

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the training room of the Nazareth Regional Ambulance 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, Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular Business Meeting of October 7 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Christopher D. Crook, the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2024	\$	352,406.12
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2024	\$	192,456.39
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	456,302.48
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	147,953.76
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	808,710.60
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	340,410.15
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	688,597.41
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	-0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2024	\$	120,113.19
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2024	\$	340,410.15
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.24
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	20,533.75
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	2,864.40
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$	8,516.33
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,971.40
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Orig. Reg + Term Investment)	\$	28,524.62
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	611,658.69
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	711,183.24
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	704,280.55

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Liquid Fuels Acct)	\$	501,498.22
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Invstmt)	\$	1,997.89
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,600,259.29

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$688,597.41.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the yearly closing of the Skate Park beginning on December 1, 2024 with a regularly scheduled reopening on April 1, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the payment of \$4,000 for additional abatement work to be done in the Library.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Youth Baseball Association to use the following fields and facilities for the 2025 Spring/Summer/Fall seasons...use of both Bill Gold Fields, Veteran's Memorial Square Field, Holy Family Field, the Holy Family Forrest Drive Field, the main field in the Nazareth Borough Park with the understanding that the Legion and the Middle School team receive preference. Permission includes the use of the Pavilion in the Park for pictures on a Picture Day weekend with "dates to be determined" in late April or early May. Picture Days are generally a Saturday and Sunday closest to the start of the month of May but those dates have not yet been determined.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce for the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in the Circle on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce for the annual Christmas In Nazareth celebration on Saturday, December 14, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of the Greater Valley YMCA to conduct the 18th annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Race/Walk on Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 2024 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 beginning at 7:00 am as in years past.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 11-24 - A honoring Theresa Fedele and congratulating and thanking her for being named the Borough's Employee of the Year. Fedele will be honored and presented with the resolution at the December 2024 Borough Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the payment of \$88,408 divided into quarterly payments as the Borough's share of 2025 Library support as determined by the established formula and the most current EIT numbers

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a "Proposed" 2025 Borough Operating Budget which contains a One Half Mill tax increase.

The motion passed. There was One (1) "No" vote.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to advertise that the "Proposed" 2025 Budget will be available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, 134 S. Main Street during business hours for ten (10) business days from November 13, 2024 through November 27, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to prohibit last minute "blitz spending" during the final 45 days of 2024 by Department heads. All expenditures not previously approved in Budget 2024 will require full Council approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Borough's annual Public Utility Tax reimbursement for the Verizon property on North Whitfield Street in the amount of \$2,9.75.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge payment of the Borough's semi - annual loan obligation to ESSA Bank in the amount of \$215,894.91....\$174,000 in principal and \$41,894.91 in interest. Twelve (12) semi-annual payments remain.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to return the \$100 deposit of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce following their Fall Festival event in the Downtown on October 19, 2024 and the fulfillment of their contract for cleanup

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to renew Borough health insurance with the Highmark PPO 500 Pre-ACA "grandfathered" Plan with no increase over 2024 rates. The Plan covers all insured Borough health insurance from December 1, 2024 until November 30, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution 11-24 - B honoring Charles Donello and congratulating and thanking him for being named the Borough's Veteran of the Year. Councilman Donello will be honored and presented with the resolution at the December 2024 Borough Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area/Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Manager Lisa Borick for "Free" downtown parking on both Black Friday, November 29, 2024, Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2024, and Christmas In Nazareth, Saturday, December 14, 2024. With passage of the motion, there will be "No Charges" for parking in the metered zone on those three days.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Police Incident Report of Activity for October 2024 from our IT provider, Infradapt

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Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of October 2024 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to table the motion to vote on an ordinance which would make it unlawful in the Borough to keep or maintain chickens, ducks, and any similar type of bird or fowl, including, geese, turkeys, grouse, pheasants, partridges and any other game bird, migratory bird or wild bird. The ordinance would become effective January 1, 2024. Ordinance # 893.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to cancel the regularly scheduled Borough Workshop Meeting for December 2024. The meeting would have been held on the last Thursday before the first Monday of the month of December which would have been Thursday, November 28, 2024 which is Thanksgiving.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles a. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise in a newspaper of "general circulation", the cancellation of the Borough Workshop Meeting scheduled for November 28, 2024. The ad will also appear in the Nazareth Key and on the Borough website.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to re-schedule the December 2024 Borough Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Training Room of the Ambulance Building.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles a. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise in a newspaper of "general circulation", the rescheduling of the Borough Workshop Meeting scheduled for November 28, 2024 and schedule it for Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Training Room of the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Building.. The ad will also appear in the Nazareth Key and on the Borough website.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: The Environmental Steering Report for the month of October 2024 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the Sunday, December 1, 2024 closing of the Yard Waste Facility for the season. The planned reopening of the Yard Waste Center is March 25, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: 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 October 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution 11-24 - C honoring Brenda Reinert and congratulating and thanking her for her being named the Borough's Volunteer of the Year. Reinert will be honored and presented with the resolution at the December 2024 Borough Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 11-24 which certifies the Borough's submission of the Nazareth Borough grant initiative proposal for a Statewide LSA Grant seeking funding for a new Chevrolet Tahoe.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for October 2024. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about Election Day, tomorrow, November 5, 2024,

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 6:45 pm, on a motion by Christopher D. Crook, seconded by , Charles A. Donello, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President