

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--FEBRUARY 5, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 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 Larry Stoudt, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Jessica Teel, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Christopher Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze and Police Chief Randall Miller. Absent was Councilman Carl R. Strye Jr. and Public Works Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-18-D honoring retiring Planning Commission member Glenn Boerstler as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those devoted individuals who have given of their time and efforts to serve our Borough in order to make it a better place for all of our citizens,

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough utilizes the assistance of those individuals who volunteer their time to attend meetings, address problems and implement solutions as an integral part of the Borough's Boards and Commissions,

WHEREAS, Glenn Boerstler has dutifully and most faithfully served over forty years on the Nazareth Borough Planning Commission and has completed his volunteer service with the highest distinction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Glenn Boerstler be recognized and commended for all of his years of contributing to the Nazareth Borough Planning Commission. Glenn Boerstler has helped to provide solutions to the problems of housing and industrial growth which the Planning Commission faces on a routine basis. Mr. Boerstler's input and vision for our Borough has been invaluable and his sacrifices of time and effort make him worthy of the Borough's highest recognition, particularly given the decades of his service. Nazareth Borough and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from Glenn Boerstler's contributions over the period of his service so it is most fitting that Nazareth Borough Council congratulates and thanks him for all that he has given, his sacrifices of time and effort and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of his many, many years as a member of the Nazareth Borough Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-18-C honoring former Municipal Authority Chairman Jim Gordon as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those devoted individuals who have given of their time and efforts to serve our Borough in order to make it a better place for all of our citizens,

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough utilizes the assistance of those individuals who volunteer their time to attend meetings, address problems and implement solutions as part of the Borough's Boards and Commissions,

WHEREAS, Jim Gordon has faithfully served six years on the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority and has completed his volunteer service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Jim Gordon has been an important contributing member of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority and has helped provide solutions to the issues and challenges which the Authority faces each year. Mr. Gordon's input has been invaluable and his sacrifices of time and effort deserved to be recognized and honored appropriately. Nazareth Borough and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from Mr. Gordon's contributions over the period of his service so it is fitting that Nazareth Borough Council congratulates and thank Jim Gordon for all that he has given, his sacrifices of time and effort and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of his six years as a member of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-18-B honoring former Zoning Hearing Board member Anthony Todora as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those who have given of their time and efforts to serve our Borough in order to make it a better place for all of our citizens,

WHEREAS, Anthony Todora has left the Nazareth Zoning Hearing Board having served six years as a contributing member,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Anthony Todora has faithfully and resolutely volunteered countless hours of his time to keep our Zoning Hearing Board functioning and serving our citizens. The Borough of Nazareth and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from his contributions over the period of his service. Nazareth Borough Council congratulates and thanks Anthony Todora for all that he has contributed, his sacrifices of time, his contributions to the Zoning Hearing Board and for all that he was able to accomplish and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of his six years as a member of the Nazareth Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-18-A honoring former Ambulance Board of Directors member Gail Kromer as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those who have given of their time and efforts to serve our Borough in order to make it a better place for all of our citizens,

WHEREAS, Gail Kromer is leaving the Nazareth Ambulance Corps Board of Directors, having served twelve years as a contributing member, a strong voice and an Ambulance advocate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Gail Kromer has faithfully and resolutely volunteered countless hours of her time to keep our Ambulance Corps functioning and serving our citizens. The Borough of Nazareth and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from her contributions over the period of her service. Nazareth Borough Council congratulates and thanks Gail Kromer for all that she has given, her sacrifices of time, for her contributions to the Board and for all that she was able to accomplish and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of her twelve years as a member of the Nazareth Ambulance Corps Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-18-E honoring former Downtown Manager Stephanie Varone as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth appreciates the efforts and contributions of those who work to make Nazareth a better place in which to work and live,

