

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JUNE 1, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, June 1, 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, Mayor Carl R. Strye Jr., 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, Engineer Albert Kortze, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Helen Ziegler of 40 North Broad Street told Council of the state of disrepair of the sidewalks in the Downtown.

Anthony Betz of 175 Phoenix Street had several questions about the new proposed Ambulance headquarters on Seip Avenue. Betz also asked several questions about the rerouting of G.W. Stoudt Boulevard.

Rose Lichner of 493 E. Center Street asked about the new cul de sac at the end of Sage Street.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street told Council that there is a dead cotoneaster in the Circle and several wild thistle plants growing in shrubbery beds in the Circle. Butz also had questions about maintenance of the shrubs in the Gateway Project at the intersection of Main Street and Easton Road. Butz asked why citizens do not volunteer to help keep the Borough clean.

Harry Adams of Woodside Avenue questioned the lack of volunteerism within the Borough. Adams referenced his years as custodian of the Veterans Memorial Garden at the Shafer School and publicly thanked Kathy Heller and Judy Bohart for their years of helping him with the Garden.

Mayor Strye then addressed Council with words of praise for retiring crossing guards Arlene Fehnel and Janet Hunt. Strye thanked them for their many years of Borough employment.

Communications: None

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of May 4, 2015 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Charles A. Donello, the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2015 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2015	\$	296,093.00
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2015	\$	188,657.68
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	268,554.04
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	8,811.20
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	564,647.04
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	197,468.88

General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	383,815.38
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	268.19
General Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2015	\$	180,831.66
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2015	\$	197,200.69
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	53.58
State Fund Checking Account	\$	-0-
State Fund Money Market (Nat'l Penn)	\$	125,571.55
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	39,561.18
ESSA Loan Account	\$	66.89
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	1,400,313.29
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,943,598.84

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$384,083.57. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

An Ambulance Report for May 2015 was presented and approved.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance to certify the Borough's membership in the Susquehanna Municipal Trust for Worker's Compensation insurance.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance which would amend Chapter 15, Section 403...Street sweeping and make changes to hours and prohibited parking areas which are part of our current ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for the month of May 2015 was approved as presented.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to finalize the appointment of Randall Brown as the Borough's Emergency Management Director following formal notice of his status from Governor Tom Wolf.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve purchase of GPS devices for added police officer safety at a cost of three thousand, one hundred and sixty five (\$3,165.00) dollars for three years of service.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for Part Time Police Officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 - 15 - A honoring retiring crossing guard Arlene Fehnel as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those who through their service and employment have made our Borough a safer community for students, residents and senior citizens,

WHEREAS, Arlene Fehnel has ensured the safety of those crossing our streets and highways on their way to Borough schools and through our Downtown for the past thirty six (36) years,

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 commends and thanks Arlene Fehnel for her many years of dedicated service as a school crossing guard. Arlene has crossed students on some of the Borough's busiest and most dangerous intersections and has done so without incident and for the betterment of the young girls and boys she's safely escorted out of harms way. Arlene Fehnel has been a reliable employee with a sterling employment record and she deserves the gratitude of all of our citizens and all on Council.

AND NOW, this first day of June, 2015, Nazareth Borough Council commends, honors and thanks Arlene Fehnel for all her years of employment and congratulates her on the occasion of her retirement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 - 15 - B honoring retiring crossing guard Janet Hunt as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those who through their service and employment have made our Borough a safer community for students, residents and senior citizens,

WHEREAS, Janet Hunt has ensured the safety of those crossing our streets and highways on their way to Borough schools and through our Downtown for the past twenty two (22) years,

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 commends and thanks Janet Hunt for her many years of dedicated service as a school crossing guard. Ms. Hunt has crossed students on some of the Borough's busiest and most dangerous intersections and has done so without incident and for the betterment of the young girls and boys

she's safely escorted out of harms way. Janet Hunt has been a reliable employee with a sterling employment record and she deserves the gratitude of all of our citizens and all on Council.

AND NOW, this first day of June, 2015, Nazareth Borough Council commends, honors and thanks Janet Hunt for all her years of employment and congratulates her on the occasion of her retirement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Days Committee to block off the Northwest and Southeast corners of the Circle from vehicular traffic on Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. The request is for keeping the same pattern that has been used for the past two years.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce for the closure of Main Street from the Circle to Belvidere Street on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm for the Grand Opening festivities for Xpresso Cafe.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter of thanks to the Nazareth Ambulance Corps for their donation of one (1) AED device...automated external defibrillator device to the Nazareth Police Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Hiring Committee to proceed with the hiring process for new part time officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve the purchase of five hundred (500) booklets entitled "Your Child's Safety Is Our Mission" for public distribution at a cost of one (\$1.00) dollar per booklet.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Jason Nale for his donation of the new sign at the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve an expenditure of seven thousand, seven hundred and ninety (\$7,790) dollars to move the playground equipment at

