

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JUNE 1, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 159 West Center Street. 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 Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Robert DelNero, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Pompei and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 26 honoring and thanking Eagle Scout Oliver Pellegrino for his volunteer work doing extensive cleanup and making additions and changes to the Nazareth Borough Dog Park, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary accomplishments in the classroom, by their performing of public service and through their civic contributions to the community,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth desires to recognize the achievements of Oliver Pellegrino, a citizen of the Borough of Nazareth and a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 76,

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 recognizes the achievements of Oliver Pellegrino, a member of Troop 76, Boy Scouts of America, upon becoming an Eagle Scout. Council wishes to recognize the achievements of the young people of our community, particularly those participating in civic and public service organizations and who have achieved exceptional levels of performance in serving their community. Additionally, Council is grateful for Oliver Pellegrino's significant and impactful public service contributions to our Borough for service performed in the process of completing his certifications to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. Oliver made major improvements to our Borough Dog Park through the building and placement of new activity apparatuses and by performing extensive overall maintenance which he did to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our renowned Dog Park.

AND NOW, this twenty eighth day of May, 2026, Nazareth Borough Council commends and honors Oliver Pellegrino for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate memorializing this Resolution for presentation to an outstanding young citizen of the Borough of Nazareth and directs the Secretary to include this commendation and Council recognition, in the official June 2026 Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 26 - A honoring the 2025 District XI Champion Nazareth High School Girls Soccer Team, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and honor teams, young athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves with league, division and district championships, in state tournament games and for extraordinary performances during regular and post season play,

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nazareth Blue Eagle Girls Soccer Team has won the District XI 6-A Championship with a classic victory over the Number #1 ranked and perennial favorite Parkland High School Girls Team and has done so,, in most dramatic fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth , in Borough Council assembled, that the Nazareth Girls Soccer Team be honored for their exceptionally successful 2025 championship season. Following a tremendous 17 win, no loss and one tie regular season and a heartbreaking loss to Parkland in the East Penn Conference Championship game, Coach Ziggy Lewis rallied his girls for wins over Northampton and Emmaus before another showdown with Parkland, a rematch they won for the District Title in a 1-0 thriller. Their final 2025 resume` featured victories over every conference opponent, a district championship and brilliant play in a state win over Lower Merion followed by an overtime and heartbreaking loss to Central Bucks South in a state quarterfinal game. But more than anything, Coach Ziggy Lewis can boast of the contributions of the entire team and in particular, a group of seniors who set a goal to win a championship, successfully compete in the state tournament and can now be proud that they were able to do just that. With a stingy and relentless defense, our Blue Eagles Girls were able to win twenty three times while advancing to the state 6-A quarterfinals and winning their first District Title in 15 years. Much can be said too about Coach Ziggy Lewis and his patient guidance of a group of young girls who have developed their soccer skills and accomplished so much both on and off the field. Coach Lewis fostered an atmosphere of love for the game, a strong work ethic while maintaining close and respectful relationships with other team members and their reward was a memorable season both on and off the field. Lewis and his coaching staff guided these girls through a brutal conference schedule and in the end saw his confidence in this talented group, justly rewarded. Additionally, several individual players received post season, local and regional recognition. Nazareth can be proud not only of the wins and the championship but also of the character and respectful young female athletes that Coach Lewis and his staff have produced. Nazareth Borough Council commends and thanks the Nazareth Blue Eagle Girls Soccer Team, their coaches, trainers, support staff and importantly too, the supportive parents, booster club and fans who helped make the 2025 Fall season, a truly memorable one and wishes them continued success. The Secretary is directed to memorialize this resolution for posterity in the Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lance E. Colondo called Girls Soccer Coach Ziggy Lewis and his team to the front of the Chamber and congratulated them all for a wonderful season. Coach Lewis thanked Mayor Colondo and all on Council for the tribute and Resolution and he and the team graciously accepted the applause that followed.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to officially recognize, welcome and congratulate our new Full Time Police Officers, Dylan McGinley and Shemar Petrie. Dylan McGinley has been working as a Borough part time officer and has been previously sworn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lance E. Colondo called both Shemar Petrie and Dylan McGinley to the front of the Chamber where each officer recited their respective oaths and were officially sworn. Several other current officers and family members were in attendance and loud, congratulatory applause followed.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street told Council that she hoped there would be follow through with changes and improvements to the Code Enforcement process that was discussed at the Workshop.

