

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--APRIL 5, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.. 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, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jessica Teel, Laureen Pellegrino, Charles A. Donello, Michael Kopach and Christopher Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Councilwoman Kayla Green.

Council President Daniel Chiavaroli began the meeting by introducing the new Operations Director of the Nazareth Ambulance Corps, Marc R. Medori. Medori told Council of his goals and projections for the Corps.

Carole Bowers, the Borough's Tax Collector, reported on mailing delays with tax bills and the confusion and problems it has caused with the annual payment of taxes, tax installments and those looking to pay discounted taxes. Bowers told Council that the dilemma that mailing delays has caused has resulted in confusion and others looking to take advantage of discount dates not having their tax bills. She asked that Council make a decision on granting an extension to the deadline for the discount as well as the First Installment.

Patrick McIvor of 101 E. Center Street addressed Council about the possibility of the Lehigh Valley Aquarium Society having a Fish Swap Sale either in our Park or as an afternoon extension to the Farmer's Market hours in the Circle. McIvor asked about extending the afternoon hours in the Circle for possibly 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the Sale. McIvor told Council that he understood that vendor's permits would have to be purchased and that an event contract and insurance would need to be provided.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of Patrick McIvor and the Lehigh Valley Aquarium Society to conduct a "Fish Swap" Sale in the Circle on a Saturday, May 22, 2021 after Farmer's Market hours end...approximately from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm. vendors will be required to purchase \$25 vendor permits. There was extensive Council discussion about the Fish Swap Sale

The motion passed unanimously.

In order to recognize them for their business longevity, Mayor Colondo and Councilwoman Laureen Pellegrino called the Brodt Family to the front of the Chamber to be honored for their sixty continuous years of doing business in the Borough. Council had previously passed Resolution 12-20-B in December of 2020 honoring their business, the Nazareth Music Center for all of their achievements in the musical education of students in our school district plus their selling of instruments, sheet music and accessories for more than six decades. Following the reading of the

Resolution, family matriarch Edith Brodt and son Scott Brodt graciously accepted the congratulations of Council and the applause of all in attendance.

Mayor Colondo then called retired Police Officer Alan Koch to the front of the Chamber. Koch retired on November 14, 2020 and was honored with Borough Resolution 11-2020-A but the Pandemic and remote meetings did not allow for an in person tribute until this meeting. Mayor Colondo read the Resolution and it follows:

WHEREAS, Alan Koch has been an integral part of the Nazareth Police Department since his hiring on September 10, 1996,

WHEREAS, Alan Koch has retired from his Borough employment after twenty four years as a Police Officer serving the residents of our Borough,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth wishes to honor a person who has helped our Borough in its day-to-day operations, its policing of crime, traffic control, assisting in emergency services and with drug education in our schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby resolved by Borough Council assembled that Alan Koch be thanked for his time as a Borough Police Officer. For more than two decades, Alan Koch served our community and led the Department's D.A.R.E. Program - Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program - and on an annual basis, visited our elementary schools to teach young children about the dangers of drugs and the ruinous effects they have on your life. For that and all else that he has done on the Borough's behalf, Council again thanks Alan Koch for his twenty four years of employment and service and directs the Secretary to memorialize this Resolution for preservation in the Borough's official Meeting Minutes.

Applause and congratulations followed and Koch and wife Jill graciously accepted and thanked Council.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of March 1, 2021 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021 was approved.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Lauren Pellegrino the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2021	\$	503,723.47
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2021	\$	464,998.36
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	1,591,290.21

Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	134,686.53
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	2,095,013.68
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	599,684.89
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	276,002.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	47,946.40
General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2021	\$	1,819,011.28
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2021	\$	551,738.49
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	3,581.05
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	324,977.10
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	586.20
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	1,131,755.02
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,683.21
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	3,857,332.35

Michael Kopach moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$323,948.80.

The motion passed unanimously.

