

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM, at Borough Office
114 W. Catawissa Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

President Hawk called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hawk did hold a moment of silence for the passing of Vice-President Mary Fox.

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

MINUTES: Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from November 19, 2025. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS: NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING HEARING REPORT: Councilmen Kattner made a motion to submit the Data Center Ordinance to the County Planning. Councilmen Nalesnik seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to amend the agenda to accept the request for the withdrawal of the Bit Farms plan. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the Bit Farms plans. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Yurchak stated that he sent out the agreement to the Railroad, but has heard no word as of yet. He also mentioned that he did receive the LCCC Deed and that it would have to be recorded and he will let us know when that was done. He also mentioned that Bio-Med was cited by DEP for the medical waste that was on the ground. He also mentioned that Bit-Farms has withdrawn their plans with County and that they were going to submit new ones.

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

Councilwomen made a motion to accept all PO's from November 20, 2025 to December 16, 2025. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilmen Kattner made a motion to accept all bills ratified, expenditures and deposits from November 20, 2025 to December 16, 2025. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. Councilmen Kattner abstained for check # 1782/16911, all in favor of motion, motion passed.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

REAL ESTATE:	\$	9,864.77
PER CAPITA:	\$	55.00
<u>OCCUPATION:</u>	\$	82.50
TOTAL:	\$	10,002.27

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to ratify Resolution 2025-06 to apply for a CFA Grant for New Columbus Fire Company. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to ratify Resolution 2025-07 to apply for a CFA Grant for Nesquehoning Hose #1; New Columbus Fire Company, Hauto Fire Company for Dual radios. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 for Nesquehoning Hose #1 to apply for a DCNR Grant. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Kuba also stated that the Civil Service police listing would be up until December 31, 2025 and after that they would be looking at the applications.

Councilwomen Kuba also said that the radar signs would be coming in soon and that there are five of them and they would be scattered throughout the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kattner did say that we are now in the holiday season and things look good in town right now. He stated that people leaving and coming into town and please be safe. We have zero tolerance for anything that will happen in town. Please patronize our small businesses.

POLICE REPORT: Magistrate Dodson: Vehicle code, crimes code: \$1,189.10; Dog:\$344.36; Dog Law (Rabies): \$25.00; Local Ordinance: \$35.53; Title 18-payable to municipality: \$114.00; title 75: \$670.21; State Police Fines: \$713.37; Carbon County Clerk of Court: \$108.82; Individual Restitution: \$25.00; Moving Permits: \$80.00; Accident Reports: \$90.00; Parking Tickets: \$50.00: Total of \$2,256.29. Traffic Citations issued 30, code complaints resolved 4, total calls for the month,101.

FIRE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025: For the month of November there were 20 calls. 7 AFA; 3 MVA; 1 Dwelling; 1 CO; 1 Odor; 1 Outdoor fire; 3 Mutual Aids (Jim Thorpe, Hometown, Weatherly); 3 Fire Police. The total for the year is 153 in responses.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: For zoning, there were 4 contacts and \$238.00 received plus planning fees. Code enforcement report for November, there were 17 complaints for a total of 9.25 hours.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve 469 Lake Drive, Lake Hauto as a new address. Councilmen Nalesnik seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

EMA Chief John McArdle said that we are in our heating season. I would like to take a moment to remind everyone the importance of cleaning your heating system. We have already seen several carbon monoxide instances and this is all do to lack of maintenance. Please make sure all heating equipment are in good condition. Seeing that we are in the holiday season, with regard to your live trees, make sure to use water and UL rated lights and extension cords. This will prevent any hazards. President Hawk did mention that we did cancel the burn ban.

Councilmen Kattner made a motion to accept the Police and Public Safety, Mayor's Report, Police Report, Fire Report, Housing and Code Enforcement Report and EMA Report. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

