

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JULY 1, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. 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 Carl R. Strye Jr., Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl A. Fischl, Lauren Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent were Councilwoman Cindy Corpora and Borough Engineer Michael Schallock.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution 7 - 24 honoring recently retired Municipal Authority and former Civil Service Commission member Harry Lance. Lance has, with distinction, faithfully served our Borough with exemplary public service for the last two decades....the Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize, publicly honor and thank those who have played a role in government that impacts the lives of our residents,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth has several Boards and Commissions which perform a most valuable role in aiding the governing of our Borough through non-partisan recommendations on policies and through their oversight of departmental operations,

WHEREAS, Harry Lance contributed mightily to the Borough's Civil Service Commission and to our Municipal Authority and has now announced his retirement from active public service with the Municipal Authority Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Harry Lance be shown the gratitude of all in Nazareth Borough government and all Borough residents, for his many contributions of financial guidance, his oversight and the general operating expertise in management that he brought to the overall operation of the Nazareth Municipal Authority and for his many years on the Civil Service Commission. Since his appointment to the Civil Service Commission on March 1, 2004, Harry Lance has given our community two decades of devoted public service beginning with the screening and hiring of police officers and culminating with many years on our Municipal Authority. All in Nazareth have benefited not only from Harry Lance's contributions to both commissions but from the effects that his input has had to help to make Nazareth a better place in which to live and work. Council and all of our residents are both grateful and appreciative for all that Harry Lance has done in his over twenty years of public service. The Secretary is directed to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Harry Lance upon his retirement from the Board of our Municipal Authority and we are most honored by his presence here in the Chamber this evening. We wish Harry Lance and his family, only the very best.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Harry Lance to the front of the Chamber, read the Resolution and congratulated him. Appreciative applause followed as Harry thanked those in the Chamber and told everyone that it was a pleasure to serve.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 24 - A honoring three time State Wrestling Champion and Pennsylvania 6A First Team All State Football player Sean Kinney....the Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to acknowledge and publicly honor those young athletes who have reached the pinnacle of their sport by leading their team and by also winning individual championships,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association annually conducts State Wrestling Championships which culminate with triumphant wrestlers rising above all others in their weight classification by winning a coveted Pennsylvania State Championship,

WHEREAS, Nazareth High School wrestler Sean Kinney has once again won a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class AAA State Wrestling Championship, this year in the 285 pound weight classification marking Kinney's third consecutive state championship. In so doing, he has become Nazareth High School's 31st state champion while becoming Nazareth High School's third State Champion in that weight classification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that once again, Sean Kinney be congratulated for his 2024 state championship, his tremendous senior season on the mat at the regional and state level and similarly for his contributions to Nazareth's very successful football program where he is also a major contributor. Equally impressive, following a terrific senior season, Sean Kinney is also a First Team 6A All State defensive lineman and led our Blue Eagles to another 6A District title. Nazareth Borough Council commends Sean Kinney for his tremendous and unmatched athletic achievements as he has become Nazareth's second three time State Wrestling Champion. Nazareth's Wrestling Program is renowned across our state, the Middle Atlantic Region and nationally and it has brought our fans enjoyment and pride thanks to Coach Dave Crowell and wrestlers like Sean Kinney who will continue his football career as a scholarship player at Lafayette College. In the annals of Nazareth High School's rich sports history, Sean Kinney stands alone for his two sport successes. Nazareth Borough Council proudly directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Sean Kinney in recognition of his third 285 Pound State Wrestling Championship and for the remarkable career he has had as a Nazareth athlete.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Sean Kinney to the front of the Chamber and read the Resolution before presenting him a signed copy. Kinney was applauded for his outstanding high school athletic career and graciously accepted the award before thanking the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 24 - B honoring 133 Pound State Wrestling Champion Tahir Parkins...the Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and publicly honor those young athletes who have accomplished exceptional achievements in their chosen sport,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association annually conducts State Wrestling Championships which culminate with triumphant wrestlers rising above all others in their weight classification by winning a coveted Pennsylvania State Championship,