Sauerzopf Park to its new location. If the contractor is unable to save all posts, legs, components, etc., there will be additional costs.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to direct the Public Works Superintendent to prepare the land at the end of Sage Street for a cul-de-sac parking lot.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Engineer to assemble specifications for replacing the heating and air conditioning system at 134 S. Main Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve "free" pool admission to all veterans and those currently serving in the military on July 4, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to comply with the requests received by the Borough from Northampton County for periodic carpet cleaning, air conditioning and window upgrades to be done to the District Magistrates Office.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 -15 congratulating the Holy Family Sick & Relief Association on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth desires to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding citizens, civic organizations, clubs and social groups within our community who seek to improve the quality of life and the well being of our Borough and its residents,

WHEREAS, the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society has reached the one hundredth anniversary of its founding and is celebrating the event with a dinner and testimonial honoring its founding fathers, current and former members, employees and patrons,

WHEREAS, the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society has provided important insurance benefits for its members while offering a place for patrons to socialize, bowl, dine and celebrate important events with banquets, parties, weddings and festivities. The Holy Family Sick and Relief Society has grown and prospered since its founding in 1915 through the diligence and foresight of its board of directors, its officers and past and current presidents who have thoughtfully guided it to its current success, its financial well-being and community prominence.

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

and recognizes the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society and its accomplishments over the past one hundred years. Council additionally recognizes the important charitable work done by the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society particularly in connection with Holy Family School, Nazareth High School and for others in our community at large. Additionally, the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society has been a place for people to gather and socialize with friends in comfort and fraternity.

AND NOW, this first day of June, 2015, Nazareth Borough Council commends and honors the Holy Family Sick and Relief Society, its officers, members and employees for again working for the betterment of those who patronize it and the community in general and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate memorializing this Resolution for presentation to the President and officers of an outstanding social club proudly serving Nazareth for its one hundredth year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve the renewal of all Borough insurances with Brown & Brown of the Lehigh Valley at a total cost of \$175,961. The renewal includes liability, vehicles, inland marine, contractor's equipment, workmen's compensation and police and professional errors and omissions with Brown & Brown of the Lehigh Valley and the State Workers Insurance Fund and also Allied World National Assurance. Total cost of the "Municipal Entity Insurance Package" to include Worker's Compensation coverage is one hundred and seventy five thousand, nine hundred and sixty one (\$175,961.00) dollars. The 2014 - 2015 package cost was \$250,175. The renewal includes professional services for administering the Borough's Worker's Compensation coverage with both the State Fund for our volunteer firemen, administering the regular Borough Worker's Compensation with the recently joined Susquehanna Municipal Trust, administering benefits services for health, dental, optical and life insurances and their yearly renewals plus Human Resource consulting and compliance counseling. Included in the total are a \$500 for seeking membership in the Susquehanna Municipal Trust and a brokerage fee of \$3,500.00 to Brown & Brown. Total one year savings from last year are seventy four thousand, one hundred and sixty four (\$74,164) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to acknowledge Northampton County Resolution 40-215 certifying Northampton County Council's approval of the Nazareth Borough Safety Fencing Grant in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred (\$12,500.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve a donation of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help defray expenses associated with the Nazareth Day Fireworks Show.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve payment of twenty one thousand, two hundred and forty nine (\$21,249.00) dollars to Pro Max Fence Systems,

Inc. for the new security fencing around the Pool following approval of the completed work and a recommendation for payment by the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to advertise for bids for the extension of G.W. Stoudt Boulevard.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ecology: The Refuse and Recycling Report for the month of May 2015 was approved as presented.

Technology: Brian F. Regn moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) high definition indoor cameras for areas of the Police Department not currently covered and the replacement of one (1) camera which no longer functions at a cost of four thousand, four hundred and fifty (\$4,450.00) dollars from Home Technology Solutions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Brian F. Regn moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to rescind the May 2015 approval of Design #2 for the Parking Lot at 128 S. Main Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Brian F. Regn moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Design #3 for the new parking lot at 128 S. Main Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Brian F. Regn moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to direct the Engineer to advertise for bids for materials and construction of the new parking lot at 128 S. Main Street. The bids are to be opened at the July 2, 2015 Borough Workshop Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: The Police Report for May 2015 was presented by Mayor Strye. Mayor Strye commended everyone associated with the May 17th Pool Grand Reopening Ceremony and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Fireman's/Kiwanis Carnival.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the annual Block Party calling for the closure of Belvidere Street on Friday, July 17, 2015 from 6:00 pm till 11:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at 8:59 pm, following two (2) Executive Sessions, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Brian F. Regn, the meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President