

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MARCH 2, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 2, 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 was 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, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Wilhelmina Donnelly of Upper Nazareth told Council that a recent robbery of elderly Borough residents by people posing as meter readers was not reported to the media in order to alert other residents about the scam. Ms. Donnelly wanted to know why the Borough's Police Department did not tell other citizens.

Mary Fedorishyn of 138 S. Green Street told Council of her disappointment with the he maintenance in the parking lot at 134 S. Main Street. Fedorishyn stated that Council doubled the parking fees but has not kept up snow removal. Fedorishyn passed around pictures showing the snow problems.

Toni Hummel of 535 W. Mauch Chunk Street had questions about the Borough's new trash hauler, J. P. Mascaro and Sons. Hummel also wanted to know if any swim teams had reserved practice time at the new Park Pool.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street had questions about the plowing of snow in the Borough's off-street parking lots. Butz also asked if there was any more news about the Borough's Police Union soliciting funds from citizens.

Rose Lichner of 493 E. Center Street asked why pictures of the last two Borough Mayors were not posted on the Council Chamber walls.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of February 2, 2015 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by John N. Samus, the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2015 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2015	\$	440,154.10
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2015	\$	91,191.91
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	395,958.63
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	31,315.73
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	836,112.73
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	122,507.64

General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	235,198.60
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	-0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2015	\$	600,914.13
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2015	\$	122,507.64
Payroll Account	\$	-CLOSED-
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	161.24
State Fund Money - Market Nat Penn Bank	\$	9,857.92
State Fund Money Market - Lafayette	\$	3,178.23
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	2,001.03
ESSA Loan Account	\$	65.72
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	50,289.64
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	788,975.55

Michael Kopach moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$235,198.60. The motion passed unanimously.

The Reports of the Zoning & Code Officer for the months of January 2015 and February 2015 were approved as presented.

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

An Ambulance Report for February 2015 was approved as presented.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to vacate Spring Street west of the Seip Avenue/Phoenix Street intersection. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilmen Samus, Colondo, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt, Kopach, Donello and Regn. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #805 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

John N. Samus moved and Bryan F. Regn seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jessica Teel of 41 Pine Street to a five (5) year term on the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to merge the tax parcels for the West End Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to advertise to amend the Parking Ordinance and add five (5) “No Parking” zones and two (2) “Fifteen Minute” meter spaces.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for the month of February 2015 was presented by Lance E. Colondo and approved as presented.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-15 honoring the 2015 Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence honoree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce has instituted an annual “Award of Excellence” given to a person, persons or a business organization who has been deemed to be devoted to improving Nazareth and its surrounding environs, both in a business and social sense,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce has selected RCN Business as the Year 2015 honoree, not only for the great cable tv service, phone and internet connectivity it provides but also for the manner in which it has become an integral part of our community and the surrounding areas of our county,

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 RCN Business. RCN Business has also played an integral part in the area’s economic success as it has been actively involved in the social and economic activities of our Borough. Nazareth Borough Council wishes to recognize those businesses whose products, business prowess, community spirit and self sacrifice have made appreciable differences in our Borough and our area. RCN Business has been a good citizen and has participated in many downtown Nazareth events and additionally has been an active and contributing member of our Chamber of Commerce and has sponsored and financed community days at our Pool,

AND NOW, this second day of March, 2015, Nazareth Borough Council commends, honors and thanks RCN Business, its employees and its principals for all their success and accomplishments and congratulates them on the attaining of this prestigious award.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve sending two Firemen to an Arson Investigation Training Course at a cost of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars per Fireman.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to establish a Hiring Committee for the purpose of recommending a candidate to become the new EMA Director. President Chiavaroli, Councilmen Colondo and Regn and the Secretary/Treasurer will make up the Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to recommend to Council that we begin the process of amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations for full time police officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve the first phase of the Police Standard Operation Procedure Policy to include the following...Release of Information, Animal Complaints and Control, Open Carrying of Weapons, Vehicle Operations, Seat Belts, Vehicle Pursuits and Weather Emergencies.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve a new schedule for the Borough's School Crossing Guards. The morning shift will be at their posts from 7:30 am till 8:05 am, the afternoon shift will cross students from 2:15 pm till 2:50 pm and the late shift will cross students from 3:15 pm until 3:50 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve an expenditure of \$300.00 for an instructor to perform the 2015 Mandatory Laser Recertification Course for department officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve sending Officer Frederick Lahovski to a two day Taser Instructor Training Course on March 16, 2015 and March 17, 2015 at a cost of \$350.00. A Roll Call vote was requested. Voting "Yes" for passage of the motion were Councilmen Samus, Colondo, Fischl. Kopach, Donello, Regn and Chiavaroli. Voting "No" were Councilmen Maurek and Stoudt. Seven(7) voting "Yes" Two (2) voting "No"

