

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 3, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 3, 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, Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Michael Kopach, Robert F. DelNero, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Chief of Police Randall Pompei and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Vice President Carl R. Strye Jr. and Councilperson Lauren Pellegrino.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: J. R. Williams, an Upper Nazareth Township Supervisor, introduced himself to Council as he is the requested representation on the Ambulance Board for the Township and a motion for his appointment is on the current Meeting Agenda.

Kerri White of 716 Seip Avenue stated that she has not been receiving her Refuse and Recycling bills for her residence. She also stated that she feels she is being targeted by Borough Code Enforcement.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's Minutes from the regular meeting of July 6, 2026 were approved. There were two (2) "No" votes cast by Councilpersons Christopher D. Crook and Kayla Green.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the insertion of the prepared statement of Councilperson Kayla Green which was read aloud and presented to Council at the July 6, 2026 Borough Business Meeting. The statement was also presented electronically to the Borough Secretary in its entirety in a Word document. Approval of the motion would place the statement into the record and as part of the "official" Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 2026. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook stated that passage of the motion concerns him and is important because precedent was set for including prepared statements in 2020 and it should be no different in this instance. Daniel Chiavaroli stated his opposition and said that there is a motion on the floor and called for a Council vote. The Secretary/Treasurer called for voice votes at the direction of the President. Voting "Yes" for inclusion of the prepared statement were Councilpersons Crook and Green. Two (2) voting "Yes" for passage. Voting "No" were Councilpersons Corpora, Fischl, Kopach, DelNero and Chiavaroli. Five (5) voting "No". The motion for inclusion and to amend the July Meeting Minutes, was defeated.

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

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2026	\$	50,587.97
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2026	\$	164,451.81
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	373,168.77

Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	118,689.50
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	423,756.74
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	283,141.31
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	389,189.91
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	175,188.25
General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2026	\$	34,566.83
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2026	\$	107,953.06
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,683.95
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	9,157.27
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	37,769.40
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,538.69
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,815.40
Embassy Bank - K-9 Account	\$	20,754.45
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	30,451.06
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,132.82
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	516,822.98
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	755,079.71
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	248,685.96
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	359,453.02
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	228,977.51
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,367,842.11

Michael Kopach moved and Robert DelNero seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$402,623.50.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 26 - C which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2026 Statewide LSA Grant to be filed by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeking funding for the purchase of a new Type III Ambulance

The motion passed unanimously. There was one (1) abstention.

Carl A. Fischl. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 26 - E which certifies Nazareth Borough's submission of a 2026 Statewide LSA Grant seeking funding for the total makeover of the Firehouse to include the addition of offices, new bathrooms and meeting rooms plus other cosmetic and facade improvements. Estimated cost of the improvements to be grant funded is \$750,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the placement of Scarecrows in the Circle by the Girl Scouts of the Nazareth Area beginning on September 15, 2026. The group is responsible for takedown and cleanup during the first week of November 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Area Youth Baseball for use of the main baseball field in the Park for Fall Baseball to begin on August 1, 2026 and end on November 1, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to "*table*" the requested motion submitted to Council for approval of the 2027 Adult Soap Box Derby to be held on June 5, 2027 on West Prospect Street. The Lehigh Valley Council of Churches has already filed the required Event Registration Form and Certificate of Insurance and their required deposit. Members of Council have requested more information on how donations collected for that event are distributed and which Borough entities and Borough churches receive them. The Secretary is discharged to seek that information from the applicant, the Lehigh Valley Council of Churches.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to order and complete the purchase of the Kim Kromer Park Handicapped bathroom kit from a COSTARS vendor, George Ely Associates, at a price of \$75,300 from PA COSTARS Contract #014-E23-299. The bathrooms are part of a grant funded project to add heated, ADA accessible, full service bathrooms to the ESSROC Fields portion of Kim Kromer Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the location of the handicapped bathrooms that will be placed within Kim Kromer Park. The new, grant funded bathrooms, will be located west of the main soccer fields within the Park's central area in the proximity of the Yard Waste Center, the Park Pavilion, Sauerzopf Park and the planned Inclusive Playground and within an area between Sage Street and G.W. Stoudt Boulevard.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to contract with Buck Masonry LLC for construction of the block wall which is part of the protective Ballistic Barrier in the Police Department. The cost of this portion of the work is \$4,774.00. Buck Masonry was the only business entity to respond to the publicly advertised quote solicitation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of Jennie Brown and the Nazareth Downtown Business Association for the staging of a Gilmore Girls event on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. There are no street closures requested but use of the parking lot in the Park is included as a staging area for a shuttle bus. A signed contract has been received along with the required \$100 cash deposit. Copies of the Certificate of co-insurance will follow in the next 30 days following approval of the dates and times.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Robert DelNero seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$35,000 of Pool/Park money into the existing PLGIT Daily Account at 3.75% on July 5, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$25,000 of Pool/Park money into the existing PLGIT Daily Account at 3.75% on July 14, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$25,000 of Pool/Park money into a new PLGIT Daily Account at 3.75% on July 28, 2026