STREETS: Councilmen Nalesnik state that there two snow events that started the winter off. The Road department did a good job and called out at strange hours. I just ask that people obey the winter signage. We did not have a good response to the first storm, I don't people were prepared, we didn't want to go around and ticket, I ask that moving forward the residents pay attention to the winter parking signage. We are not looking to ticket people, but we may have to do so. Councilwomen Shubeck stated that she saw on Catawissa Street, the people that were getting their side plowed because there was a sign, but the other side was no because no sign. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that was correct. Councilwomen Shubeck stated that when out plow went through, driveways were plowed in and people could not get out, because the ice and snow were to heavy. I know that we were just testing it. Is that correct? Councilmen Nalesnik stated that there were some streets, like up on railroad, certain blocks that we switched and it only a couple of blocks on railroad and center. We did not change any Catawissa winter parking and we decided in the Ordinance to switch the side of the street because of the sun. Councilwomen Shubeck mentioned that we did not have a lot of snow last year and this year we have already had two events. I am wondering how that is going to work this year. On the main street was really a mess. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that if it is not posted we can't ticket vehicles and we ask for their cooperation in moving their vehicles. If they move we will do whatever we can. We can't ticket vehicles with no posting only if it is an abandoned vehicle and then the police will handle. He stated if there are vehicles that have been there for numerous months, then whether summer or winter they can be towed. Carl Breiner stated it is a 48 hour rule. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that we can add a temporary police order to the bottom of our signs, if we want to experiment, but if we consider doing then we would have to change the Ordinance and advertise. Councilwomen Shubeck said we should maybe consider next year depending on the amount of snow we get this year. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that the primary is the opening of the road and the secondary is the curbs. When the snow starts the road department is out as soon as possible. Councilmen Kattner said if we post the sign of

temporary police order, and the cars are moved and after they are plowed, remove the signs and do every couple of blocks. Councilmen Nalesnik said for a heavy event, we should follow signs we have, but that same day post for the other side the following day.

SEWER: Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve the Sewer/Sanitation Adjustment Report for November. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve the Application for Payment to Blooming Glen in the amount of \$74,660.00 for completion of unit 1 at sewer plant. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilmen Nalesnik said that when the weather allows we will switch the units at the sewer plant. Councilwomen Kuba stated that our sewer department is doing great compared to other Boroughs.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilmen Kattner stated that the electrical for the light pole at the park was hacked into the wiring and that we would need to have an electrician come in and fix it. He also mentioned that after the holidays to look into the work at the recreation center and the police department that needs to be done

SANITATION & QUALITY OF LIFE: Councilwomen Smith made a motion to approve the tonnage from Cascella Waste of 145.87 for November. Councilwomen Shubeck seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-03 amending the installation and maintenance of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors. Councilmen Kattner seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Smith stated that as far as the Ordinance we will be working with Robert and the inspectors in the next couple of weeks to fine turn and advertise. Solicitor Yurchak mentioned that he did get a copy of the Blight from County and the application for the grant for 50% matching of a tear down. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that we have two applications down there and have heard nothing. Councilwomen Shubeck stated that with regards to the smoke, carbon monoxide detectors about the hardwiring of the detectors and we looked to find out why a lot of the inspections were failing and it was because of the interconnection of the smoke, CO detectors. There were also ones that needed handrails and out of the several were no passing because of the connections and handrails, so we wanted to look at this a little closer and we do not want it to go to hardwire and we wanted in the Ordinance for people who have multi family to make it a hardship so I think it is something that we need to look at, also the handrails, is that a state or federal or is it in our Ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak stated that it is I believe in the Housing Code, but something that I can check into. Councilwomen Smith stated that this is just a motion and that once it is advertised and finalized and adopted to make the changes. There is a lot that needs to be looked at. We don't want to cause hardship if not needed. Councilwomen Shubeck stated that all the people that failed had to pay for the inspection and now they are going to have to pay again. Councilwomen Smith stated that Councilmen Nalesnik did find out that there are interconnecting alarms that can be purchased at a decent price at about \$50.00 that will cover the smoke and CO. Councilmen Nalesnik stated that every property homeowner is going to have to purchase them. Solicitor Yurchak stated that this was not advertised and that it would have to be 2026.

RECREATION: Councilwomen Shubeck made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Community Events for Mead's Church. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed. Councilwomen Shubeck mentioned that the Christmas on the Hill Event was a success and a thank you to New Columbus Fire Company and the Recreation Commission and the borough workers for all that they did for the event. She also mentioned that the Recreation Commission made a donation on behalf of Mary Fox.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Councilwomen Kuba made a motion to approve the Budget for 2026 with no tax increase. Councilwomen Smith seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilmen Nalesnik made a motion to approve the C.O.L.A for pension recipients with interest. Councilwomen Kuba seconded. All in favor of motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmen Nalesnik said Thank You to David Hawk for all of years of service for the Borough and the dedication to the residents.

President Hawk did mention that Council will be having an executive session following the meeting on Personnel and we will not be acting on anything. He also stated to all to have a great holiday. He said he appreciated the people of Nesquehoning for allowing him all these years on Council and that I believe I have made some kind of difference and wish the new Council the best of luck.

Went into Executive at 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Executive Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Deborah DelFranco
Secretary