WHEREAS, Stephanie Varone has been the Downtown Manager for the last four years and has overseen a revival of the spirit of our downtown,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Stephanie Varone be recognized and commended for her years of service to our Borough, the Nazareth Economic Development Commission and as our Downtown Manager. Stephanie revived our Saturday Farmer's Market, worked actively to connect prospective business owners with available retail space and was responsible for getting three years of Northampton County Facade Grants for downtown merchants and property owners. Furthermore, her confidence and faith in our downtown's future led her to open her own retail store, Smooch. The recent and tremendously successful opening of Nazareth's first brew pub is a further manifestation of Steph's commitment to our downtown's success and a testament to her role in bringing together property owners and prospective business startups. Through her persistent urging of Council, the Borough constructed its Downtown Parking Lot offering further hope of revitalization and providing additional parking within walking distance of Nazareth's downtown central area and the Borough Municipal offices. Finally, and most importantly, Stephanie Varone in her role as Downtown Manager, brought hope and enthusiasm that better days were indeed ahead and her

accomplishments verified that fact. Stephanie Varone performed admirably in all of these roles and did so for the entire length of her tenure. Nazareth Borough and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from her contributions over the period of her service so it is most fitting that Nazareth Borough Council congratulate and thank her for all that she has given, her sacrifices of time and effort and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of her four years as the Borough's Downtown Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo then called each of the honorees to the front of the Chamber for individual honors, to receive their Resolutions and so that they could be officially recognized. Glenn Boerstler was first to be recognized and he thanked Mayor Colondo, Borough Council and all in attendance for their support and said how much he enjoyed his over forty years of service. Congratulatory handshakes and applause followed.

Mayor Colondo then called former Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Huth to the front of the Chamber so he could receive his award. Mayor Colondo read Resolution 12-17-D passed at the December 4, 2017 Business Meeting which Huth was unable to attend as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those devoted individuals who have given of their service to our Borough in order to make it a better place for all of our citizens,

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough has used the services of Keller Zoning & Code Enforcement since 2005 and Dennis Huth has served as the Nazareth Borough Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector since that time,

WHEREAS, Dennis Huth has faithfully served for twelve years and now has officially retired,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Dennis Huth be recognized and commended for his years of service to the Nazareth Borough Zoning Hearing Board and as our Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. Dennis Huth took on the very difficult job of looking at violations to the Borough's Property Maintenance Ordinance and issuing fines to those who did not comply. Furthermore, he oversaw appeals and challenges to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance while conducting hearings and reviews of difficult issues, always in the name of fairness and ultimately compliance. Finally, Dennis Huth ensured that all new construction and improvements to existing facilities, met with the required standards in his role as Building Inspector. Dennis Huth performed admirably in all of these roles and did so for the entire length of his tenure. Nazareth Borough and all of our residents have benefitted greatly from Dennis Huth's contributions over the period of his service so it is most fitting that Nazareth Borough Council congratulate and thank him for all that he has given, his sacrifices of time and effort and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of his twelve years as the Borough's Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Huth accepted the congratulations of Mayor Colondo and all on Council and graciously told the assemblage that he had enjoyed his twelve years of service and appreciated the warm response and applause he had received.

Stephanie Varone was then called to the front of the Chamber to receive her award. Ms. Varone spoke about our Downtown's future and her hope that she had started a revival that would take it to a new and bright future. She thanked Council for its support over her four years and was warmly applauded.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

Communications: President Chiavaroli read a note of thanks received from Suzanne Regn, wife of former Councilman Brian Regn who passed on Christmas Day 2017. Ms. Regn thanked Council for its support and the sympathy flowers which she and son Connor had received.