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to authorize the return of the \$100.00 rental/reservation deposit to the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce and Caitlin Meyers for the June 13, 2026 Food Truck Festival.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to authorize the return of the \$100.00 rental/reservation deposit to the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce and Caitlin Meyers for the July 25, 2026 Martin On Main event

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 26 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2026 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant seeking \$80,000 in funding for a 2027, fully upfitted Ford Expedition Police SUV, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2026 Northampton & Lehigh Counties Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a 2027 Ford Expedition SUV Police Transport Vehicle to assist with the performance of regular traffic control, patrolling and general response functions,,

WHEREAS, the need for such a vehicle has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Police Committee for the execution of its Department's regular enforcement, drug task force, patrolling and other duties,

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 & Lehigh Counties Local Share Account Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this key vehicle for continued regular and more effective Policing functions. The Nazareth Borough Police Department now faces expanded duties of everyday accelerated drug enforcement, heightened traffic control caused by new warehouses and distribution centers in our community plus our Police Department has undergone an increase in staffing that doubled its size to ten full time and six part time officers. In short, Nazareth Borough's Police Department has taken on an even more critical role than ever before and with that comes the need for better vehicles and a more diverse and multifunctional fleet. A full size Ford Expedition offers towing capacities, multiple officer transport and ample room for general Police equipment and emergency assistance gear. The assistance of the Local Share Account Northampton & Lehigh Counties Gaming Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important vehicle acquisition. The Borough seeks eighty thousand (\$80,000.00) dollars in LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide eight thousand, three hundred and forty eight (\$8,348.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality. Borough signers for this proposal are President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kokolus. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer is also, therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's 2027 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 26 - B which certifies Nazareth Borough's submission of a 2026 Northampton County Public Safety Grant to be filed seeking funding for Virtual Reality Axon Taser Training, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2026 Northampton County Public Safety Grant,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Police Department, serves all of our Borough's policing needs and additionally provides assistance for Fire and Ambulance calls,

WHEREAS, policing today requires technological updates in equipment and training to assist it with enforcement duties and the eventual prosecution of those who break the law,

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 2026 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of Axon Taser, Virtual Reality Training, Equipment and additional certifications for Borough Police Officers. The Borough seeks six thousand, six hundred and sixty six (\$6,666.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match in the amount of three thousand, three hundred and thirty four (\$3,334.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this training and accompaniments become a

reality. Borough Council has chosen President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as designated signers to affirm this important grant filing. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer 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 2027 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve an August 2026 orientation meeting for the Crossing Guards. The date, time and place for the meeting are yet to be determined.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the hiring of one (1) regularly scheduled Crossing Guard, James Gibney and four (4) "substitute/alternate" Crossing Guards....Anthony Loftus, Kimberly Robibero, Terry Baker and Sean Cleary, pending passage of all necessary background checks and required clearances.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve National Night Out in the Park on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm and Cars and Coffee in the Park for Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a Borough resolution seeking "sealed bids" for a used Police SUV Ford Interceptor patrol vehicle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Tammy Huth of 36 Park Street. The Nazareth Police Department has successfully done all of the necessary measurements for the approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Martha Manarino at 644 Wambold Street. The Nazareth Police Department has successfully done all of the necessary measurements for the approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook second a motion to amend the Meeting Agenda and grant a "temporary emergency" handicapped parking space at 226 Belvidere Street. Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce explained a recent legislative change involving Act 65 and the Sunshine Law which now allows for non-published Agenda motions to be brought to the floor and further allows

discussion of the matter at hand which can be addressed by meeting attendees and all of Council before a Council vote for approval can be taken.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Second Quarter Emergency Management Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Robert DelNero seconded a motion to appoint J.R. Williams, the Upper Nazareth Township designated nominee, to a regular, voting position on the Ambulance Board, to serve until December 31, 2028.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Kaitlin Betley to serve as an "Alternate" on the Ambulance Board for a term to end on December 31, 2028

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to advertise for an ordinance amending the Borough's motor vehicle code to permit the modification of a "No Parking" area located on the west side of N. Green Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Robert F. DelNero moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the July 2026 monthly Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering Report for July 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a new Solid Waste yearly collection rate of \$560.00 for 2027 and 2028. The new rates are effective January 1, 2027 and quarterly billing is \$140.00. The current 2026 rate is \$500.00 per year billed quarterly at \$125.00..

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the "tabling" of an advertised motion to set new Borough resident and business dumpster rates for 2027 and 2028. The rates have not been finalized so a motion will follow in the coming months .

The motion was tabled.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve new rates of compensation for the Director and Board Members of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority Board of Directors. The new rates would be effective with reappointment by Council to the Board. Upon reappointment, the Director would be paid \$400.00 monthly and Board members would receive \$200.00 monthly. The increases would only apply following Council reappointment to new terms on the Municipal Authority Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for July 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for July 2026. The Mayor also extended an invitation to everyone to attend National Nite Out on Tuesday evening, August 4, 2026 in the Park. Colondo added that there will be free refreshments served.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: Michael Kopach asked if any action had been taken to sell the Borough - owned property on Hickory Street.

New Business:

There being no further business at 6:56 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl seconded by Michael Kopach, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President