WHEREAS, Nazareth High School wrestler Tahir Parkins has won a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class AAA State Wrestling Championship, this year in the 133 pound weight classification and in so doing has become Nazareth High School's 30th state champion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Tahir Parkins be congratulated for his 2024 state championship, his 41-2 Senior season and his incredible 102 -12 career record on the mat at the national, regional and state level. Nazareth Borough Council commends Tahir Parkins for his tremendous achievements and similarly commends National Wrestling Hall of Fame Coach Dave Crowell and his assistants for their ability to lead our high school wrestlers to continued state success and national prominence. Nazareth's Wrestling Program is renowned across our state, the Middle Atlantic Region and nationally and it has brought our fans enjoyment and pride thanks to Coach Crowell and wrestlers like Tahir Parkins whose career will continue next year at Rutgers University.. Nazareth Borough Council proudly directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Tahir Parkins as recognition for his state championship and his tremendous career as a Nazareth wrestler.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Tahir Parkins to the front of the Chamber and read the Resolution before presenting him with a signed copy. Warm applause followed before Parkins told Council and our residents that he was proud to be another Nazareth High School State Wrestling Champion. Mayor Colondo then called on Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach Dave Crowell for comments and Crowell told everyone that both of his state champion wrestlers and his entire team was composed of hard workers and team oriented athletes who cared about their teammates.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 24 - C honoring the Nazareth Lady Eagles Softball Team for their second consecutive East Penn League Championship...the Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those individuals, coaches and teams who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary accomplishments on the field, in the classroom or through their civic contributions to the community,

WHEREAS, our Nazareth High School Girls Softball Team recently completed their incredibly successful 2024 season by winning another East Penn Conference championship following both Conference and District XI Championships in 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Nazareth Lady Blue Eagles Softball Team has in both 2023 and 2024, brought incredible honor to themselves, their school and to our community through their hard work and dedication and their on-field successes. By winning their second consecutive East Penn Conference Championship and by defeating all of the Lehigh Valley's perennial powers en route to the Conference crown, the program has risen to lofty prominence in our region. Coach Steve Genzale, the Morning Call 2023 Coach of the Year, and his staff have guided this great group of girls to unprecedented success in local, district and state play and with a large group of sophomore and junior players, even more success should be ahead in 2025 and beyond. Nazareth Borough Council commends the players of the Nazareth Lady Blue Eagles Softball Team, Head Coach Steve Genzale and his assistants, parents and everyone involved with the program and directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to a wonderful group of softball players and deserving young ladies who have made us all extremely proud. Nazareth Borough Council is pleased to once again congratulate the Nazareth Lady Blue Eagles Softball Team and thank it for the pride and the enjoyment it has brought to us all.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Head Softball Coach Steve Genzale and his attending players to the front of the Chamber before reading the Resolution to them. Following a round of applause, each player was given a signed copy of the Resolution before Head Coach Genzale spoke on behalf of his players and team. Genzale said he was proud of his girls and their wonderful season before thanking Council for the honor.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: William Buskirk of 522 Belvidere Street thanked Council for their efforts to find solutions to parking and traffic problems in the school zone, Buskirk asked how many resident passes would be given to each household and what the charges would be. He also inquired about guest passes and the parking of a camper on the street.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of June 3, 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Christopher D. Crook seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2024 was approved as follows:

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| General Fund--Cash on Hand June 1, 2024 | \$ | 462,752.09 |
| Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 1, 2024 | \$ | 328,684.44 |

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| General Fund--Total Receipts | \$ | 380,393.17 |
| Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts | \$ | 79,816.86 |
| General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash | \$ | 843,145.26 |
| Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash | \$ | 408,501.30 |
| General Fund--Total Disbursements | \$ | 572,840.22 |
| Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements | \$ | 161,504.66 |
| General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2024 | \$ | 270,305.04 |
| Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2024 | \$ | 246,996.64 |
| ESSA Payroll Account | \$ | 4,601.24 |
| Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account | \$ | 187,511.70 |
| Embassy Bank Park Account | \$ | 79,494.11 |
| Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan | \$ | 8,510.99 |
| Embassy Bank Reserve Account | \$ | 32,950.75 |
| Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment) | \$ | 27,935.91 |
| Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan) | \$ | 1,956.66 |
| Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct) | \$ | 1,187,867.83 |
| Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct) | \$ | 688,917.07 |
| Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Pool/Park Acct) | \$ | 123,224.14 |
| Total of All Borough Funds..... | \$ | 2,860,272.08 |

