

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 7, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the elected President Pro-Tem for this meeting, Michael Kopach, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were President Daniel Chiavaroli, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jeffrey Corpora, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Kayla Green and Christopher Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Alkbert Kortze, Chief of Police Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent were Vice President Carl A. Fischl and Councilperson Charles A. Donello.

Communications: President Chiavaroli told Council that the Borough had received a "Thank You" card from Councilman Jeffrey Corpora and his family expressing appreciation for the sympathy bouquet they received following the passing of Councilman Corpora's father.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of July 5, 2023 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Christopher D. Crook seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2023 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2023	\$	718,626.37
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2023	\$	158,839.74
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	194,870.59
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	171,435.30
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	913,496.96
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	330,275.04
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	484,656.35
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	53,506.01
General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2023	\$	428,840.61
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2023	\$	276,769.03
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	2,840.94
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	349,470.55
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	39,890.98
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	60,674.68
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$	8,497.62
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,905.37
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	603,420.35
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	1,125,021.02
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	650,343.09
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Pool/Park Acct)	\$	200,783.25
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	26,764.67

Total of All Borough Funds..... \$ 3,745,552.75

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$548,162.36.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 23 - C which honors Nazareth's first National Football League player, Jahan Dotson of the Washington Commanders and officially makes, Sunday, August 27, 2023, Jahan Dotson Day in the Borough of Nazareth as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth desires to recognize outstanding athletes of the Nazareth area who have noteworthy careers at all levels of sports while additionally choosing to remain active and contributing within our community,

WHEREAS, Jahan Dotson, a highly acclaimed and record setting Nazareth High School and Penn State wide receiver and punt returner, who was drafted by the Washington Commanders in the first round of the National Football League's Annual Draft in 2022 as the sixteenth overall pick, is Nazareth High School's and the Nazareth Area's first ever National Football League player,

WHEREAS, Jahan Dotson, continues each year to participate in many local charitable events and fundraisers and also conducts his own sponsored local youth football clinics while maintaining his position as one of the more prominent new wide receivers in all of football, will be ceremoniously honored with "Jahan Dotson Day" on August 27, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Council of the Borough of Nazareth recognizes, praises and appreciates the athletic achievements and the football prominence that Jahan Dotson has attained and celebrates with all others, "Jahan Dotson Day" in our Borough on August 27, 2023. Nazareth is proud of all of its citizens but particularly proud of those who through their exemplary athletic ability, have distinguished themselves by their ascendance to the highest levels of professional sport and who have additionally continued to enrich the lives of young athletes of our area by continuing to serve as an inspiration to them,

AND NOW, this seventh day of August, 2023, Nazareth Borough Council commends and honors Jahan Dotson as we prepare to celebrate this special day dedicated to him for all his athletic talent and his long list of achievements and honors. Council directs the Secretary to issue a certificate memorializing this Resolution for presentation to a truly great young athlete of our community as he continues on his most distinguished football career.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 23 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2023 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming

Grant seeking \$165,000 in funding for new ADA Compliant restrooms in Kim Kromer Park as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2023 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, Kim Kromer Park is a multi-faceted facility with soccer fields, a picnic pavilion, walking trails and a playground and is used by residents and visitors of all ages and abilities,

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough Council, our Borough Engineer and our Public Property Committee have all identified the need for full service, Handicapped Restrooms in Kim Kromer Park, as a priority need for our residents and those of all ages who use that park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough seeks the assistance of the Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program to help fund the construction of full service, ADA compliant restrooms, in Kim Kromer Park. The requested funding would be used for the planning, construction and sewer, water and electric connectivity to nearby services and to install walkways which would make the restrooms safely accessible to those with special needs. The assistance of the Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important facility construction. The Borough seeks one hundred and sixty five thousand (\$165,000.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide fifteen thousand and thirty three (\$15,033.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this important building project become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Paul A. Kokolus, is therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's 2024 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the placement of Scarecrows in the Circle by the Girl Scouts of the Nazareth Area beginning on September 15, 2023. The group is responsible for takedown and cleanup during the first week of November 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 23 - B which certifies the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity's submission of a 2023 Keystone Library Grant proposal for funding for a new boiler/furnace heating unit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Area Youth Baseball for use of the main baseball field in the Park for Fall Baseball.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a sign for the new Playground at Council Chambers from the Nazareth Sign Company. The limit to the cost of the new sign, installed, is up to \$5,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Are Youth Baseball for use of the main baseball field in the Park for Fall Baseball to begin on August 19, 2023 and end on November 1, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve "half price" Pool Passes to go on sale on August 1, 2023 for Pool admission for the month of August until seasonal closing on Labor Day 2023. Family passes will be \$130 with the over four family member rate of \$15 per, the Junior passes will be \$75, Adult passes will be \$85, Senior Citizen passes \$50 and Employee passes \$25.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 23 - D which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2023 Northampton County Public Safety Grant seeking \$225,000 in funding for the purchase of a new Ambulance with a Stryker Power Loading System

