

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 5, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 5, 2024 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, Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Chief of Police Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Vice President Carl R. Strye Jr. and Councilman Charles A. Donello.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Patrick McIvor of 101 E. Center Street stated that he had thought that he had resolved an issue with a tree on his property but had received a letter stating that he needed extra work.

A. J. Ressler of 438 E. Center Street stated that "contractor's fees" for on street parking in the proposed Resolution for passage this evening were excessive and forced contractors, unnecessarily, to go to the Police Station at 134 S. Main Street. Ressler implored Council to rethink the charges and not pass the resolution.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street passed out copies of 2014 concerns that she had with properties and sidewalks that were not maintained at that time ten years ago and asked why some people receive passes on enforcement. 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.

William Buskirk of 522 Belvidere Street told Council that he expected the first few days of the resumption of school in late August to be a mess as students and employees struggle to conform to the new rules. Buskirk predicted it will be very ugly in the school zone for the first few days.

Communications: President Chiavaroli told Council that the Borough had received a "Thank You" card from the family of former Borough career Police Officer Philip Pierog who passed in June of 2024. The note thanked the Borough for the sympathy bouquet and for arranging for future pension payments with the Plan Trustee.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of July 1, 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2024	\$	261,419.33
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2024	\$	251,882.10
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	172,357.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	(2,565.57)
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	433,776.73

Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	249,317.53
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	280,063.28
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	721.60
General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2024	\$	153,713.45
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2024	\$	248,595.93
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.24
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	370,117.60
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	23,014.63
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$	8,513.12
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,958.98
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	1,973.34
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	1,198,586.90
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	695,133.72
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Pool/Park Acct)	\$	254,449.42
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	3,019,832.44

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$280,063.28.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 24 - A which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2024 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 2024 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,

WHEREAS, emergency ambulance responses today require medical and technological updates in equipment to properly assist it with its 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 2024 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important healthcare acquisition. The Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks fifteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty seven (\$15,927.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match of seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty seven (\$7,987.00) dollars 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.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 24 - C which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement of a 2024 Northampton County LSA Grant to be filed by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeking funding for the purchase of a Ford T350 Transit Van, 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 2024 Lehigh & Northampton Counties LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new 2024 Ford T350 Transport Van to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport patients safely and comfortably to hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices 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 2024 Lehigh & Northampton Counties LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a 2024 Ford T350 Transport Van. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides almost 5,000 Gracedale 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 2024 Lehigh & Northampton 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 seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged \$7,499.00 in grant match assistance to hopefully make this initiative 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 2024 Northampton County LSA Gaming Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 24 - E which certifies Nazareth Borough's municipal endorsement and sponsorship of a 2024 Monroe County LSA Grant authored and sought by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps for funding for a new transport Ambulette, 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 2024 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new 2024 Ford T350 Ambulette Transport Van to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport stretcher bound patients safely and comfortably to hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices 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 2024 Monroe County LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a 2024 Ford Ambulette Transport Van. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides almost 5,000 Gracedale 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. Many of these patients are not ambulatory or able to be conveyed in a wheelchair but are not critically ill at transport time. Ambulette vehicles are ideal for stretcher bound patient transport. 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 2024 Monroe County 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 seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged \$10,413.00 in grant match assistance to hopefully make this initiative 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 2024 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the placement of Scarecrows in the Circle by the Girl Scouts of the Nazareth Area beginning on September 15, 2024. The group is responsible for takedown and cleanup during the first week of November 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino 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 15, 2024 and end on November 15, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Adult Soap Box Derby to be held on June 7, 2025 on West Prospect Street. The event is conducted and sponsored by the Lehigh Conference of Churches.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to revise the Park Rules to restrict the use of electric bikes, scooters, mini-bikes, or similar type vehicles to the parking lot areas only.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the placement of signs in the Circle for thirty (30) days by the Nazareth Ice Hockey Club.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to designate Councilman and Police Chairman Carl A. Fischl, Council President Daniel Chiavaroli, Pension Plan Administrator Paul Kokolus and Assistant Secretary Treasurer Theresa Fedele as designated signers for Truist Bank Police Pension Plan transactions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - 24 - D which certifies with Truist Bank, new Borough signers to verify transactions for cash and wire transfers and investment management directions and decisions involving the Police Pension Plan where Truist Bank Wealth Management is the Trustee as follows:

