

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MAY 1, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 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, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jeffrey Corpora, Laureen Pellegrino, Charles A. Donello, Michael Kopach and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Vice President Carl A. Fischl and Councilperson Kayla Green.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Michael Kopach as "President Pro Tem" of Council for a period to commence on May 5, 2023 and conclude with the return to the Borough of Vice President Carl A. Fischl whose arrival will be May 7 - May 10, 2023 (exact date of his return is uncertain).

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of April 3, 2023 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Laureen Pellegrino seconded by Jeffrey Corpora the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2023 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2023	\$ 1,136,967.58
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2023	\$ 1,152,460.74
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 237,548.73
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 52,539.39
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 1,374,516.31
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 1,205,000.13
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 737,918.94
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ -0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2023	\$ 636,597.37
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2023	\$ 1,205,000.13
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 2,845.87
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 394,787.45
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 40,938.48
Embassy Bank Park American Rescue Plan	\$ 8,494.44
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$ 32,893.08
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$ 26,335.90

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer. Res. Plan Funds)	\$	597,869.41
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Reserve Investment)	\$	1,114,671.79
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	4,060,433.92

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$737,918.94.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of the Holy Family Sick & Relief Society to block off Phoenix Street between Mauch Chunk Street and Beck Street while their outdoor seating is open from 4pm- 10pm, Thursdays through Sunday evenings. This is for safety reasons only. The street will be accessible to any Emergency vehicle that would need to get through that area at any time.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the conducting of one (1) Sensitivity, Sexual Harassment and Child Handling training session to be held in the Park large pavilion at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 13, 2023. All newly hired Pool employees are required to attend one of these sessions. The seminar/training sessions are open to all Borough employees and Refreshment Stand employees are also invited guests at no charge.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve two (2) Porta - Potties for the west end of Belvidere Street for the July 14, 2023 staging of the Block Party and Nazareth Day on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Blue Eagle Swim Team for the 2023 summer season. The contract allows for three (3) evening Swim Meets, morning unrestricted hours for training from 7:00 am till 9:30 am and partial Pool training use after 9:30 am. Seasonal rental is \$4,500.00 payable in increments at the end of each month...\$1,500 on June 30, 2023, \$1,500 on July 31, 2023 and \$1,500 on August 31, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to authorize additional "emergency repairs" to the roof of the Public Works Garage to avoid additional damage to the roofing structure and interior of the building. Estimated cost of the "emergency repairs" is \$38,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Engineer to proceed with obtaining bid specs for the renovation of the grandstands in the Park

