75- motor vehicles, \$1,162.63; Moving Permits, \$90.00; Accident Reports, \$15.00; Parking Tickets, \$50.00/3; Total of \$1,317.63. Traffic Citations Issued; 57; Code Complaints Resolved, 10; Total Calls for the Month, 168. Mayor Kattner also stated that on the last page of report is the total of codes that have been done and that there are plenty more that are not on the page. The police are out there doing more and more and if there are any complaints, please come and find me, I am around town.

**FIRE REPORT FOR AUGUST:** AFA; 3; Vehicle Fire; 2; Motor Vehicle Assist; 2; Assist Police; 1 and Dwelling Fire; 1, for a total of 9. Total amount of fire department responses so far for the year is 101.

**HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** President Hawk stated that zoning had 5 contacts with permits issued and he received \$142.00 plus planning fees. For the housing code enforcement, he had a total of 9 contacts for the month and 6.00 hours.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Councilmen Kattner made a motion to approve a new house address of 8 Little Flower Avenue, Nesquehoning, PA. President Hawk was asked by Mr. McArdle to have the solicitor follow up on the Department of Corrections violation letter. Councilwomen Shubeck made a motion to accept the Police & Public Safety; Mayor's Report; Police Report; Fire Report; Zoning Report; Code Enforcement Report; EMA Report. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

**STREETS:** Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to approve Frontline Graphix to detail the Super Duty Dump truck with reflective graphics and letting in the amount of \$1,450.00. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that the backhoe was still being repaired, hopefully have it back by next week. He stated that the paving should be starting soon. All of the site work that the Borough needed to do is completed, we should get word by end of month on the start date. Councilmen Nalesnik said that the borough workers did some curb painting on the bridge and by the bridge to prevent parking and hopefully this will help. Councilmen Kattner stated that the F750 was easily fixed. It was a blown fuse. While there he greased the equipment and checked the brakes. Mayor Kattner mentioned that there is an inlet and down there is a sink

whole, that is one the hill. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that he would text the road department and let them know to fix. Councilwomen Fox thanked the road department for all that they have done this summer. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that the weeping willow tree is the diocese and the Christmas tree is the borough and that he will contact some from the diocese about trimming the tree back and also will let the road department about trimming the Christmas tree back.

**SEWER:** Councilwomen Fox made a motion to accept the August sewer adjustment report. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Fox made a motion to authorize the smoke testing letters to go out to the residents. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. She also mentioned as far as the smoke testing that the letters were concentrating on the down spouting areas that need to be fixed. Councilwomen Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a Hydraulic Trailer for sewer in the amount of \$8,655.00 from Kutz Farm Equipment. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik asked to table to last motion. Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to table the sale of the triple axel trailer. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Fox stated that the only other thing is that she left a message for Bill McMullen to set up a sewer committee meeting to get together to start working on the budget for 2026.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** No Report.

**SANITATION & QUALITY OF LIFE:** Councilwomen Smith made a motion to approve the August tonnage from Cascella Waste Systems at 151.95 tons. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Smith stated that she will contact Amy Miller to see if anyone is interested in joining the Blight Committee and if anyone would like to put a letter of interest in. Councilwomen Fox asked about having another recycling event and Deb will check into it for the month of October.

**RECREATION:** Councilwomen Shubeck made a motion to purchase an Electronic Speed Sign in the amount of \$3,205.00 from Radar signs. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Shubeck mentioned the Recreation Commission came to the workshop and presented a check to the Chief of Police from National Night Out. She also mentioned that the Historical Society and the Recreation Commission will be also purchasing an electronic sign for the police department. Councilwomen Kuba said that they will be doing a benefit with Nick Polito. She stated that all proceeds will go to 250 America. Councilwomen Shubeck stated that the recreation commission will be having their meeting in the beginning of October and she will get more information on the benefit. Councilwomen Kuba stated that the historical society will be holding an Antique RoadShow on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The gentlemen will appraise your items, 3 for \$10.00 and for \$5.00.

**BUDGET & FINANCE:** Councilwomen Kuba stated that there will be a budget meeting on October 2, 2025. If you could get your budget material in, we will starting working on that. She stated that the CD'S will be up in November. Councilwomen Fox mentioned about getting

together to the grant for the Fire Companies for the radios. Councilwomen Kuba stated that we will be getting together sometime next week to put the Grant in for the Fire Companies radios. We were hoping to put a grant in for another police vehicle, but right now we have to come up with a lot of documentation in order to do so. Councilwomen Fox stated that we are hoping to get some kind of money for the fire radios, they are very costly. Councilwomen Kuba stated that Nesquehoning Hose # 1 will be asking for 32 radios; New Columbus 14 and Hauto 6. Deb will get a roster from the fire companies. Councilwomen Kuba stated hopefully the county will get most of the grant money to cover this and we as a borough are going to have to spend some money for the radios also. Also, as far as the dog park we do not have the land as of right now, so it may be next year. There will be a lot that we have to put in before we can go for a grant for the dog park.

**PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilwomen Fox made a motion to hire Kathy Burns as a crossing guard at the stop light and the high school. She has worked here as a crossing guard before and also working inside the borough building. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Fox said that she had Deb make copies of the teamsters contract for the office staff and that we will discuss further at workshop.

Councilmen Kattner made a motion to accept all committee reports. Councilwomen Fox seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilmen Nalesnik asked if we were going to change the time for workshop on October 8, 2025 from 6:00pM to 5:00PM. Deb will make the change in the newspaper.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmen Kattner made a motion to adjourn. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. Meeting ended at 7:02 PM

**DEBORAH DELFRANCO**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**