A Report of the Zoning Officer for the month of March 2021 was not presented.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve use of the Park through May 2021 by Girls on the Run. Use will occur on Saturday mornings from 9am- 10:15am and Wednesday nights from 5:15- 6:30pm through the end of May

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a memorial plaque honoring those from the Nazareth area who have lost their lives in the Viet Nam Conflict. The plaque will be unveiled at the Honors Service following this year's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, 2021. The plaque will be permanently mounted on the east exterior wall of Council Chambers...Cost is \$2,483.21. Discussion followed. Daniel Chiavaroli told Council that, as a military veteran who served in Viet Nam, the plaque angers him and contains the wrong focus. Chiavaroli pointed to elements on the plaque that he thought were improper, specifically the listing of the Mayor and Council as dedicators. Chiavaroli stated that those who served came home injured, some physically but all mentally and their service was not appreciated. He called for a "Roll Call" vote. Voting "Yes" were Councilpersons Donello and Crook...two (2) voting "Yes" for

passage. Voting "No" were Councilpersons Strye, Teel, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach and Chiavaroli...six (6) voting "No" and the motion was defeated. Charles A. Donello requested the floor and as another Viet Name veteran recommended that all Viet Nam veterans would suffer from defeat of the motion and cancellation of the dedication ceremony and that Council should make that their primary motivation for passage. After speaking about his own wartime experiences in Viet Nam, Donello asked if a second vote could be taken.

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

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve use of the baseball field in the Park by Nazareth Cadet Baseball for games and practices through the end of May 2021...High School Coach Bryan Wolf's summer group.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Food Truck Festival sponsored and run by the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce on June 19, 2021 from 3-7 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve shared use of the softball field in the Park by the Upper Nazareth Clippers Organization and Coach Tyler Keifer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the American Legion Post 415 to stage the annual Memorial Day Parade through the downtown on Monday, May 31, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am. Approval includes the Honors Service at Council Chambers which follows the Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a donation of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to American Legion Post 415 to help subsidize costs associated with the annual Memorial Day Parade. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook told Council that historically, provisions are made to include rental of the sound system for the event and asked that the motion be amended to include that provision. All voting members of Council agreed to the amendment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the opening of the Borough Pool at 75% capacity on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 12 noon. Discussion followed. Lauren Pellegrino asked for the origin of the 75% capacity number and if that was a center for

Disease Control established guideline. That was affirmed as their guideline and it was also that of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health's determination for a safe opening.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve use of Holy Family Field which the Borough maintains by the Nazareth Area Youth Baseball Association for 2021 games and practices.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the May 15, 2021 Rotary Club Cleanup Day in the Park. The event will run from 9:00 am till noon

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of Donna Bok to conduct the "No Kids Go Hungry" event in the Borough Park on September 25, 2021 from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Baseball for use of the Large Pavilion in the Park on June 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new canopy for the lower level entry to the Police Department at 134 S. Main Street. The canopy will be purchased from Kaplan Awnings of Easton, PA at a cost of \$3,000.00. Michael Kopach asked if the price included installation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on May 15, 2021 by the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for firefighter training. Christopher D. Crook asked if there were more specifics about the hours and the location of the training available as many events would be occurring that day in the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve changes to the stage in the 30 Belvidere Street Nazareth Center For the Arts as an Eagle Scout Project by Jack Perry.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to allow the Home School Association of Holy Family School to place two (2) signs in the Circle for thirty (30) days advertising their Fun Run fundraising event on April 30, 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve conducting Nazareth Day on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in the Park and give conditional approval to a downtown Block Party on Belvidere Street on the evening of July 16, 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Jessica Teel moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the proposed agreement with the Blue Eagle Swim Team for use of the Pool for the 2021 Season. The agreement includes a seasonal rental of \$8,500 plus the Club's providing of instructors and staffing for morning swim lessons on a 50% revenue sharing basis. The Borough will incur no wage costs for the morning swim instructions but will receive 50% of the collected revenues for swimming instructions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Christina Thomas as the Borough Clerk. Ms. Thomas will be an exempt employee with a starting salary of \$58,500. Official hiring is contingent upon passage of all necessary background checks and other required testing. Ms. Thomas' official hiring/start date for pension and benefit purposes will be April 5, 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the naming of Christina Thomas as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Borough of Nazareth, effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve that Borough Clerk Christina Thomas and Assistant Clerk Theresa Fedele be bonded for \$175,000 each. Arrangements for the bonding are to be made through Huth Insurance of Nazareth, PA.