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 23 - E which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement and sponsorship of a 2023 Monroe LSA Gaming Grant authored and sought by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps for funding for a new Ford T350 transport van.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to dedicate the new Playground at Council Chambers at a time and date to be determined. The formal dedication ceremony will include invitations to Borough residents, area legislators, Northampton County Council and all members of Nazareth Borough government

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to reimburse the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity for recent work done on two chimneys on their premises. Cost of the work already done by Alan Kunsman Roofing & Repairs s \$11,345.00 per chimney for a total reimbursement of \$22,690.00. Discussion followed. Lauren Pellegrino asked if any others of the member municipalities were contributing to the repairs.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve the low bid of Livengood Excavators Inc. in the amount of \$165,715.00 for reconstruction of the basketball courts in the Park. The low bid has been approved by the Borough Engineer after his review.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Jeffrey Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to invoice the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity for the yearly insurance charges for their facility in the amount of \$5,997.99.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the new Borough Investment policy which satisfies the requirements of the Borough's 2022 Municipal Audit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to require that Nazareth Borough Council formally approve all investments of Borough funds by Council motion before being invested. The PLGIT investments include PLGIT Prime, PLGIT Term or PLGIT Class plus all term insured Certificates of Deposit with PLGIT or those with banks who provide FDIC insurance. The Treasurer, following consultation with and the direction of the Finance Committee and its Chairman and after receiving permission to proceed, is further authorized to do rollovers and transfers within PLGIT and within established Borough banking institutions, provided that the investments comply with the Borough Investment Policy. Discussion followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. asked if decisions on investments had to wait until a meeting approval followed. Christopher D. Crook asked for specifics of rollovers and transfers within PLGIT and how they occurred.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the deposit of \$1,134,937.89 of the Borough's Cash Reserves in a 90 day PLGIT Term investment at a return rate of 5.56%. Upon the November 3, 2023 maturity of this investment, its new value will be \$1,150,670.31.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 23 which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2023 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant seeking \$50,000 in funding for a new Ford Interceptor SUV police vehicle as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2023 Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a Ford AWD Hybrid Interceptor SUV Police Utility Vehicle to assist with general policing duties, apprehensions, traffic control, school oversight and prisoner transport,

WHEREAS, the need for such a vehicle has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Police Committee for the execution of its Department's law enforcement duties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough seeks the assistance of the 2023 Monroe County Local Share Account Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this key vehicle for continued effective Borough policing. The Nazareth Police Department has expanded its duties of everyday policing to meet the needs of our community and requires updated equipment and functioning vehicles to help it deal with an increase in truck traffic from nearby warehouses and fulfillment centers. Growth in our area has expanded our Department's duties to include a major uptick in daily responses, more traffic control, an increase in domestic crime. In short, Nazareth Borough policing has taken on an even more critical role than ever before and with that comes the need for a better equipped Police Department. The assistance of the Local Share Account Monroe County Gaming Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important vehicle acquisition. The Borough seeks fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars in Monroe County LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide four thousand, three hundred and forty two (\$4,342.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality and to see Nazareth policing become more effective in its duties. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer is therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's 2024 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 23 - G which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2023 Northampton County Public Safety Grant for the purchase of the Police Taser 10 Taser System. This grant submission replaces a prior May 2023 submission of this grant in the GrowNorco Grant Program as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2023 Northampton County Public Safety Grant,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Police Department is charged with maintaining law and order in our community and requires the necessary equipment to safely and effectively perform its duties,

