

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MARCH 3, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 3, 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: Werner Fornos of 551 Seip Avenue told Council not to restrict hunting in the Black Rock Woods 41 acre plot it will acquire in April of 2025. Fornos stated that the area would soon be overpopulated by deer and other wildlife.

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 2025 planned events while pointing to "applied for" grants that would assist in making improvements to some of the facilities at the Whitfield House.

Eric Serfass of 220 Oak Street, longtime field manager for Nazareth Youth Baseball told Council that he was changing roles within the baseball group and introduced his replacement to Council, Tony Giordani.

Sherry Payonk of 635 Seip Avenue had questions for Council about our Borough Pool. Payonk stated that Palmer Township only allows Pool memberships to residents and wondered if Nazareth might do the same.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of February 3, 2025 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Laureen Pellegrino seconded by Charles Donello, the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2025 was approved as follows:.

General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2025	\$	79,206.31
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2025	\$	136,416.10
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	564,183.06
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	21,855.93
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	643,389.37

Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	158,272.03
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	511,703.31
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	-0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2025	\$	131,686.06
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2025	\$	158,272.03
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	14,753.00
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	2,826.00
Embassy Bank - American Rescue Plan	\$	8,520.52
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,987.63
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,026.57
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	722,073.89
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	715,065.50
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	123,223.96
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	2,194.83
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	28,934.15
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	468,994.28
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,416,159.69

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$511,703.31.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to ratify the final purchase of the Black Rock Woods, forty one (41) acre parcel. The purchase would follow Council sending the signed Letter of Intent to the Nazareth Moravian Church and would indicate Council's desire to proceed with the purchase. Settlement on the property, set at 45 days, will occur on a date and at a time in early April to be determined.

The motion passed. There were two (2) "No" votes cast by Councilmen Michael Kopach and Carl A. Fischl.

Carl A. Fischl 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 23, 2025 till August 1, 2025. Daily rental I will be \$140.00 per day for days when the camp is operational and not shut down by weather. The rate for 2024 was \$125.00 per day. This agreement will be a two year contract/lease with a rate of \$145.00 per day in the second year, 2026. The lease agreement also sets a Friday

swimming rate of \$150.00 for the two hours of swimming on each of the Fridays that the camp is open.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Area Youth Baseball for use of the Park on May 3, 2025 and May 10, 2025 from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm for team and player pictures. Nazareth Youth Baseball will be using both pavilions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook 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 2025 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 2025, a second increment due by the end of July 2025 and the third and final payment will be due by August 31, 2025

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to open the Borough Skate Park on April 1, 2025...weather permitting and after snow removal should that be required

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project of Michael Hurd who would like to install GaGa Recreational Pits in the Borough Park. The Public Property Committee will decide the location of the pits and the timing of the installation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Nazareth Nite Out Block Party on Friday, July 18, 2025 with a 6:00 pm start time. It is requested that Belvidere Street be closed from South Main Street to Broad Street at 4:00 pm for event preparation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Youth Baseball for use of the large Pavilion in the Park on April 14, April 15 and April 16, 2025 from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm for uniform handouts

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Service Electric Cable TV Franchise Fees for 2024 in the amount of \$28,909.01. Payment was received on January 31, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Astound/RCN Cable TV Franchise Fees for 2024 in the amount of \$36,158.45 Payment was received on February 5, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 3 - 25 which approves the new Borough 2025 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.

Police: No report..

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Police Incident Report of Activity for February 2025 from our IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Law: No report.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the opening of the Borough's Yard Waste Facility on March 15, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the Yard Waste Facility's hours of operation for 2025 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.

Charles A. Donello moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Minott L. Coombs to staff the Borough's Yard Waste Facility at an hourly wage of \$15.00 for the 2025 season.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the February 2025 Environmental Steering Report

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Yearly Report of 2024 incidents, events and responses

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the February 2025 Fire Chiefs Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the route and other details of the Fire Company's Shamrock 5K Race/Walk on March 15, 2025.

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 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the annual Pet Parade on Saturday, May 31, 2025. This year's Parade will begin at the Whitfield House and will end at Veteran's Memorial Field.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for bids for 2025 Miscellaneous Rental Equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for bids for 2025 Road and Maintenance Materials.

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 17, 2025, beginning at 9:00 am.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Crook stated that recent conversations he has had with people who had just moved to Nazareth from Palmer Township contained very complimentary comments about the quality of life in the Borough, particularly work done the Public Works Department with snow removal. The new residents were also complimentary of the performance of our Police Department.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for February 2025.

Solicitor: No report.

Police Chief: No report

Old Business: None.

New Business: President Chiavaroli told Council that March 29th has now officially been designated as "Viet Nam Veteran's Day".

There being no further business at 6:44 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President