

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 4, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 4, 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., Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent were Councilpersons Kayla Green and Charles A. Donello and Chief of Police Randall Miller.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street passed out a handout and reminded Council about 2014 concerns that she had with properties and sidewalks that were not maintained at that time eleven years ago and asked why many people did not receive enforcement then and why many of those same people have now again not addressed those same concerns. Butz also asked why fines were not escalated with penalties to force property owners who do not do the mandated improvements, to pay higher penalties making "not complying" much more expensive. Her list of properties along South Main Street and Broad Street contained violations to include weeds growing in sidewalk cracks, high grass and overgrown flowers and ill maintained shrubs.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of July 7, 2025 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2025 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2025	\$ 165,277.88
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2025	\$ 151,159.26
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 801,505.78
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 201,538.83
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 966,783.66
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 352,698.09
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 534,221.01
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 161,641.41
General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2025	\$ 124,838.99
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2025	\$ 191,056.68
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 8,547.71
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 21,746.72
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$ 8,525.88

Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	33,008.37
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	29,440.70
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,062.06
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	735,473.76
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	728,335.32
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	201,340.50
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	263,812.61
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	569,616.80
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,922,407.37

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$695,862.42.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 25 - C which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant to be filed by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeking funding for the purchase of a Lucas 3 Chest Compression device, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps, an emergency agency operating within our Borough, is eligible to apply for a 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps, serves all of our Borough's and Upper Nazareth Township's emergency medical needs and provides assistance to Fire and Police calls in addition to servicing the Gracedale Nursing Home,

WHEREAS, emergency ambulance responses today require medical and technological updates in equipment to properly assist medical personnel with their critical lifesaving mission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough certifies and endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of a new Lucas 3 Chest Compression Machine which will provide critical cardiac care to patients in times of crises. The assistance of the 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important healthcare acquisition. The Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks sixteen thousand, six hundred (\$16,600.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match of eight thousand, four hundred and twenty five (\$8,425.34) dollars and thirty four cents in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Treasurer Paul Kokolus will serve as designated signers for all needed verifications associated with this grant. Nazareth Borough Council readily endorses this grant initiative and is happy to serve as the sponsoring municipality.

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

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 25 - E which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2025 Statewide LSA Grant to be filed by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeking funding for the purchase of a Chevrolet Type III ambulance, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is pleased to serve as the municipal sponsor for the Nazareth regional Ambulance Corps in its initiative to seek and apply for a 2025 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new 2025 Chevrolet Type III fully equipped ambulance to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport patients in need of emergency life saving care, safely and effectively to hospitals for emergency care,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed vehicle and upgrade for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps has been deemed critically important by its Board of Directors and the Borough as well as by the community and the senior facilities which the Corps serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough wholly endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the 2025 Statewide LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet ambulance. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides nearly 2,000 emergency care responses and Basic Life Support (BLS) patient transports and the transport of countless other residents of the Borough and Upper Nazareth Township within its service area to hospitals, clinics and rehab facilities across eastern Pennsylvania. Additionally, NRAC offers mutual aid to other ambulance corps in the area and also provides inter-hospital transports for both the Saint Luke's University Health Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions which our Ambulance Corps makes in performing its life saving and transport duties and accordingly, readily endorses this initiative to seek the assistance of the 2025 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant Program. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus have assumed the role of signers for this grant initiative. Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged any additional needed grant match assistance to hopefully help this initiative to be realized. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions made by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps and accordingly, files this proposal to seek the assistance of the 2025 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant Program.

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

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 25 - E which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement and sponsorship of a 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Grant authored and sought by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps for the funding of a new Stryker LP35 Monitor/Defibrillator, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is pleased to serve as the municipal sponsor for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its initiative to seek and apply for a 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new Stryker LP35 Monitor/Defibrillator to assist its emergency healthcare employees to revive cardiac patients in their time of greatest need, restore their cardiac function and continue to monitor their status during emergency transport,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed medical upgrade for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps has been deemed critically important by its Board of Directors and the Borough as well as by the community and the senior facilities which the Corps serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough wholly endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a Stryker LP35 Monitor/Defibrillator. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides thousands of critical care patient transports during crises heart emergencies for countless residents of the Borough and Upper Nazareth Township within its service area to emergency rooms across eastern Pennsylvania. These patients are in Code Blue heart attack and arrhythmia crises situations and in need of the latest in technological advances for readings on continued heart rhythms and the Stryker device is invaluable in this determination process. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions which our Ambulance Corps makes in performing its life saving and transport duties and accordingly, readily endorses this initiative to seek the assistance of the 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus have assumed the role of signers for this grant initiative. Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged \$5,436.00 in grant match assistance to hopefully assist this initiative in being realized. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions made by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps and accordingly, files this proposal to seek the assistance of the 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program.

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

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the placement of Scarecrows in the Circle by the Girl Scouts of the Nazareth Area beginning on September 15, 2025. The group is responsible for takedown and cleanup during the first week of November 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. 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, 2025 and end on November 1, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Adult Soap Box Derby to be held on June 6, 2025 on West Prospect Street. The event is conducted and sponsored by the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook asked if verbiage in the letter could address cleanup of refuse left along West Prospect Street and how Council's expectations are that all garbage is to be removed by the event stagers, the Lehigh Valley Council of Churches. Laureen Pellegrino asked if the Lehigh Valley Council of Churches had made any corresponding local donations to somehow possibly offset the overtime policing costs that the Borough had incurred to direct traffic.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote cast by Councilperson Laureen Pellegrino.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to provide electric only to the fire company's new air conditioning unit they purchased for their day room. Price for the project is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Keystone Consulting Engineers to properly survey and pin our new section of the Nazareth Borough Park, the Moravian Woods. The cost of the surveying and pinning is \$4,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of St. John's UCC Church to place two (2) signs in the Circle for thirty (30) days, advertising their September 20, 2025 Yard Sale.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 25 - D which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement and sponsorship of a 2025 Main Street Matters grant request as the Nazareth Economic Development Commission (NEDC) seeks funding for future downtown development and its Main Street Program designation as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 - 25 - D
BOROUGH OF NAZARETH**

Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania Authorizing the Filing of a Proposal for the Main Street Matters Program Designation with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The Borough of Nazareth is committed to the revitalization and preservation of its historic downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the designation as a "Main Street" community through the State of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Main

Street Program would provide access to technical assistance, funding opportunities, and a network of resources to support downtown revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the designation would promote economic development, enhance the aesthetic appeal of the downtown area, and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth has reviewed the five year strategy plan and desires to both approve and support the request for Main Street designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Nazareth that the governing body hereby expresses its full support for the Main Street Matters application including the 5 year strategic plan as developed by the NEDC and designation of Nazareth as a "Main Street" community through the State of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Main Street Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nazareth Downtown Manager and the Nazareth Economic Development Commission is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the application process for Main Street designation, and strategic plan implementation, and to collaborate with relevant stakeholders throughout the process.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve payment of additional Library costs totaling \$1,995.00 for the relocation of the gas and carbon monoxide detectors within the Library. These costs are related to the building's HVAC system.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$40,000 of Pool/Park money into the existing PLGIT Daily Prime Account at 4.13% on July 14, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$25,000 of Pool/Park money into a new PLGIT Daily Prime Account at 4.11% on July 28, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to direct the Pension Plan Administrator to do a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new Police Pension Plan Trustee and send the RFP to Principal, Stifel, Vanguard, Fidelity, Conrad Siegel Financial Services and Morgan Stanley seeking their quote for services and their listing of the services that they offer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 25 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant seeking \$50,000 in funding for a 2025 Ford Interceptor Police SUV, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a 2025 Ford Interceptor Police SUV to assist with general policing and patrol duties, apprehensions, traffic control, school oversight and prisoner and equipment transport,

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 law enforcement 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 2025 Northampton and Lehigh Counties Local Share Account Gaming Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this key vehicle for continued effective Borough policing. The Nazareth Police Department has expanded its duties of everyday policing to meet the needs of our community and requires updated equipment and functioning vehicles to help it deal with an increase in truck traffic from nearby warehouses and fulfillment centers. Growth in our area has expanded our Department's duties to include a major uptick in daily responses, more traffic control, an increase in domestic crime. In short, Nazareth Borough policing has taken on an even more critical role than ever before and with that comes the need for a better equipped Police Department. 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 fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars in 2025 Lehigh and Northampton Counties LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide the additional \$16,000 - \$18,000 dollars in what can be considered "in-kind" grant match funding to fully outfit and equip the vehicle to make this acquisition become a reality and to see Nazareth policing become more effective in its duties. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus and Council President Daniel Chiavaroli are the designated signers for all things involving this grant which seeks the specified \$50,000 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 2026 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on October 25, 2025 from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm for the Cars and Coffee event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve an August 2025 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 Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Joan Jackson, Courtney Cole, Eileen Kraft and Linda Campanelli as crossing guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Randall Pompei as the Borough's "Police Right To Know Officer", effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to authorize the creation of a Job Description for the position of Sergeant to serve within the Nazareth Police Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to conditionally reappoint officer Austin Signarovitz to a vacancy for the position of patrol officer in Nazareth Borough Police Department. Officer Signarovtz' employment is conditioned on him passing a physical medical examination. If successful, his effective start date would be September 2, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 25 - B which certifies Nazareth Borough's submission of a 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant to be filed seeking funding for the purchase of fifteen (15) gas masks and carrying cases, as follows:

A Resolution of the Borough of Nazareth, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to apply, for a Northampton County Public Safety Grant

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project , "Safety Gas Mask Proposal" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development, a grant for the purpose of purchasing fifteen (15) gas masks, fifteen (15)carrying cases and the necessary Fit Testing for carrying out this project; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, is eligible to apply for a 2025 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 to assist it with enforcement duties and the eventual prosecution of those who break the law in addition to crowd dispersal and riot control,

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 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of fifteen (15) MSA Millennium CRBM Gas Masks and the necessary peripheral accessories plus provide the necessary Fit Testing and training for use of the new masks. The Borough seeks eleven thousand, nine hundred and seventy seven (\$11,977.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match in the amount of five thousand, nine hundred and ninety (\$5,990.45) in grant match funding to make this acquisition 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 2026 Municipal Operating Budget.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Council of the Borough of Nazareth at a regular meeting and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of Nazareth Borough and remains in effect as of this date.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Incident Report for July 2025 for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Police Department Monthly Incident Report for July 2025 for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the July 2025 Zoning & Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering Report for July 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Reports for both May 2025 and for June 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for July 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to accept with regret, the resignation of Library Board member Len Fodera, effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to appoint James M. Buskirk to serve as a Nazareth Borough representative on the Library Board and fill the unexpired term of Len Fodera. Buskirk's term will end on December 31, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for July 2025. The Mayor also extended an invitation to everyone to attend National Nite Out on Saturday evening, August 9, 2025 in the Park beginning with a Police Honors ceremony to be followed by a Police K-9 demonstration and the appearance of Fire and Ambulance vehicles and an emergency response helicopter. Colondo added that there will be free refreshments served.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Carl R. Strye Jr. told Council that there are a number of streetlights not working and that proper reporting of the outages needs to be done by the Police Department.

There being no further business at 7:04 pm, on a motion by Kayla Green seconded by Laureen Pellegrino, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President