

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JANUARY 5, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:25 p.m. at the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Building immediately following the Bi-Annual Reorganization Meeting. 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, Robert DeNero, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Pompei and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Council President Chiavaroli brought discussion to the floor about revisions to the Borough By-Laws and changes to the Committee structure which the Borough currently has in place. Specifically, Chiavaroli stated that he had visited the idea of disbanding the Technology Committee and replacing it with a Code Enforcement Committee while placing a technology budget allocation within individual department budgets. Christopher Crook stated availability should be part of the deliberations and that he is available for meetings and interactions during some daytime hours but not every day and that some members are employed and do not have leeway to interact with Borough professionals and administrative staff during regular business hours. Crook emphasized that availability should be part of the discussion and should have merit with the final decisions about this issue. Laureen Pellegrino had questions who would be making recommendations concerning departmental technology issues and establishing a Technology Budget.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to move forward with revising the Borough By-Laws and make the recommended changes to the Committee makeup to include deletion of the Council Technology Committee and the addition of the Code Enforcement Committee.

The motion passed. There were two (2) "No" votes cast by Councilpersons Pellegrino and Green.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Sherry Payonk of Seip Avenue had questions about the Borough newsletter and about tax bills from the new Tax Collector. Payonk also asked who will take care of Technology matters if committee changes are approved.

Nadine Johnson of Seip Avenue had questions about snow and ice removal and property owner's responsibility for cleaning their sidewalks. Johnson said there is still lots of residual ice and snow at the corner property of Seip Avenue where Spring Street ends.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's Meeting Minutes from the business meeting of December 1, 2025 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr., seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2025 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2025	\$	50,095.79
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2025	\$	251,467.59
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	442,777.57
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	142,442.26
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	492,873.36
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	393,909.85
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	156,482.89
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	256,523.47
General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2025	\$	79,867.00
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2025	\$	137,386.38
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	9,560.40
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	8,808.69
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$	8,531.25
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,810.89
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,096.18
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	84,239.82
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	741,174.00
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	204,889.62
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	42,464.35
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	28,737.94
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	323,956.20
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,680,313.88

Kayla Green moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$413,006.36. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to re-appoint James M. Buskirk to a three (3 yr) year term on the Library Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to establish the following 2026 Pool Admission rates. ...Adults weekdays \$13, weekends and holidays \$15...Juniors ages 4 - 17 weekdays \$9...weekends and holidays \$11...Senior Citizens ages 62 and older - weekdays \$7...weekends and holidays \$9 - Children under 4 yrs - Free

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to establish the following 2026 Pool Pass rates. Pool Pass rates for a Family of four people are \$295 and \$30 for each family member above four...proof of family affiliation will be required with names being added to the actual Passes. There is no residency requirement. Senior Adult (Ages 18-61) Pool Passes will be \$175, Junior Pool Passes (Ages 5-17) will be \$150 and Senior Citizen Pool Passes will be \$100. There will be no "pre-season" incentive discounts. Michael Kopach asked if there were any increases in rates from 2025 and was told that daily admission rates, with motion passage, will remain unchanged.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve "Free" Pool admission on July 4, 2026 for all veterans and active military personnel and one dollar (\$1) Pool admission for everyone on Nazareth Day, Saturday, July 18, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the following "one day" rental rates for Borough Pavilions...Large Pavilion \$150 for each of two quadrants, Small Pavilion \$150 for the entire Pavilion, Park Gazebo \$100, Kiwanis Park Pavilion \$50 and Essroc Park Pavilions \$100.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote cast by Laureen Pellegrino.

Finance: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 26, the yearly resolution prohibiting member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for all of 2026 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 2026,

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 2026, are hereby eliminated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the remittance of Payment #1 of 6 payments to the Nazareth Moravian Church in the amount \$72,298.91 for the purchase of Moravian Woods. Payments #1 through Payment #6 will all be for the same amount of \$72,298.91 and will all fall due and be paid, immediately following January Business Meeting approval for each year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to hire the public accounting firm of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits to do the annual Borough audit for 2025 and submit it to the Pennsylvania DCED by the March 31, 2026 deadline. Cost of the Audit in 2025 was \$14,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to hire the public accounting firm of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits to do the annual Borough audit of Tax Collector Carole Bowers for 2025. Cost of the Audit in 2025 was \$7,350.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to name Alfred Pierce as the Borough's 2026 "delegate" to the Northampton County Tax Collection Commission (NCTCC) and Paul Kokolus as the Borough's "alternate delegate".

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the refund of the \$100 deposit of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce following their Christmas in Nazareth event and the successful cleanup.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the refund of the \$100 deposit of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce following their "Claus Comes to the Circle"/Tree Lighting event and the successful cleanup.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to accept the accounting and reporting of delinquent 2025 Nazareth Borough real estate tax payers as presented by outgoing tax collector, Carole Bowers. The list will be sent on to Northampton County for collection of the delinquent taxes. Michael Kopach requested the amount of delinquencies and was told that the preliminary number was just over \$58,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to officially recognize and offer Council congratulations to our new Chief of Police, Randall Pompei.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to officially recognize and congratulate our new Police Sergeants, Sergeant Tyler Ferri and Sergeant Brandon Rader