WHEREAS, the increase in the volume of crime has necessitated the need for updates in weaponry, particularly advancements which can de-escalate crime scenes and perpetrators who are violent and do so without the use of deadly force,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough seeks the assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of a new Taser System. The requested tasers and peripherals would be acquired through a Pennsylvania State contract. The assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important police acquisition. The Borough seeks twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide twenty six thousand, nine hundred and sixteen

(\$26,916.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Paul A. Kokolus, is therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's upcoming 2024 Municipal Operating Budget.

the motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve use of the Nazareth Park on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm for National Night Out. The event annually promotes police and neighborhood partnerships and community spirit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on October 28, 2023 from 8:00 am till noon for the Cars and Coffee event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the proposed Crossing Guard "Bonus" Program offering the following "Longevity Bonuses...a \$250 bonus for guards who have worked 25 years or more, a \$200 bonus for guards who have worked 15 years or more, a \$150 bonus for guards who have worked 10 years or more, a \$100 bonus for guards working over 5 years and a \$100 bonus for guards who have continued employment for 4 years. There is also a "Guard Sign-On Bonus Incentive" which pays \$250 for any newly hired guard who works over 5 shifts or is available and responds at least 10 more times a year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Crossing Guard Advertising and Banner Program allowing for the purchase of signs which offer available employment and bonuses to new Crossing Guard hires. Discussion followed. Lauren Pellegrino asked if this was a one-time bonus or if it would be repeated annually. Jeffrey Corpora asked if there was a limit to the amount for the purchases. The motion was amended to limit the purchases to \$225 and add the wording "one-time bonus" to the approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for June 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chiefs Report for June 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a donation of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars to the Nazareth Special Fire Police for their assistance with traffic control on Nazareth Day.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 -23 - F supporting the Borough's submission of a Northampton County 2023 Public Safety Grant proposal for new door entry equipment and training supplies as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2023 Northampton County Public Safety Grant,

WHEREAS, the Vigilance Hose Fire Company No. 1, an all volunteer fire company, has served the Borough continuously since May 17, 1897,

WHEREAS, the increase in both active fire fighters in our department plus the surge in normal call volume has necessitated the need for updates in Fire procedures that lend to the safety of our firemen and those that are in peril and for new equipment to be used during fires and other emergencies. Additionally, other equipment is needed for important training sessions conducted in our Firehouse to include tables and chairs which are required and aid in the training mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough seeks the assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of a new Forcible Entry Door System and additional training room tables and chairs to aid in the continuing education of our firefighters. The assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund these most important equipment acquisitions. The Borough seeks sixteen thousand, two hundred and eighty six (\$16,286.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide eight thousand, one hundred and forty four (\$8,144.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Paul A. Kokolus, is therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's 2024 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the July 2023 Zoning & Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles which would limit continuous parking in the same location "not to exceed 72 hours". The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Strye, Pellegrino, Kopach, Crook and Chiavaroli. Five (5) voting "Yes". Voting "No" was Councilperson Kayla Green. Five (5) "Yes" votes for passage and Ordinance #878 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to advertise for changes to the Parking Ordinance for vehicular parking on the west side of South Main Street in the area of the Borough Municipal Offices.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve new fees to be charged for the Police Department's new policy for providing records to crime victims in response to the passage of Act 134. If approved, the new fees will be incorporated into the Borough's complete fee schedule which is updated each year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: No report.

Technology: No report.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for July 2023

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the low bid of Gaver Industries, Doing Business As (DBA) Barker & Barker for the paving of the second portion of Victory Lane. The low bid was \$75,802.50. The Borough Engineer has approved this bid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to compose and distribute surveys for residents along the Borough's Route 191 corridor of South Broad Street, East Center Street and North New Street seeking opinions and suggestions about the traffic conditions of the route and also encouraging them to write to PennDot seeking resolution to the heightened truck and general vehicular use of that highway

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for July 2023. Mayor Colondo then addressed the presentation of the Jahan Dotson Day resolution and Jahan Dotson Day in the Borough on August 27, 2023. Colondo stated that he would be in touch with the Nazareth Area

School District to coordinate that event. The Mayor then congratulated the Police Department and Chief Miller on the apprehension of trespassers at the Pool.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business:

New Business:

There being no further business at 7:11 pm, on a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Lauren Pellegrino, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President