

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--OCTOBER 6, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nazareth Borough Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the President, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were President Daniel Chiavaroli, Vice President Larry Stoudt, Councilmen John N. Samus, Lance E. Colondo, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, and Brian F. Regn, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Mayor Carl Strye Jr.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Edgar Geiger of 124 Mauch Chunk Street asked Council about changes to the parking in front of his house.

Downtown Coordinator Stephanie Varone of 55 S. Main Street gave Council an update about all that is happening in the Borough's Downtown.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes for the regular meeting of September 8, 2015 were approved as presented.

On a motion by John N. Samus seconded by Larry Stoudt, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2015 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2015	\$	199,635.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2015	\$	191,420.01
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	391,558.74
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	86,041.79
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	591,193.76
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	277,461.80
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	369,882.10
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	45,258.16
General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2015	\$	221,311.66
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2015	\$	232,203.64
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	56,286.65
State Fund National Penn	\$	5,433.37
ESSA Loan Account	\$	67.16
State Fund Money Market	\$	88,151.03
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	16,736.23
Highway & Fire Vehicle Account	\$	-0-
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	1,075,417.64
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,607,456.35

John Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$415,140.26. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of September 2015 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of September 2015 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for September 2015 was presented and approved.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve an ordinance which would amend Sec. 403 of the parking ordinance to reduce the "no parking" zone on the west side of S. Whitfield Street from 110' to 70', 9am to 5pm Mon-Friday. A "Roll Call" vote followed. Voting "Yes" were Councilmen Samus, Colondo, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt, Kopach, Donello, Regn and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #812 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

John N. Samus moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve resolution No. 10 -15 which certifies the Borough's sponsorship of a 2015 Monroe County Local Share Award Grant for American Legion Post 415 of Nazareth as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, is eligible to apply for a Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth as a qualifying applicant is also eligible to sponsor as a municipality, an agency or entity that does not qualify for application to the Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant Program,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth has corresponded with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development officially endorsing its position as a municipal sponsor for the Harold V. Knecht American Legion Post,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth , in Borough Council assembled, that:

1. An endorsement letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, including the understanding and assurances contained therein, has been submitted on behalf of the Harold V. Knecht American Legion Post 415 for consideration of receiving said grant from the Monroe County LSA Grant Program.

2. Nazareth Borough Council certifies its sponsorship of the Harold V. Knecht American Legion Post 415 in its efforts to secure a fifty two thousand, nine hundred (\$52,900.00) dollar award to be used for the renovation of its facility.

3. The Borough of Nazareth designates Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as the Borough's grant contact, entrusted with executing all documents related to this project, writing the grant request and stating the Borough's and the American Legion's belief that this is a valid and viable project which will help the Borough and those who use American Legion Post 415.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to advertise for an amendment to the Parking Ordinance to restrict parking on the north side of Mauch Chunk Street to the east and west side of the private drive located opposite Progress Avenue. Restricted parking in this location will improve the sightlines for vehicles entering Mauch Chunk Street from the private driveway.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to advertise for the Scofflaw Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise for an Ordinance to remove the 5 Minute Parking Zone in front of the former Lafayette Ambassador Bank on South Main Street and replace it with a metered parking space.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to officially certify the Borough's municipal sponsorship of American Legion Post 415 for the purpose of applying for a Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant. The Borough will be the sponsoring municipality and the Borough Secretary/Treasurer will be the grant contact.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to advertise for an amendment to an ordinance dealing with Pennsylvania Motor Code violations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Lance E. Colondo moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to turn-over the recently received Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$36,402.35.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help subsidize the Halloween Parade

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help subsidize Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Fire Committee report for the month of September 2015 was approved as presented.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for "crossing guards".

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth YMCA to hold the annual Pumpkin Pie 5k Race/Walk on Thanksgiving morning from 9:00 am till 12 noon.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the \$425 low bid of Brian's Professional Cleaning Service for cleaning of the rugs in the Magistrate's Office.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to allow the Nazareth High School cheerleaders to place a Blue & White scarecrow Cheerleader in the Circle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth YMCA Daycare Program for use of the Gazebo in the Park for three hours on Monday, October 12, 2015 for a Halloween Party.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce for use of the Circle at 7:00 pm on December 3, 2015 for the annual Tree Lighting ceremony.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the use of two (2) portable temporary lighting units at the Essroc Fields Soccer complex for some evening practices

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a "license agreement" with Essroc Cement allowing them to drill a monitoring well in an area near the Borough's Public Works Garage.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve a \$20,000 Borough subsidy for the coming year for Downtown Coordinator Stephanie Varone.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to execute Withdrawal #16 and to transfer for payment of \$73,860.18 from our ESSA borrowing to the Borough's checking account. The invoices were submitted by Penn Quaker Site Contractors Inc. for work done through September 30, 2015 on the Downtown Parking Lot...\$47,169.18 and \$26,691.00 for Bracy Contracting for work completed on the Pool...both requests for payment were approved by the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to execute payment of the invoice from Application #2....Downtown Parking Lot... as specified and approved by the Borough Engineer. Payment is approved for the Site Contractor... Penn Quaker Site Contractors Inc. ... for Application #2 in the amount of \$47,169.18 for all work done through September 30, 2015

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to execute payment of the invoice from Application #10 Pool General Contracting for Bracy Contracting in the amount of \$26,691.00. This payment was approved for payment by both the Pool Architect and the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to borrow the balance of the ESSA \$5.5 million borrowing. Following the withdrawals of Application #2 - Parking Lot and Pool Application #10 General Contracting of this date, the balance of available cash in the ESSA borrowing will be \$572,773.29...that is the sum to be borrowed in this final withdrawal.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Borough's State Pension Aid in the amount of \$45,440.53.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of September 2015 was approved as presented.

Ecology: The Ecology Report for the month of September 2015 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to reject the bid of Wind Gap Electric for the installation of the new electric service in the Circle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Brian F. Regn moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to accept the proposal of Richard N. Best Associates for installation of the "parking kiosk" T2 Digital Pay Station system for the new downtown parking lot. Cost of the equipment and installation is \$14,810 plus a monthly fee of \$50.00 for credit card processing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: The Police Report for the month of September 2015 presented by Carl A. Fischl, was approved as presented.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

There being no further business, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Brian F. Regn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President