

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JANUARY 5, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 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 Carl R. Strye Jr., Councilmen John N. Samus, Lance E. Colondo, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Brian F. Regn, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Mayor Strye administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Danny Keenhold, 1st Assistant Fire Chief John Deutsch and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chris Keenhold.

Mayor Strye administered the Oath of Office to Special Fire Police Captain Troy Keenhold, Lieutenant, Lieutenant David Powell, John Gostony, John Ashworth, Lyle Myers, Kerry Frey, Kyle Schaefer, Ray Fogel and Cliff Hess.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Becky Butz 37 N. Broad Street had questions about the absence of three months of Meeting Minutes on the Borough Website.

Communications: The Secretary/Treasurer wished it noted for the record, the success of the first week of Refuse & Recycling collections by new contractor J.P. Mascaro & Sons and singled out Councilman Charles Donello for his efforts during the transition period.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of December 7, 2009 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Frank S. Maurek, seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2013 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2014	\$	94,493.32
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2014	\$	123,739.87
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	451,001.44
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	96,453.82
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	545,494.76
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	220,193.69
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	535,262.74
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	58,659.77
General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2014	\$	10,232.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2014	\$	161,533.92
Payroll Account	\$	-0-
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	159.42

State Fund Checking Account	\$	3,174.19
State Fund Money Market	\$	36,271.86
Park Account	\$	2,000.00
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	50,287.20
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	253,717.40

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$593,922.51. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of December 2014 was presented and approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of December 2014 was presented and approved.

An Ambulance Report for December 2014 was presented and approved.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Clifford Hess to a four (4) year term on the Borough's Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to appoint Anthony Todora to a three (3) year term on the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Gail Kromer to a one year term on the Borough's Vacancy Board

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to appoint Barbara Fischl to a three (3) year term on the Library Board

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

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to appoint Donald Broad to a five year term on the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to set times and dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise in a publication of general circulation, the dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for December 2014 was presented and approved.

Lance E. Colondo moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to approve the 2014 “year-end” report of the Fire Company.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the upper ballfield at the Park on March 29, 2015 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the Park from June 10, 2015 through June 13, 2015 for the Fire/Kiwanis Carnival. Actual use of the Park will be needed from June 7, 2015 through June 15, 2015 for setup and takedown.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for the staging of the annual Block Party on the evening of July 17, 2015 and for the use of the Park on July 18, 2015 for Nazareth Day activities and the evening Fireworks Show.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the large pavilion at the Park on September 5, 2015 from 12:00 noon till 5:00 pm for the annual money raffle event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to appoint Michael Macy to a five (5) year term on the Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Carl R. Strye Jr. to a two (2) year term as an alternate on the Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Larry Stoudt to a one (1) year term as an alternate on the Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to purchase ten (10) taser holsters at a cost of sixty four (\$64.00) dollars apiece and seventy (70) X-@ taser cartridges at a cost of thirty one (\$31.00) dollars apiece...total cost of the purchases are not to exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Application Eight (General Contractor #8) for payment in the amount of \$43,813.16 to Bracy Contracting for work done on the Pool.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve Application Eight (Aquatic #8) for payment in the amount of \$147,295.29 to Vincent Pools for work done on the Pool.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Application Seven (Mechanical #7) for \$8,802.90 to KC Mechanical for work done on the Pool.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a "CREDIT Change Order "(CO#1) for Ace Electric in the amount of -\$6,654.31 for an unused material allowance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve payment of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars to Advantage Engineers for their December invoice.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve a two (2 yr) year lease with State Representative Joseph Emrick for rental of the front office and the additional second office for four hundred and thirty five (\$435.00) dollars per month.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 15, the yearly resolution prohibiting member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for all of 2015 as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Part 6©, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Nazareth provides for a police pension plan,

WHEREAS, Act No. 600 requires that the elimination of member contributions under the police pension plan be done annually by resolution following authorization by the plan's actuary,

