

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--OCTOBER 3, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00 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 were President Daniel Chiavaroli, Vice President Carl A. Fischl, Councilpersons Councilman Carl R. Strye Jr., Larry Stoudt, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Albert Kortze and Police Chief Randall Miller. Absent were Mayor Lance E. Colondo and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Jenny Swanker of the Nazareth Center for the Arts approached Council about her Commission's request to place a mural on the east facing wall of the Arts Center at 30 Belvidere Street. Ms. Swanker showed full color renderings of the proposed mural and assured Council that it would be placed on removable panels. She explained that her group had complied with proper bidding procedures and had been awarded three grants which would pay for the mural which depicts many elements of the arts involving Nazareth. She pointed to a guitar, a rose, a camera and other features which the mural incorporates.

Councilman Carl R. Strye Jr. told Council that after reading the 2007 ordinance passed to establish the Arts Commission, there appears to be nothing wrong with all of the procedures the Arts Commission followed in the initiative to add the mural panels to the side of the building and finance the venture through grants, Strye further stated that the Commission approached Council about the murals and received approval to proceed, received grant funding to finance the mural panels and is now seeking final approval of the content of the artwork. Strye went on to say that he was prepared to make a motion to approve the artwork and allow the Commission to proceed.

Jason Nale of the Nazareth Sign Company told Council he was fine with the artwork but asked why he was made the focus of Ms. Swanker's rebuttal to questions about how the mural project proceeded.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street told Council that she has concerns about the mural, its contents and the fact that the Commission did not go back to Nazareth Sign Company for additional pricing and options after the original bid. Butz stated that the artwork being shown at this time is not the same as the artwork distributed four days ago at the Borough Workshop and that she did not agree with the content. Butz further stated that the murals will not be completed by the end of October to get grant compliance and again asked why an artist with ties to the community was not commissioned to do the mural.

Councilman Christopher S. Crook told Council that they should stay out of the internal affairs of committees, boards and commissions. Crook went on to say that he personally does not like the

design but feels it's temporary and also that it is not Council's fault if the Arts Commission loses the grant by not having the murals in place on time.

Councilman Charles A. Donello stated that the mural design shows passersby about what the arts Center is all about. Donello said that it is art and that no matter what the choice ends up being, there will be people who like it and others who don't.

Councilman Carl A. Fischl told Council that her patronizes as many Nazareth businesses as he can but often has to go out of town to make purchases and dine. Fischl went on to say that the mural, when complete, will enhance the town and will represent the new generation of Nazareth citizens who will carry on in years to come.

Councilwoman Kayla Green told Council that she has seen many urban murals and that the proposed version has a lot of hands that are depicted in the mural. Her concerns are that they often do not come out as clearly in the final version as they are in the renderings.

Councilman Carl R. Strye Jr. told Council that he was prepared to put a motion on the floor for approval of the mural art content as presented by the Arts Commission and Chairwoman Jenny Swanker.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Theresa Fedele as the full time Borough's Head Clerk. Ms. Fedele's annual salary will be \$57,500 for a 40 hour work week. Ms. Fedele will receive a contract for the balance of 2022 and a new contract for 2023 at the same salary.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the naming of Theresa Fedele as Assistant Borough Secretary/Treasurer

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the receipt of its 2023 Liquid Fuels allotment number, \$161,462.42.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular Business Meeting of September 6, 2022 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Charles A. Donello, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2022 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2022	\$ 919,609.23
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2022	\$ 659,335.34
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 341,521.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 86,394.36
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 1,261,130.25
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 745,729.70
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 373,720.85
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ -0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2022	\$ 887,409.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2022	\$ 745,729.70
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 2,205.16
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 294,475.54
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 316,902.38
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$ 1,132,466.98
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan Funds	\$ 598,283.70
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$ 25,745.17
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$ 4,003,218.03

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$373,720.85.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Greater Valley YMCA to conduct the 15th annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Race on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2022 from 9:00 am till noon. The YMCA will be required to complete an Events Contract, present a certificate of Insurance and provide a \$100 refundable deposit. They have requested some street closings in years past.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve a 2023 work schedule for the Pool/Park Manager which begins on April 1st and ends with the closing of the Pool on Labor Day. The Park Manager will be paid every two weeks between April 1st and September 15th.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of The Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce for daylong "Free Parking" in the metered zone on Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the 2022 Borough's State Pension Aid in the amount of \$50,376.57.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to renew the dog rescue and pickup agreement with the Nazareth COG contracted with Pibbles and Paws Safe Haven for 2023. Cost of the service is \$12,000 annually. Discussion followed. Michael Kopach asked how many dogs had been rescued in the first nine months of 2022 and was told two (2) had been rescued by Chief Randall Miller. Laureen Pellegrino asked if anyone knew the cost of putting down a dog.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Tyler Seely as a Part Time Police Officer pending passage of all background checks and necessary certifications

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to bill the Nazareth Memorial Library for liability and contents insurance for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$6,236.37.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a three (3 yr) year contract with Police Chief Randall Miller

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote by Councilman Charles A. Donello.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to turn-over the recently received Fireman's Relief state aid in the amount of \$36,049.23 to Nazareth Fireman's Relief and their Treasurer, Colleen Stevenson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve making Schoeneck Road "One Way" during the operating hours of the upcoming Fall Fireman's Carnival. Discussion

followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. explained that the closing of Schoeneck Road was to provide additional Carnival parking and not for traffic purposes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the report of the Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer for September 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: The Environmental Steering Report for the month of September 2022 was approved as presented.

Technology: No report.

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 September 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place an ad in the Nazareth Key to advise citizens of the Borough's procedures for the Fall 2022 collection of leaves.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Christopher D. Crook presented the Mayor's Report in the absence of Mayor Colondo to include the September Police Report and an invitation to all to attend the weekend's Fireman's Carnival in the Park.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

There being no further business at 6:55 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President