The motion carries.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve sending Officer Alan Koch and Chief of Police Thomas Trachta to an Evidence Technician Course on April 20 and 21, 2015 at a cost of \$295 each. Training will occur in Abington, PA.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the use of the stage in the Park for the wedding of Brianna Toth at 4:00 pm on April 18, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve use of the Park as a starting point for the annual Crime Victims Council "Rally Through the Valley" on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 8:00 am till 11:00 am.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve Application #8 – Mechanical for payment in the amount of dollars and cents to KC Mechanical. This payment will complete the bid for the Pool's Mechanical Contractor as no more payments are due.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to notify Cornerstone Church that additional details for their requested use of the Park are required.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to approve a one year Lease Agreement with Cool Treats of Nazareth PA for rental of the Refreshment Stand in the Park at a rate of twenty (\$20.00) dollars per day...rain or shine.

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

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to withdraw \$12,400.00 from our ESSA borrowing for payment of all approved March invoices. Withdrawal #12 will cover the remaining outstanding invoices from KC Mechanical.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to pay all invoices/applications for the regular March Pool billings as approved by the Borough Engineer and recommended for payment by Spillman Farmer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to establish the requirements for the hiring of full and part time police officers and the mandatory clearances that must be passed for finalists as one of the last steps before hiring approval. Candidates must satisfactorily clear the following...Child Abuse History Check, Criminal Record Check, Pre-Employment Drug & Alcohol Screening, Past Employer Verification, Personal Reference Checks and a Motor Vehicle History clearance. Additionally, Full Time Police finalists must pass Physical and

Psychological testing. In all instances of seeking the required pre-employment clearances, the Borough shall designate the person or agency to serve as the “checker”.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to establish the requirements for the hiring of all full and part time employees and the mandatory clearances that must be passed for finalists as one of the last steps before hiring approval. Candidates must satisfactorily clear the following...Child Abuse History Check, Criminal Record Check.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to establish the following requirements for the hiring of all seasonal Pool and Park employees and the clearances they must pass before employment approval. In addition to all Red Cross Lifesaving, CPR and First Aid certifications, Lifeguards must also receive clearances for the Child Abuse History Check and the Criminal Record Check. Pool Staff and Cleanup Crew must likewise receive clearances for the Child Abuse History Check and the Criminal Record Check.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise for miscellaneous road materials and rental equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ecology & Lighting: The Ecology Report for February 2015 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance to outsource and contract for services with First States Financial for collection of the Borough’s delinquent Refuse and Recycling fees. The Borough will not pay a fee for these collections and First States will be compensated by payment of the delinquency charges above the normal Refuse and Recycling rates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance to establish the regulations for the placement of bagsters, dumpsters and temporary portable storage units.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the opening of the Borough's Yardwaste Center on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Brian F. Regn moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to contract with Home Technology Systems to upgrade the Borough's video camera security system in the Police Department. Cost of the upgrade is ten thousand, four hundred thirty nine (\$10,439.50) dollars and fifty cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Brian F. Regn moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve a three (3 yr) year contract with Nixle for their internet and emergency citizen alert system. Annual cost for the service is three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars with a "one time" five hundred (\$500.00) dollar setup fee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Strye presented the Police Report for February 2015. Strye also congratulated the Nazareth Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2015 District XI championship and told everyone that the team would be honored at the next meeting.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: Michael Kopach asked the Public Works Superintendent to reveal how much work that Vincent Pools has to do to complete their work at our Pool.

Carl A. Fischl stated that Keller Zoning had cited three buildings for violations and needed repairs. Fischl stated that one of the buildings had done the required work and asked if anyone was aware of the plans to have the remaining two buildings properly repaired before the 275th Celebration.

John N. Samus told everyone that all of the Handicapped Parking letters were ready to be sent out to those with Handicapped Parking spaces.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 9:16 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Brian F. Regn, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President