

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MARCH 2, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 2, 2026 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, Lauren 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.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Susan Ellis of 434 Rose Inn Avenue and Executive Director of the Moravian Historical Society presented Council with the Society's Annual Report. Ellis highlighted some of the 2026 planned events while pointing to a \$62,000 historical grant that was awarded to them to assist in making improvements to the Grey Cottage.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of February 2, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2026 was approved as follows:.

General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2026	\$	45,464.98
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2026	\$	198,744.04
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	510,399.53
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	104,932.66
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	555,864.51
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	303,676.70
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	357,065.77
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	160,529.66
General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2026	\$	38,269.08
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2026	\$	143,147.04
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	14,122.12
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	3,948.99
Embassy Bank - American Rescue Plan	\$	8,533.32

Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,811.57
Embassy Bank - K-9 Unit	\$	36,474.44
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,102.53
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	12,025.49
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	743,572.26
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	205,552.59
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	42,601.59
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	28,934.15
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	265,004.40
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,552,785.25

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$517,595.43.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to stage the Food Truck Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The request includes the need for the closure of Belvidere Street from Main Street to Broad Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to stage the Martin On Main event on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 12 noon to 7:00 pm. The request includes the need for the closure of the Circle and South Main Street from the Circle to Belvidere Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to stage the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm following the Halloween Parade. The request includes the need for the closure of South Main Street from Belvidere Street to Walnut Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to stage "Claus Comes to the Circle" in conjunction with the Tree Lighting ceremony at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 11, 2026 in the Circle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of the

Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to stage the Christmas In Nazareth event in the downtown and Circle on Saturday, December 12, 2026 from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. Restricted/reserved parking is also requested on the east side of South Main Street from the Circle to the YMCA. Council discussion followed the President's request for comments. Christopher D. Crook asked if contact had been made by the Chamber with the Moravian Church about "handicapped access" to the Moravian Church that day and if arrangements for the placement of generators and noise reducing baffling would be placed there. Crook had previously made that request.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the request of the SOAR Summer Camp for use of the Park for six weeks from June 22, 2026 till July 31, 2026. Daily rental will be \$145.00 per day for days when the camp is operational and not shut down by weather. The rate for 2025 was \$140.00 per day and in 2024 it was \$125.00 per day. This agreement is Year Two of a signed two year contract.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Area Youth Baseball for use of the Park on May 2, 2026 and May 9, 2026 from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm for team and player pictures.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve a new one year lease with Joy Supinsky and Steve Shiffert and their joint LLC for rental of the Refreshment Stand for the 2026 Pool season. Rent will be \$4,800.00 in total to be paid in three increments of \$1,600.00. The first installment is payable by the end of June 2026, a second increment due by the end of July 2026 and the third and final payment will be due by August 31, 2026. Michael Kopach asked if the rate was the same rate charged for 2025.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to open the Borough Skate Park on April 1, 2026...weather permitting and after snow removal should that be required

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Youth Baseball for use of the large Pavilion in the Park on April 7, April 8 and April 9, 2026 from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm for uniform handouts

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth's Downtown Business Group to stage "Regency Day" in Nazareth on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm. The event does not require any street closures but will include

reserving a portion of the upper "metered" quadrant of the Main Street Parking Lot for 14 vendors. The Borough is in receipt of a signed event reservation contract, a \$100 deposit and a certificate of co-insurance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Economic Development: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of an announcement from Municipal Authority Manager Dean C. Minnich that he is retiring and to direct the Plan Administrator to begin preparations for his retirement rollover.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the new Borough 2026 Handbook - to comply with the Borough Auditor's requirement that the Handbook be officially approved each year by Council motion or resolution

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the cable TV Franchise fees from Service Electric in the amount of \$27,871.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Conveyor Franchise Fees from Heidelberg Materials in the amount of \$4,201.23.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to acknowledge the withdrawal and transfer into the Borough's General Fund of \$60,000.00 from the Borough's PLGIT account to be used for the purchase of road salt and remit other incidental invoices. The transfer was executed on February 17, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: No report..

Fire: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the January 2026 Fire Chiefs Report

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance that would prohibit obstructions on Borough streets to include sports equipment. The motion passed

unanimously. The President called for a Roll Call vote. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons, Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #901 was adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance that would remove the job classifications of both Police Commissioner and Deputy Chief which are no longer utilized by our Police Department. The motion passed unanimously. The President called for a Roll Call vote. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons, Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #902 was adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance establishing Move- in/Move-out permits.

The motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Robert DelNero moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the February 2026 Code Enforcement Report

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the February 2026 Environmental Specialist's Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the opening of the Borough's Yard Waste Facility on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for the opening of the Borough's Yard Waste Facility on March 23, 2026 and to announce the opening on the Borough website.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Minott L. Coombs to staff the Borough's Yard Waste Facility at an hourly wage of \$16.00 for the 2026 season.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Yard Waste Facility's hours of operation for 2026 as noon to 6:00 pm...on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays...Saturdays 10:00 am till 6:00 pm...Sundays 10:00 am till 4:00 pm...closed Mondays and Fridays. The facility will remain open, weather permitting until the end of November when an exact closing date will be properly advertised. During the month of November, Saturday and Sunday hours will be 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the annual Pet Parade on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place one (1) ad for bids for 2026 Road and Maintenance Materials in a "publication of general circulation". Bids received will be opened at the Thursday, April 2, 2026 Borough Workshop.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Borough Engineer to place an ad for bids for 2026 Road and Maintenance Materials on PennBid. The Borough Engineer will announce bids received electronically to Council, at the Borough Workshop on April 2, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Rotary Club to conduct their annual Park Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for February 2026. Mayor Colondo pointed to comparisons of call reports and the increases of the 2026 call outs compared to those in 2025. The Mayor called attention to television and internet reporting of Dr. Seuss Day at the Library and that he was privileged to have been asked to read to young children at the event.

Mayor Colondo also referenced the name change at a Nazareth institution, Potts Hot Dogs, and how a future radio remote event would be held there in late June to celebrate their grand re-opening under their new name.

Solicitor: No report.

Police Chief: No report

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

The Meeting was adjourned to an "Executive Session" at 6:40 pm.

There being no further business at 6:56 pm, on a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr., seconded by Laureen Pellegrino, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President