The Secretary’s minutes from the regular meeting of January 2, 2018 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Frank S. Maurek seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2018 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2017	\$	121,077.78
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2017	\$	426,798.82
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	347,605.82
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	77,622.24
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	468,683.60
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	504,421.06
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	314,985.45
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	134,707.48
General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2018	\$	153,698.15
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2018	\$	369,713.58
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	62,337.82
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	164,155.27
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	2,678.64
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	852,613.56
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,021.59
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,630,218.61

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$449,129.17.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of January 2018 was presented and approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of January 2018 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for January 2018 was not presented.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of January 2018 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to authorize our equipment (street sweeper) to leave our jurisdiction for use in Williams Township, Northampton County. The equipment will be operated by a Nazareth Borough Public Works employee

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Jessica Teel presented the Fire Chief's Report for the year 2017 and it was approved as presented.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to grant an extension for the Nazareth Police Association until March 6, 2018 to grieve #1A 2017-001.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to extend Officer Stephen Schleg's leave of absence until March 6, 2018.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve use of the Circle and Main Street by the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce on August 4, 2018 from 1:00 pm till 7:00 pm for the Eleventh Annual Martin on Main Event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve use of Belvidere Street from Main to Broad Street by the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce on June 2, 2018 from 12 noon till 6:00 pm for the Annual Food Truck Festival.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve use of the Nazareth Borough Park on October 27, 2018 by the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce from 12 noon till 4:00 pm for their Truck or Treat Fest.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to officially open the Pool on Saturday, May 26, 2018 and remain open May 27th and May 28th, 2018 for the Memorial Day weekend. The Pool will re- open the following weekend and then open daily from 12 noon till 7:00 pm when school officially ends...pending the announcement of the school ending date by the Nazareth Area School District

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a one day "art instruction" class in the Borough Park on August 8, 2018 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The letter of approval will contain a caution that all charges for the class are for materials and that it is a "not for profit" event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to correspond with Service Unit 704 Easton Area Girl Scouts and inform them of a \$500 rental fee for their 2018 Summer Camp and standard charges for use of the Pool. An answer is required from the potential renter by the end of February.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a real estate tax refund of \$107.72 to Nazareth Mutual Insurance following a real estate reassessment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to amend the By-Laws by reinstating the Economic Development Committee and combining it with the current Technology Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to appoint Myron Biggar to a two (2) year term on the Nazareth Day Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor and Borough Clerk to update the Borough's schedule of Fees and Licenses for 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

Ecology: The Ecology Report for the month of January 2018 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for employment openings at the Yard Waste Recycling Center.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Christopher D. Crook moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to reauthorize the \$20,000 previously approved to contribute to the salary of a Downtown Coordinator through the Nazareth Economic Development Commission. This position is to be an employee of the NEDC with the Nazareth Borough Council and the Board of Directors of the NEDC jointly review the goals, milestones, and responsibilities. The Downtown Coordinator will present a monthly report to the Board of Directors of the NEDC and to the Economic Development Committee on the progress of current and proposed initiatives, accounting of efforts made, and grant status both received and bestowed. Discussion followed. Carl A. Fischl asked Council to table the motion and reconsider action at some time in the future. Charles A. Donello requested that Council delay action on the funding. Christopher D. Crook stated that the matter had been thoroughly discussed and that the Nazareth Economic Development Commission needed the Council approval and funding to proceed with their mission. Larry Stoudt stated that there was a motion on the floor and requested a vote without further discussion. A voice vote followed and the President then called for a "Roll Call" vote. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Teel, Maurek, Stoudt, Crook and Chiavaroli. Five (5) voting for passage of the motion. Voting "No" were Councilpersons Fischl, Kopach and Donello. Three (3) voting "No".

The motions carries.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for January 2018. Mayor Colondo gave a report on the new Neighborhood Watch Program which will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Council Chambers. Colondo encouraged everyone to

attend that organizational meeting. Mayor Colondo also readdressed the Snow Emergency issue stating that his policy would be to call a Snow Emergency whenever forecasts called for three (3) or more inches of accumulation. The Mayor also stated that all Borough and Municipal Authority vehicles would not be ticketed for meter parking violations because of their need to conduct "official Borough Business".

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: Police Chief Randy Miller reported that overall police activity is up 30% from 2016 to 2017 and that "self initiated" police activity, a better indicator of how our Police Department is functioning, was up even more significantly.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 7:09 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President