WHEREAS, Conrad M. Siegel, Inc., the auditor of the pension plan has authorized the elimination of member contributions for 2015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved in Borough Council assembled, that member contributions to the Nazareth Police Pension Plan for the calendar year 2015, are hereby eliminated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to hire Palmer & Company to perform the real estate audit of Tax Collector Carole Bowers for the Year 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to provide a "Cost of Living" increase for Tax Collector Carole Bowers was tabled.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a tax refund of one hundred and seven (\$107.26) dollars and twenty six cents to Jerry and Janel Bubba following the reassessment of a property they own within the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to withdraw \$211,145.31 from our ESSA borrowing to pay all approved invoices from Payment Application #8.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve direct the Treasurer to withdraw \$176,358.62 from our ESSA borrowing and reimburse the General Fund for Pool - Related expenditures for the Pool Architect (Spillman Farmer), the Pool Testing and Inspection

firm (Advantage Engineering) and the Borough Engineering firm (Keystone Consulting Engineers) for invoices paid out of the Borough's General Fund for Pool work.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to hire Thomas Heimbach as the Borough's labor attorney.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to name Alfred Pierce as the Borough's 2015 "delegate" to the Northampton County Tax Collection Commission and Paul Kokolus as the Borough's "alternate delegate".

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for December 2014 was approved as presented.

Ecology: The December 2014 Refuse and Recycling Report was presented and approved.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Harry Smith to a five (5) year term on the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

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

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Robert Raesley to a five (5) year term on the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority as the Upper Nazareth Township representative.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Brian F. Regn commented on the successful operation of the Borough's new Park Surveillance System. Regn told Council that the cameras led to the arrest of an illegal dumper.

Mayor: Mayor Strye presented the Police Report for the month of December 2014. Strye also reported that the Park will be open for the parking of vehicles during a Snow Emergency.

Old Business: Frank S. Maurek asked if there was any news on the 1978 American LaFrance Fire Pumper.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to place the 1978 American LaFrance Pumper for bid/auction sale on e-bay.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Robert Stoudt for his many years of service with the Municipal Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello told Council that a proposed NBMA land swap deal between the NBMA and an area industrialist has fallen apart.

Mayor Strye told Council that the process has started on updating the Police Policy and Procedure Manual.

Larry Stoudt moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 15 – A which appoints members of the various boards and commissions for 2015 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Council nominates and appoints the following persons to the various boards and commissions of the Borough of Nazareth as hereby provided:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

	<u>4 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Richard Troxell	12/31/15
Joseph Biernat	12/31/15
Harry Lance	12/31/16
Glenn Boerstler	12/31/17
Clifford Hess	12/31/18

RECREATION COMMISSION:

	<u>5 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Carole F. Bowers	12/31/15
Kerry Frey	12/31/15
Randy Brown	12/31/16
Robert Cepin	12/31/17
Amanda Carey	12/31/18
-Vacant-	12/31/18
Donald D. Broad	12/31/19

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

	<u>5 – Year Terms Expire</u>
James A. Gordon	12/31/15
Robert L. Krause	12/31/16
Robert N. Mertz	12/31/17
Harry Lance	12/31/18
Harry Smith	12/31/19
Robert Raesley (Upper Nazareth)	12/31/19

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

3 - Year Terms Expire

John Huber	12/31/15
Cathy Huber	12/31/16
Anthony Todora	12/31/17

NAZARETH AMBULANCE BOARD:

5 – Year Terms Expire

Daniel Chiavaroli	12/31/15
Larry Stoudt (Alternate – 1 yr term)	12/31/15
Carl R. Strye Jr. (Alternate – 2 yr term)	12/31/16
Reverend William Matz	12/31/16
Gail Kromer	12/31/17
Nancy Shiffert Herman	12/31/18
Michael Macy	12/31/19

LIBRARY BOARD:

3 – Year Terms Expire

Amanda Brazee	12/31/15
Roberta Targonski	12/31/16
Dr. Barbara Fischl	12/31/17

VACANCY BOARD:

1 – Year Term Expires

Gail Kromer	12/31/15
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

1 – Year Term Expires

Troy Keenhold	12/31/15
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There being no further business, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Brian F. Regn, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President