

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 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 R. Strye Jr., Councilwoman Cindy Corpora, Councilwoman Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Councilwoman Kayla Green, and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent were Councilmen Carl A. Fischl and Charles A. Donello, and Mayor Lance E. Colondo.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor:

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular Business Meeting of August 5, 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Laureen Pellegrino seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2024 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2024	\$ 130,911.63
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2024	\$ 248,595.93
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 244,431.33
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 15,081.86
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 375,342.96
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 263,677.79
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 320,190.18
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 120,000.00
General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2024	\$ 55,152.78
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2024	\$ 143,677.79
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 4,601.24
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 527,317.38
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 47,385.87
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$ 8,514.20
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$ 32,963.16
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$ 1,204,050.68
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$ 698,302.50
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Pool/Park Acct)	\$ 255,559.39

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	28,295.56
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	3,128,137.62

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$320,190.18.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 -24 - C approve Resolution No. 9 -24 - C which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking \$75,000 in grant assistance for the purchase of a Ford T350 Transport Van.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 24 - D which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking grant assistance for the purchase of an Ambulette as follows:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, as sponsoring municipality for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps, hereby requests a Monroe County Local Share Assessment Grant of \$75,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of an Ambulette emergency medical transport vehicle,

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Daniel Chiavaroli, Council President and Paul Kokolus, Borough Secretary/Treasurer as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Nazareth and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant,

I, Paul Kokolus, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, PA, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough of Nazareth Council at a regular meeting, held on September 3, 2024 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Nazareth, this third day of September, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the secretary to advertise a Request for Bids for the library HVAC Upgrades project. Bids will be received electronically to the

Borough until Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Bids received will be publicly opened and read at 6:00 PM, Thursday, October 3, 2024 in Nazareth Borough Council Chambers, 159 W. Center Street, Nazareth, PA.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve an Eagle Scout Project to be done by Oliver Pellegrino which will add improvements and new equipment to the Borough's Dog Park.

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

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to add painted lines and additional lighting to the bays of the Ambulance building.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve seasonal performance bonuses for Pool employees. Manager Diane Mullen and her two assistant managers will receive a \$100 bonus. All other lifeguards and staff will receive a \$50 bonus. Total cost of all seasonal bonuses will be approximately \$1,800.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the request of Tina Smith of Northampton County to post two signs for the County's annual Awards Ceremony scheduled for October 12, 2024 at Louise Moore Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Payment Application #3 for \$49,321.07 to Livengood Excavators for work done in reconstructing the basketball courts in the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the submission of a list of delinquent taxes, Refuse & Recycling fees and sewer charges to Northampton County for the September 2024 Upset Sale

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Police Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer calling for an \$86,666.00 Borough contribution to the Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Non-Uniformed Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer calling for a Borough contribution of \$6,563.00 above the projected amount the Borough will receive in state pension aid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the opening of a new PLGIT Sanitation Account and the deposit of \$120,000 in Borough funds in that account at a rate of 5.38%

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the opening of a new PLGIT State Fund Account and the deposit of \$350,000 in Borough funds in that account at a rate of 5.38%

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the rescheduling of the cancelled "National Nite Out Event" which was rained out on August 6, 2024 and will now to be staged on September 14, 2024 starting at 5:00 pm in the Park. Additionally, the event will now be called "Nazareth Nite Out"

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Terry Radice at 322 S. Main Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Antonio Fenty at 129 S. Church Street

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Robert Dieter of 38 Easton Road who has requested a rear space on Meeser Street because "No Parking" is allowed on Easton Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the 2024 Halloween Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the 2023 Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the report of the Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer for August 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to vote on amendment to the Food Truck ordinance which eliminates the permit requirement for food trucks operating on private property. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the proposed ordinance were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Pellegrino, Kopach, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #892 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise an ordinance amendment, to be effective January 1, 2025, to ban the keeping of chickens, ducks, or similar type of bird or fowl, including, geese, turkeys, grouse, pheasants, and any other game bird, migratory bird, or wild bird as defined in the Pennsylvania Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa. C.S.A. §102, as amended. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook had questions about how the discussions within the Law Committee had gone with this issue. Kayla Green stated that it will be interesting to see how many complaints that Council gets.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve an Electronics Recycling Event in the vicinity of the Public Works Garage on September 21, 2024 from 10:00 am till noon for Borough residents only.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for the Electronics Recycling event on September 21, 2024 near the Public Works Garage on G.W. Stoudt Boulevard.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Police Incident Report of Activity for August 2024 from our IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Incident Report of Activity for August 2024 from our IT provider, Infradapt

The motion passed unanimously.

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 August 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to Resolution No. 9 -24 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2024 Lehigh & Northampton Counties LSA Gaming Grant for a new Chevrolet Silverado 5500 dump truck...the Borough seeks \$100,000 in funding for a truck which costs \$108,397.00 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2024 Lehigh & Northampton Counties Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 5500 dump truck to assist with snow removal, hauling, paving, general maintenance and the transport of leaves and landscape materials,

WHEREAS, the need for such a vehicle has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Public Works Committee for the performance of everyday maintenance and transport 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 2024 Lehigh and Northampton Counties Local Share Account Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this much needed vehicle which will be used to perform continued general public works functions. Our Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of our expansive Borough Park and six other regional parks, our public Pool, numerous athletic fields, a network of streets and six buildings that play a critical role in making our community a better place in which to live and work. Each Fall, leaves are collected and hauled to our staging area and each Winter, snow is plowed and collected from our streets and alleyways. All of those functions depend on a capable vehicle to assist with the required work and a new Chevrolet Silverado 5500 will help with completing the needed work. The assistance of the Local Share Account Lehigh and Northampton Counties Gaming Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important vehicle acquisition. The Borough seeks one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars in 2024 Lehigh and Northampton Counties LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide the additional eight thousand, three hundred and ninety seven (\$8,397.00) dollars in grant match funding to fully outfit and equip the vehicle and to make this acquisition become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer Paul A.

Kokolus and Council President are the designated signers for all things involving this grant which seeks the specified \$100,000.00 in grant support. Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus 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 2025 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Crook presented the August 2024 Police Report in the absence of the Mayor.

Mayor: No report.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 6:36 pm, on a motion by Carl R. Stye Jr., seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President