Resolved, that the Borough of Nazareth officer titles designated herein, be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the Municipality from time to time to designate authorized signers of the Municipality for the purpose of authorizing cash transactions, including ACH and wire transfer, providing investment management direction for investment management accounts, appointing investment managers for custodial accounts, signing and take other actions on behalf the Municipality with respect to trust and other agreements entered into by the Municipality, and such other authority as may be granted in documents specified by Truist Bank, its successors and assigns

(hereinafter, & quot;Truist & quot;) by making, executing and delivering in the name of and on behalf of the Municipality, under its Municipal seal or otherwise, from time to time such agreements, documents or instruments deemed reasonable or necessary;

Resolved Further, that all actions heretofore taken by the officer or officers titles named herein in providing such authorized signer authority on behalf of the Borough of Nazareth and in the exercise of the authority and powers herein granted are hereby ratified, adopted and confirmed, and the Municipality shall be bound by the terms and conditions of said documents, agreements, and instruments as entered into and amended from time to time by authorized signers appointed by the Municipal officers designated herein ; and

Resolved Further, that the custodian of the records of the Borough of Nazareth is authorized and directed to furnish Truist with a certified copy of these resolutions, which resolutions shall continue in full force and effect until written notice of the rescission or modification of the same has been received by Truist, and to furnish Truist the names and specimen signatures of the officer(s) named herein, and such persons from time to time holding the above positions, herewith and/or on Truist usual form of signature card.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$50,000 of Pool/Park money into the existing PLGIT Daily Prime Account at 5.11%

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to authorize the deposit of \$120,000 of Sanitation Fund money into a new PLGIT Daily Prime Account at 5.11%

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution 8 - 24 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2024 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant seeking \$54,832 in funding for a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe Police SUV

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV Police Utility Vehicle to assist with general policing 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 2024

Monroe County Local Share Account 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 Monroe County Gaming Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important vehicle acquisition. The Borough seeks fifty four thousand, eight hundred and thirty two (\$54,832.00) dollars in 2024 Monroe County 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 are the designated signers for all things involving this grant which seeks the specified \$54,832 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.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on October 26, 2024 from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm for the Cars and Coffee event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the hiring of William Grucela, Eileen Kraft and Joan Reinert as "substitute" crossing guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a handicapped parking spot for Antonio Fenty at 129 S. Church Street

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve an agreement between the Borough and the Nazareth Borough Police Association which provides for payment of the Acting Supervisor wage, as defined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, at all times a designated supervisor is on duty.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to direct the Nazareth Borough Civil Service Commission to begin the examination process and establish an eligibility list of candidates for the position of Patrol Officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for a regularly scheduled, part time, parking enforcement officer both on the Borough website and in the Nazareth Key.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to sell the 1999 Ford Econoline van for \$1,000

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Incident Report for July 2024 for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Police Department Monthly Incident Report for July 2024 for the Borough from its IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the July 2024 Zoning & Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an amendment to the parking ordinance to identify the specific streets in the school zone subject to the resident permit parking or other parking restrictions. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Green and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes". Seven (7) "Yes" votes for passage and Ordinance #889 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an amendment to the parking ordinance to establish a program for "Resident Permit Parking Only" in certain areas in the school zone. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes". Seven (7) "Yes" votes for passage and Ordinance #890 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an amendment to the parking ordinance to delete in its entirety Section 15-411 which prohibits selling or repairing vehicles on a Borough street and replace with a new revised section which addresses the same issues. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes". Seven (7) "Yes" votes for passage and Ordinance #891 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No.8-24-F which establishes a \$30.00 fine for a parking violation under the Borough's Resident Permit Parking Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved to table a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-24-G which establishes a \$10.00 fee for each Guest, Contractor, or for each replacement Resident tag. The Resolution will come under further Law Committee discussion before being represented. Council agreed to table this motion. The "advertised" motion is formally tabled.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-24-H approving the proposed amendment to the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority's articles of incorporation which extends the Authority's term of existence to August 1, 2074.

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 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Reports for both June 2024 and for July 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a donation of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars to the Nazareth Special Fire Police for their assistance with traffic control on Nazareth Day 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to recommend Mike White to our Governor to become the Borough's new Emergency Management Director through December 31, 2024. Following the Governor's approval, the appointment will officially take effect.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for July 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Carl A. Fischl presented the Police Report for July 2024.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 7:07 pm, on a motion by Kayla Green seconded by Lauren Pellegrino, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President