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Robert DelNero seconded a motion to hire Kerry Frey and Raymond Fogel as Auxiliary Police Officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to request a "Change of Scope" for the recently received 2025 Norco Public Safety Grant requesting funding for 15 gas masks. The requested change would transfer the funding (\$11,900.00) for the purchase of a Police Drone. Laureen Pellegrino asked if we no longer need gas masks or if that is something that should be a future purchase or grant request.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve grant Resolution No. 1 - 25 - C, certifying Council's endorsement and approval of the Change of Scope from the 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant, requesting a change of funding to a police drone, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, has applied for and received a 2025 Northampton County, Public Safety Grant and now seeks a Change of Scope for the grant use,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Police Department, serves all of our Borough's policing needs and additionally provides assistance to Fire and Ambulance calls,

WHEREAS, policing today requires technological updates in equipment to assist it with enforcement duties and the eventual prosecution of those who break the law,

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 2025 Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program to help fund the purchase of a Police Drone, accompanying equipment, training and examination fees to provide important aerial surveillance capabilities to our Police Department. The assistance of the Northampton County Public Safety Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important policing acquisition. The Borough seeks eleven thousand, three hundred and eighty two (\$11,382.66) dollars and sixty six cents in grant assistance and is prepared to provide the required match in the amount of five thousand, six hundred and ninety one (\$5,691.33) dollars and thirty three cents in grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality Borough Council has chosen President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as designated signers to affirm this important grant filing. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer 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 2026 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Police Incident Report of Activity for December 2025 from our IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

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The motion passed unanimously..

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to re-appoint Jason Hasker to serve a four (4 yr) year term on the Borough's Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously..

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to appoint Mark L. Bausch to serve a three (3 yr) year term on the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to re-appoint Barbara Fischl to a one (1 yr) year term on the Borough's Vacancy Board

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

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to re-appoint Carl R. Strye Jr. to a five year term on the Nazareth Day Commission.

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

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to set times and dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green 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 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to direct the Secretary-Treasurer to send a notice to each resident with a handicapped parking space reminding them of their obligation to annually submit a renewal application on or before June 1, 2026 or they will lose their space. The fee for a renewal application is \$10.00 for the year. Carl R. Strye Jr. had questions about the verbiage of the motion saying that they are not entitled to ownership of a spot but have the privilege of parking in a handicapped designated spot instead. Council, by voice vote, approved amending the motion to say that "those with a handicapped approved designation" are allowed to park in a handicapped parking space anywhere within the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Robert DelNero seconded a motion to approve the Zoning and Code Officer's Report for December 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting The December 2025 Refuse and Recycling Report was presented and approved as presented.

Robert DelNero moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to re-appoint Earl C. Keller to a five year term on the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to re-appoint Daniel Chiavaroli to serve a 5 year term on the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for December 2025

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the re-appointment of Michael White to a one (1 yr) year term as the Borough's Emergency Management Director.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report for December 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to acknowledge the recent award of an LSA Statewide Gaming Grant to Nazareth Borough for the purchase of a Public Works Chevrolet Tahoe multi-purpose 4 x 4 SUV. The grant award is for \$50,000.00 of the quoted price of \$54,171.00 making the Borough match \$4,171.00 if the COSTARS contracted price quote has not expired..

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht to proceed with locating a COSTAR vendor who has an available 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV so that the Statewide LSA Grant contract for its purchase can be realized.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for the month of December 2025. Mayor Colondo proceeded to congratulate new Chief of Police Randall Pompei and new Sergeants Tyler Ferri and Brandon L. Rader.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 26 - A which formally appoints members of the various boards and commissions for the Year 2026 and lists their terms of office in their appointed positions, 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:

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION:</u>	<u>4 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Barbara Fischl	12/31/26
Becky Butz	12/31/27
Dan Lowe	12/31/27
Mark Ortwein	12/31/28
Jason Hasker	12/31/29

<u>NAZARETH DAY COMMISSION:</u>	<u>5 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Donald D. Broad	12/31/26
Sue Abt	12/31/27
Robert E. Simpson	12/31/28
Lisa Borick	12/31/29
Carl R. Strye Jr.	12/31/30

<u>CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:</u>	<u>6 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Alan Koch	12/31/27
Barbara Fischl	12/31/28
Dan Lowe	12/31/30

<u>MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:</u>	<u>5 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Robert L. Krause	12/31/26
Andrea Martin	12/31/27
AJ Ressler	12/31/28
Becky Bartlett (Upper Nazareth)	12/31/29
Werner Fornos Jr	12/31/29
Earl C. Keller	12/31/30

<u>ZONING HEARING BOARD:</u>	<u>3 - Year Terms Expire</u>
Ryan Wheatley	12/31/26
Robert E. Simpson	12/31/27
Mark L. Bausch	12/31/28

NAZARETH AMBULANCE BOARD:

-Vacant- (Alternate 1 yr term)
Robert Stoudt
-Vacant- (Alternate 2 yr term)
Carl R. Strye Jr.
Kaitlin Betley
Jeffrey Corpora
Daniel Chiavaroli

5 – Year Terms Expire

12/31/26
12/31/26
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12/31/27
12/31/28
12/31/29
12/31/30

LIBRARY BOARD:

Cindy Corpora
Christopher D. Crook
James M. Buskirk

3 – Year Terms Expire

12/31/26
12/31/27
12/31/28

VACANCY BOARD:

Barbara Fischl

1 – Year Term Expires

12/31/26

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Michael White

1 – Year Term Expires

12/31/26

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl. seconded by Michael Kopach, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President