Richard Kroboth asked the Borough Engineer about the contractor that UGI was using for street repairs as he had his vehicle towed last Summer without notice of pending work being done on his street. Kroboth and his family were away on a family vacation at the time the work was being done.

Communications: The Secretary acknowledged the receipt of a "Thank You" card from Police Administrator Deb Dreisbach following the passing of her father and the Borough's sending of a sympathy bouquet to her home.

The Secretary's Minutes from the regular meeting of May 4, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2026	\$	409,532.96
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2026	\$	78,333.51
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	279,271.51
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	164,278.54
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	688,804.47
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	242,612.05
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	560,648.56
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	125.00
General Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2026	\$	128,155.91
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2026	\$	93,712.36
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	27,695.91
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	17,145.19

Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,536.55
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,814.69
Embassy - K-9 Unit	\$	36,967.45
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,120.56
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	513,623.69
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	750,405.55
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	357,441.57
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	93,010.61
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	29,135.92
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	227,531.58
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,294,038.88

Kayla Green moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$560,773.56.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve an updated appraisal of the 41.2 acre Black Rock property as requested by Pennsylvania DCNR for the recently applied for Community Conservation Partnership Grant. Cost of the new appraisal to be done by Laudone Appraisals, is not to exceed \$750.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a 2026 lease with the Nazareth Blue Swim Team calling for a rental fee of \$6,000.00 paid in three (3) increments of \$2,000.00. The lease allows for four (4) evening swim meets requiring Pool closure to the public at 4:30. All net profits garnered through swim lessons are to be shared on an equal 50/50 basis by the Swim Team and the Borough while all costs for the Swim Lessons are the responsibility of the Nazareth Blue Swim Team.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the purchase the necessary materials for the ballistic wall in the Police Department. Borough Engineer Michael Schallock reported that those costs, just received and confirmed, will total \$9,911.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to allow use of the Amphitheater in the Park on either the evening of July 21, 2026 or the evening of July 22, 2026 by the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity for the showing of historical Nazareth movies.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the renewal of the proposed Borough package of insurances with Brown & Brown of the Lehigh Valley. The "package" renewal includes liability, vehicles, inland marine, contractor's equipment and police and public officials errors and omissions with Brown & Brown of the Lehigh Valley and also the Trident Insurance Group for the Public Officials Policy and Employee Practices. Trident would provide the general liability, law enforcement and vehicle policies plus inland marine and property coverage. The renewal includes professional services for administering the Borough's Worker's Compensation coverage with both the State Fund for our volunteer firemen and administering the regular Borough Worker's Compensation with Susquehanna Municipal Trust at an annual cost of \$79,177. State Worker's Insurance Fund (SWIF) coverage with an annual premium of \$29,180 for our firemen is included in the total package cost of \$217,240.00. Cyber Insurance would be provided by the Coalition Group at an annual cost of \$6,778.00. Total premiums also include administering benefits services for health insurances and their yearly renewals plus Human Resource consulting and compliance counseling.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$20,000 into the Borough's PLGIT Park Fund at a rate of 3.72%. The funds come from the receipt of Pool Pass and Pool Party payments and walk up admissions from Memorial Day weekend.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$30,000 to the Borough's PLGIT Park Fund at a rate of 3.52%.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$150,000 to the Borough's PLGIT ESSA Garbage Fund at a rate of 3.72%.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the rollover of Retirement Distribution #1 into the existing retirement account of former Municipal Authority employee Dean Minnich following his February 26, 2026 retirement and the recommendation for approval by the Borough's Non-Uniformed Pension Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for regular and alternate Crossing Guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking Space at 46 Park Street as requested by Patricia Hauze. The Nazareth Police Department has completed the appropriate measurements and has approved this request.