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Property Committee and to proceed with the conversion of the basketball courts at Kokolus Park into Pickleball Courts.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to install a new heat pump at the Borough Municipal Building at 134 S. Main Street. Approximate cost of the new heat pump is \$11,600.00 which includes installation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Jeffrey Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to acknowledge the submission of the second year "Annual Report" required by the U.S. Treasury Department for receipt of funds from the American Rescue Plan. The first half of the funding...\$298,411.92... was received on June 10, 2021 and the second half...\$299,355.42... was received on September 9, 2022. The final total amount of the American Rescue Plan funding is \$597,767.34. The Borough officially filed and accepted provisions of the "Standard Allowance" for Non-Entitlement Units (NEU's) of government. Comment followed from Chairman Corpora who thanked and complimented both the Secretary/Treasurer and the Borough Clerk for their work in doing the timely filing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge payment of the semi-annual ESSA loan amount due in the amount of \$215,751.36. The payment contains principal in the amount of \$166,000.00 and interest of \$49,751.36. Following payment, the Borough's outstanding debt on the original borrowing of \$5.5 million is now \$3,038,000. The next semi-annual payment is due on November 1, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and utilize the "Chassis Discount" offered by Glick Fire Equipment calling for a discount of \$12,998.52 off of the final price following a deposit of \$433,284.13. The deposit will be due 90 days prior to the final inspection at Pierce, the vehicle's manufacturer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the financing of the purchase of the Pierce "Enforcer" Fire Pumper as follows: Statewide LSA Gaming Grant funds of \$700,000, \$200,000 in proceeds from a Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Loan which has a 2% interest rate for a 15 year term and the purchase balance of \$6,925.48 from the Borough's General Operating Fund. The "after discount" final vehicle price will be \$906,925.48.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Christopher D. Crook moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 23, a Resolution certifying the Borough's submission of a Northampton County GrowNorco grant seeking funding for the purchase of the Axon Taser 10 Police Taser System. The Borough is seeking \$23,458.00 in grant funds and will provide a 50% grant match of \$23,458.00 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2023 Northampton County, Grow Norco 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 Grow Norco 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 Grow Norco Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important police acquisition. The Borough seeks twenty three thousand, four hundred and fifty eight (\$23,458.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide twenty three thousand, four hundred and fifty eight (\$23,458.00) 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 Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Alexandre D. Pereira as a part time Police Officer pending passage of all required certifications and background checks.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to reject the low bid for the Total Station Device received at the April Borough Workshop Meeting. The Total Station Device was to be obtained through the 2022 Northampton County Public Safety Grant.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to donate two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company #1 to help subsidize the annual Nazareth Day Fireworks Display to be held on the evening of Saturday, July 15, 2023 in the Borough Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to authorize the purchase of a Pierce "Enforcer" Fire Pumper along with the vehicle's detailed particulars, from Glick Fire Equipment, a COSTARS dealer, as per Invoice #P202331. Purchase price of the vehicle is \$919,924.00. This purchase is made possible through a 2022 LSA Statewide Gaming Grant awarded to the Borough in March of 2023, in the amount of \$700,000.00. Discussion followed. Laureen Pellegrino requested that the motion be amended to reflect the discounted total price of the vehicle which follows an approved Finance motion at this meeting. Laureen Pellegrino moved and Jeffrey Corpora seconded a motion to amend the previous motion and reflect that the final purchase price of the Pierce Fire Pumper will be \$906, 925.48 after Council has agreed, by motion, to take the "chassis discount" reducing the price by \$12,998.52.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code Section 412(A) relating to parking violations. This amendment will add "on a curb" to the list of places where people are not allowed to park." The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call Vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Pellegrino, Kopach, Donello, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes". There were no "No" votes and Ordinance #876 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise for amendments to the ordinance to properly establish a 15 minute space, two one-hour spaces and to establish "No Parking" in two of those spaces on Saturday mornings during the operation of the Farmer's Market.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: No report.

Technology: Christopher D. Crook reminded Council about the ribbon cutting event for the opening of the Borough's Farmer's Market in the Circle, this Saturday, May 5, 2023 at 9:00 am

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for April 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht to negotiate for pricing for one type of Highway and Road Materials and for the Borough's needed Rental Equipment. "No" bids were received for in two separate public bid solicitations for several types of needed Road Materials nor the Rental Equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve advertising for the hiring of three "Seasonal" Public Works employees. Seasonal Public Works employees will be paid \$15.00 per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for April 2023. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade and the Honors Service which will follow at Council Chambers. Colondo also informed everyone of the Rotary Club's planned Park Cleanup event at 9:00 on Saturday, May 13, 2023 and the Saturday, May 5, 2023 ribbon cutting event for this year's Nazareth Farmer's Market..

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: Albert Kortze announced that the Planning Commission would meet this month on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Charles A. Donello thanked and commended the Public Works Department and their employees for planting several recently purchased trees at various locations throughout the Borough.

Keith Knecht asked Council for the wording needed for the new signs in the Circle following passage of the ordinance which restricts Saturday morning parking during the months when the Farmer's Market is operating

There being no further business at 7:58 pm, on a motion by Jeffrey Corpora seconded by Michael Kopach, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President