

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JUNE 2, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps 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 Carl R. Strye Jr., Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: None.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's Minutes from the regular meeting of May 5, 2025 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr., seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2025 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2025	\$	554,415.35
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2025	\$	127,413.51
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	354,028.32
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	26,471.91
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	908,443.67
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	153,885.42
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	402,787.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	80,415.08
General Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2025	\$	505,656.27
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2025	\$	73,470.34
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	2,000.34
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	8,395.03
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,523.74
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	33,000.10
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,040.71
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	727,425.50
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	720,365.17

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	199,137.23
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	107,278.28
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	29,135.92
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	583,269.11
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	3,004,299.01

Kayla Green moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$483,202.48.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino 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 47th annual Arts and Crafts Festival which will take place on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve an updated appraisal of the 41 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 \$600.00

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve a 2025 lease with the Nazareth Blue Swim Team calling for a rental fee of \$4,500.00 paid in three (3) increments of \$1,500.00. The lease allows for three (3) evening swim meets requiring Pool closure to the public at 4:30 and allows for additional meets at the added cost of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars per meet. 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 Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a Rubber Duck Race to be conducted in the Borough Pool on Nazareth Day, July 19, 2025 at 10:30 am by the Nazareth Rotary Club.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve payment of costs related to the Library Abatement situation in the amount of \$4,950.00. The breakdown is as follows....\$4,000.00 for removal of the necessary materials, \$300.00 for the mandatory DEP

notification fee and \$650.00 to hire a "third party" environmental firm to conduct post-abatement air clearance testing. A Council question followed. Lauren Pellegrino asked if the testing was also mandatory.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the renewal of the proposed Borough package of insurances with Brown & Brown of the Lehigh Valley at a total cost of \$186,882. The total represents an increase from the 2024 total of \$160,635 and in 2023 total of \$165,826. 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 Selective/Munich Insurance Group for our Public Officials Policy and Employee Practices. Selective would provide the general liability, law enforcement and vehicle policies plus inland marine and property coverage. Total cost of the Municipal Entity Insurance Package to include Worker's Compensation coverage is \$297,145. The 2024 total was \$249,976 and the 2023 total was \$260,567. 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 \$88,582. State Worker's Insurance Fund coverage for our firemen is an additional \$21,681. 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.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$35,000 into the Borough's PLGIT Park Fund at a rate of 4.13%. 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.

Carl R. Strye Jr. 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 4.16%.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to authorize a letter to be sent to the Northampton County Assessor's Office requesting that Robert Miller's two (2) properties on West Mauch Chunk and Phoenix Streets be merged from two (2) tax parcels into one (1) tax parcel.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve payment of the "Chassis Deposit" for the Borough's purchase of a 2025 Pierce Pumper Fire Vehicle. Payment will be made to the Glick Fire Equipment Company in the amount of \$443,284.13. Payment of this deposit will secure a discount of \$12,998.52 to be applied to the final invoice. The vehicle will be acquired

through a 2023 Statewide LSA Grant award in the amount of \$700,000 with a final vehicle purchase price of \$919,924.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to request that the Civil Service Commission implement the promotional exam process to establish an eligibility list for the position of Sergeant with the intention for Borough Council to appoint two (2) full-time Sergeants to start January 1, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to enter into a 5-Year lease/purchase agreement with Motorola for a new Police body-worn camera system. The agreement is through COSTARS Contract #012-525-389 for Subscription Service and has the following payment schedule...Year #1 - amount owed \$40,622 and Years #2, 3, 4 and 5 - amount owed \$27,900 each of those four (4 yrs)years. All cameras and in-car units will be replaced with this Cloud-based system and there will be seventeen (17) new body-worn cameras for officers and seven (7) in-car units, all supplied through the contractual agreement. Council discussion followed. Michael Kopach asked what occurs when the equipment becomes obsolete. Christopher Crook asked for the timeline for this purchase and how soon we receive the system. Crook also asked if there are other costs in years two, three, four and five. Carl R. Strye Jr. asked if there is any available grant money for this purchase and if a grant could be obtained to pay for subsequent years after the initial buy in to the lease/purchase agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the May 2025 Monthly Incident Report for the Borough from its Information Technology provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the May 2025 Monthly Police Department Incident Report for the Borough from its Information Technology provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the May 2025 Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to regulate special events, as amended to delete Section 13-308(1) (14-day notice requirement). Carl R. Strye

Jr. asked what was being removed. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Donello, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" for passage. There were no (-0-) "No" votes and Ordinance #896 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to vote to revise the ordinance setting annual salaries of elected officials as follows: Mayor, \$8,385; Borough Council President, \$8,385; Councilpersons, \$4,190. Actual changes to compensation will not become effective until the beginning of the next term of each elected official. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Kopach, Donello, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes" for passage. Voting "No" were Councilpersons Pellegrino and Green. There were two (2) "No" votes and Ordinance #897 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering Report for the month of May 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to authorize an additional expenditure of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars to do the study of a box water collection system to replace the planned but not compliant water basin for the new recycling center on Gracedale Boulevard.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for April 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chiefs Report for May 2025.

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 May 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for May 2025. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about the Fireman's Carnival which begins on Wednesday evening, June 18, 2025 and the Food Truck Festival to occur on Belvidere Street in the downtown on June 14, 2025. 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. Colondo also reminded Council and our residents of the June 7, 2025 Soapbox Derby to be held on 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: Kathy Heller asked for approval to conduct a Tennis Feeder Training Program on the Tennis Courts in the Park from July 14 through July 17, 2025. Heller was assured that approval would follow at the July 2025 Council Meeting as this was not an Agenda item for tonight's Business Meeting.

There being no further business at 6:35 pm, on a motion by Christopher D. Crook, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President