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance amendment to Section 403 of the Borough's Parking Ordinance which will eliminate certain 15-minute parking locations in the metered district as advertised and as detailed in Council's meeting minutes from May 4, 2026. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons, Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" for passage and Ordinance #904 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chiefs Report for April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an Ordinance which authorizes the fire department to recover costs for equipment and materials used in responding to emergencies. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons, Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" for passage and Ordinance #905 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to schedule a "Special Zoning Hearing Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 6, 2026. The advertising for the meeting will be done by the Assistant Borough Solicitor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to advertise a proposed ordinance which amends the Borough zoning map in the area of Kraemer Textile and changes the zoning of that area from Light Industrial to General Commercial.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote cast by Councilperson Laureen Pellegrino.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to advertise a proposed parking ordinance amendment which eliminates a "no parking" zone on the south side of West Center Street, east of Convent Avenue, in the area of 511 West Center Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to advertise a proposed ordinance which prohibits truck traffic in the area of Wood Street between West Prospect Street and Spring Street, except for local deliveries. Christopher D. Crook asked if trucks would still be allowed to travel in that area as they enter the Heidelberg Materials Plant on West Prospect Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Robert DelNero moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the May 2026 Zoning & Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Robert DelNero moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve new rates for rental inspections. Inspections would cost \$125.00 per unit and if there are more than 10 units on any one parcel, the rate would be \$100.00 per unit. During the first cycle of rental inspections, now coming to a conclusion, we would re-inspect one time at no charge but re-inspections would now be \$50.00 per unit. With passage of the motion, new rates for regular and all re-inspections are effective January 1, 2027. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook asked if there is an update on the Belvidere Street property which has been cited for violations and no apparent work has been done on the property. Crook told Council that he is aware of circumstances surrounding the work to be done but requested more information on the property's status.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering Report for the month of May 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Report of the Borough's Environmental Specialist.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of the Moravian Historical Society for the use of the large trash and recycling barrels as well as the parking barricades for the end of the driveway for its 48th annual Arts and Crafts Festival which will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of May 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Borough Engineer approved bids for 2026 Miscellaneous Road Materials following two (2) public bid solicitations in a publication of general circulation, all approved bids are from New Enterprise Stone and Lime, as follows

The Borough Engineer has examined the bids and recommends the following approvals, all for plant pickup:

Pavement Aggregates and Materials

- 9.5mm Superpave at a cost of \$68.73 per ton.
- 12.5mm Superpave at a cost of \$67.60 per ton.
- 25mm Superpave at a cost of \$55.50 per ton.
- UPM High Performance Cold Patch at a cost of \$150.00 per ton.
- AASHTO #10 at a cost of \$21.75 per ton.
- AASHTO #8 at a cost of \$35.50 per ton.
- AASHTO #57 at a cost of \$20.00 per ton.
- AASHTO #2A at a cost of \$11.85 per ton.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept the high bid of \$1,200.00 for the Borough owned 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. The high bidder was Dallis Dietrich. Dietrich's bid was the only bid received.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for May 2026. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about the Fireman's Carnival which begins on Wednesday evening, June 17, 2026 and the Food Truck Festival to occur on Belvidere Street in the downtown on June 13, 2026. The Mayor also reported on the Library's Pet Parade and thanked the high school cheerleaders and other high school students who attended that event. Mayor Colondo also reminded Council and our residents of the June 6, 2026 Soapbox Derby to be held on West Prospect Street and invited everyone to come out to this wonderful yearly event.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

There being no further business at 7:26 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Michael Kopach, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President