The motion passed unanimously. There was one (1) abstention, Councilman Christopher D. Crook.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Lehigh Hanson Cement Company's Conveyor fees for the transport of raw materials by conveyor

through portions of the Borough for 2020. The Borough has received that fee in the amount of \$5,146.26 for the previous year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Cable TV Franchise Fees from RCN Cable Vision in the amount of \$56,889.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to certify submission of the Annual Borough Audit to PA DCED by our CPA Auditing firm, Palmer & Company

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Ammerman as a part time Parking Enforcement Officer conditioned upon passage of all clearances and certifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for March 2021. Christopher D. Crook had a question about a portion of the Report concerning a 90 day supply chain.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for February 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 4-21 honoring Lambert Jewelers for their 102 years of continuous operation as a Borough business, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth is proud to honor and thank those businesses who have successfully prospered over years and decades and have made the lives of our residents better and assuredly more memorable,

WHEREAS, R.D. Lambert Jewelers and its ownership family, the Lambert Family, have for over a century, offered the residents of our area, the finest in rings, watches and all types of jewelry and in so doing have remained a trademark business in our downtown,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough lavishes praise and appreciation on the Lambert Family for all of their contributions to the Nazareth business community. R.D. Lambert Jewelers has, for one hundred and two years, been an anchor store and a purveyor of the best brand names in fine jewelry and timepieces and engagement and wedding rings plus it has helped countless customers with repairs, cleanings and settings. From their earliest days when founder Russell Lambert purchased the Bitler Jewelry Shop on South Main Street, to their current Belvidere Street location, R.D. Lambert Jewelers has been a family affair with now the third generation maintaining their tradition of great customer service and the finest in beautiful jewelry offerings. Patrice Lambert and her mother Jeanette skillfully manage the day to day operations and continue the tradition of excellence started by Russell Lambert in 1919 and continued by her father Robert thirty six years ago. Proudly, a grandfather clock and an original early twentieth century cash register mark their longevity and the transition from their first location on South Main Street and both still grace the businesses' current location. They remain as conversation pieces and part of the family business tradition that we commend today. The Lambert Family has long understood that the products they offer represent lasting memories and snapshots in time for the lives of us all, and they have, for one hundred and two years, provided the personal customer service that enhances the buying experience of those cherished items. That personal involvement in what they offer their customers and the satisfaction that has resulted, has allowed them to prosper for more than a century and has seen them remain a most vital part of our business community. We can only wonder how many gifts from the heart, how many engagements and weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and Valentine's Day gifts had their start at R.D. Lambert's Jewelers and how many recipients of those precious items were made happier over the last one hundred and two years. Nazareth Borough Council congratulates the current principle Patrice Lambert and lauds her mother Jeanette who still helps in the shop and late father Robert and grandparents Russell and Myrtle for giving her the legacy of success that she is continuing to the benefit of us all in the Borough and our region. They are deserving of our enduring praise and appreciation and Nazareth Borough Council and all Borough residents honor them on this day for their century of success and the impact they have made on all of our lives. Council thanks them again and directs the Secretary to memorialize this Resolution as part of the official record and Meeting Minutes of Nazareth Borough Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to compensate Robert Oswald \$400 for the spreading/disposal of the Borough's Fall 2020 leaves

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the Borough's yearly Spring Cleanup as the week of April 15, 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Christopher D. Crook moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve the March 2021 NEDC Report

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report for the month of March 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the 2021 low bid of Highway Materials for two specific Highway and Road Material bids which are part of the annual aggregate bid solicitation. Low bids submitted for approval by Highway Materials were for 9.5mm paving materials and for 25mm binder.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to re-advertise for bids for some specific 2021 Highway and Road Materials. No bids were received following the initial bid solicitation

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to re-advertise for bids for 2021 Borough Public Works Rental Equipment. No bids were received following the initial bid solicitation

The motion passed unanimously.

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Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for the hiring of three "seasonal" Public Works employees.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to establish a rate of pay for "seasonal" Public Works employees at \$15.00 per hour

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to authorize the Tax Collector to extend the original tax discount deadline from March 31, 2021 to April 30, 2021 and to allow the payment of the first installment for those paying in installments, normally due by March 31, 2021, to now be due on or before the extended deadline of April 30, 2021. Discussion followed as many of the details about the extension were addressed. Charles A. Donello asked about the provisions for those looking to pay in installments and who may have missed the first installment due date. Daniel Chiavaroli asked about future installment payments and whether they would similarly be pushed back given the later allowed start if the motion passes.

The motion passed unanimously.

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The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to be known as the "Quality of Life" ordinance. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Teel, Fischl, Pellegrino, Donello, Crook, Kopach and Chiavaroli. Eight (8) voting "Yes" for passage and Ordinance No. 863 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to purchase 40 books of Quality of Life violation tickets for our Code Officer. Cost of the ticket books is \$418.00 plus shipping.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the March 2021 Code Enforcement Report was tabled.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for March 2021. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about the plans for the presentation and placement of a plaque honoring our area's Viet Nam War casualties was still scheduled for the Honors Service which follows the Memorial Day Parade.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

There being no further business at 7:38 pm, on a motion by Lauren Pellegrino, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President