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$572,840.22.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve use of the Amphitheater on various Monday and Friday evenings through November of 2024 by the Nazareth Soccer Club for conditioning and training.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve use of the Essroc Fields Soccer complex by Nazareth Youth Soccer for the Fall 2024 season.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new outside air conditioner unit and air handler for the Borough owned Arts

Center at 30 Belvidere Street. Cost of the installed unit is eleven thousand, one hundred and seventy three (\$11,173.00) dollars with the work to be done by Hope Mechanical Incorporated. Michael Kopach asked if other estimates were sought.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the supplying of two (2) Porta Potties for Nazareth Nite Out on July 19, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance & Economic Development: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the NEDC's Second Quarter Report for 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve "all day" free meter parking in the downtown on Friday, July 19, 2024 and Saturday, July 20, 2024 for Sidewalk Sales, the Nazareth Nite Out Block Party, the Saturday Farmer's Market and all downtown Nazareth Day events.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 24 - D certifying the Borough's filing of a 2024 Northampton County Public Safety Grant seeking funding for two License Plate Readers to be placed along the Route 248 corridor at South Broad and South Green Street...as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2024 Northampton County Public Safety Grant,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Police Department, serves all of our Borough's policing needs and additionally provides assistance for Fire and Ambulance calls,

WHEREAS, policing today requires technological updates in equipment to assist it with enforcement duties and the eventual prosecution of those who break the law,

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 2024 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of two (2) Selex Leonardo Street Sentry License Plate Readers and the necessary peripheral accessories to provide the scanning and capturing of license plate numbers on vehicles entering and leaving our Borough. The capturing of details of registered vehicles is vital and instrumental in the logging of who is on our streets during the times when crimes are committed. The assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important policing acquisition. The Borough seeks fourteen thousand, nine hundred and eighty three (\$14,983.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match in the amount of seven thousand, four

hundred and ninety five (\$7,495.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality Borough Council has chosen President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as designated signers to affirm this important grant filing. 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 2025 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to hire Kerry Frey as a Parking Enforcement Officer. Frey will be paid the standard parking enforcement wage of \$17.00 per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Incident Report for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Police Department Monthly Incident Report for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the June 2024 Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise an amendment to the parking ordinance to identify the specific streets in the school zone subject to the resident permit parking or other parking restrictions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise an amendment to the parking ordinance to establish a program for Resident Permit Parking Only in certain areas in the school zone.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise for a revision to the ordinance involving food trucks which would eliminate the need for a food truck permit if the food truck is on private property

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve a change to the Council By-Laws which would move the responsibilities for Economic Development matters from the Technology Committee to the Finance Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to establish the long-standing policy regarding flag poles located on Borough Property, that no flag shall be flown on Borough flag poles except for the American Flag, the Pennsylvania State flag, flags associated with Nazareth Fire Department, Police Department and EMS or flags associated with the U.S. military. Any exceptions to this policy or a determination whether or not a certain flag is included in any of the permitted categories shall be at the sole discretion of Borough Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the June 2024 Environmental Steering Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for June 2024 showing "no activity".

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for May 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to appoint Joseph Ianovale as Interim Fire Chief and Frank Betz III as Interim First Assistant Chief until Fire Chief Jerry Johnson is physically fit for a return for duty.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of June 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for June 2024. The Mayor invited everyone to the July 4th Kazoo Parade which will be held on Thursday, July 4th and start at the high school at 10:00 am. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about the Nazareth Nite Out Block Party on Friday, July 19, 2024 and Nazareth Day and the Fireworks Show on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Mayor Colondo also called attention to the Martin On Main event on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: Carl A. Fischl spoke about the matter of chickens in the Borough and said that chicken coops should be placed and restricted to thirty to forty (30' - 40") feet from a resident's property line. Christopher D. Crook said that Bushkill Township requires three (3) acres of land before chickens are allowed on a residential property. Kayla Green told Council that existing ordinances about noise and odors might better be used to control the chicken situation.

New Business: None.

The Meeting was adjourned to three (3) Executive Sessions at 6:50 pm.

There being no further business at 7:06 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President