

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JULY 5, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Vice President Carl A. Fischl, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jessica Teel, Laureen Pellegrino, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green, 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 President Daniel Chiavaroli.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 - 22 - A which commends and thanks retiring Ambulance Corps Board member, Nancy Shiffert-Herman. The Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize, publicly honor and thank those citizens who have played a role in impacting the lives of our residents,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Ambulance Corps has served our community for decades, providing life saving emergency service, responsible and reliable patient transport and service not only to our Borough but also to Gracedale and the other assisted living and retirement facilities in our area,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Nazareth Ambulance Corps has determined policy, made critical medical and financial decisions and has overseen the rise to stability and the continued prosperity of the Nazareth Ambulance Corps for the last two decades,

WHEREAS, Nancy Shiffert-Herman, a seventeen year member of the Nazareth Ambulance Board and a healthcare professional, has announced her retirement from active service with the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Nancy Shiffert-Herman be shown the gratitude of all in Nazareth Borough government and all Borough residents for her contributions of medical guidance, nursing and patient care plus her expertise in scheduling and management, to the overall operation of the Nazareth Ambulance Corps. Shiffert-Herman, since her initial appointment on January 3, 2005, was an active contributor to the committee which did the planning, the layout, the financing and the oversight for the construction of the new Ambulance headquarters on Seip Avenue while interacting with the general contractor and the lender to insure that the Corp's best interests were served. She consistently saw to the allocation of Ambulance medical supplies and training so that patient transport safety was maximized and she did so by prioritizing that the best in healthcare transport was always provided first and foremost. All in Nazareth have benefited not only from Nancy Shiffert-Herman's contributions to the Corps but from the effects that her input

has had to make Nazareth a better place in which to live and work. Council and the Ambulance Corps are both grateful and appreciative for all that Nancy Shiffert-Herman has done. The Secretary is directed to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Nancy Shiffert-Herman upon her retirement and we are most honored by her presence here in the Chamber this evening. We wish Nancy Shiffert-Herman only the very best.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Nancy Shiffert-Herman to the front of the Chamber and read the Resolution. Ms. Shiffert-Herman was invited to say a few words and expressed her appreciation to Council and the Borough and told everyone that she had enjoyed serving.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 22 which commends, honors and thanks departing six year Council member Jessica Teel. The Resolution follows:

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

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Jessica Teel is leaving Borough Council having served two terms on Council, Second Ward and in various other roles within our government group,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough of Nazareth is a better and safer place because of the dedication, efforts and accomplishments of Jessica Teel. Councilwoman Teel served in various capacities while in office, first as Chairperson of the Borough's Fire Committee before assuming the leadership of the Finance Committee. Importantly, Jessica was liaison to the Nazareth Council of Governments and assisted in the establishment of our current Animal Control and Feral Cat Programs. In those roles, she interacted with citizens directly through neighborhood walks to help solve situations that had reached crises levels. through her direct efforts and personal searches for solutions, programs began that reached reasoned outcomes and a better quality of life for those who were affected. As finance Chairperson, she oversaw the all important financial structure of our Borough while assuming annual budget and insurance renewal guidance and oversight. Borough finances are in a very good and stable place due to her leadership role there. Councilwoman Teel's contributions to our Borough have impacted us all in a better way and her distinguished demeanor and approachability has brought pride to all of us on Council. Jessica Teel will be greatly missed by her Council contemporaries and by the residents of our Borough who benefitted greatly from her vision, her devotion and most of all their interaction with a woman we are proud to call our very own. Nazareth Borough Council congratulates and thanks Jessica Teel for all that she has given and all that she was able to accomplish and directs the Secretary to issue a

certificate, memorializing this resolution, upon completion of her time in office as a Second Ward Councilwoman.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following warm best wishes and hearty applause, Mayor Colondo called Jessica Teel to the front of the Chamber to accept the Resolution and to address Council and those in attendance. Following an emotional moment and her words of appreciation, Councilwoman Teel, remained in the Chamber for her final Business Meeting on Council. Her resignation is effective July 6, 2022.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2022 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2022 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2022	\$ 1,435,473.52
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand May 31, 2022	\$ 638,072.91
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 289,974.15
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 137,913.36
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 1,725,447.67
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 775,986.27
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 491,883.07
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 58,874.68
General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2022	\$ 1,233,564.60
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2022	\$ 717,111.59
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 2,204.69
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 473,552.34
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 196,216.38
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$ 298,852.18
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$ 1,132,178.66
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$ 25,700.50
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$ 4,079,380.94

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$550,757.75.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve use of the Amphitheater on various Monday and Friday evenings through November of 2022 by the Nazareth Soccer Club for conditioning and training

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve use of the Essroc Fields Soccer complex by Nazareth Youth Soccer for the Fall 2022 season

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to grant "all day" free meter parking in the downtown on Friday, July 15, 2022 and Saturday, July 16, 2022 for Sidewalk Sales, Nazareth Night Out and Nazareth Day events.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new ice machine to be placed in the maintenance building in the Park. The purchase price of the machine is \$4,265.00 and it will serve the needs of both the Pool staff and the Public Works crew.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - 22 - B which supports the Borough's submission of a 2022 Northampton County GROWNORCO Grant to rebuild the basketball courts in the Park as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2022 GROWNORCO Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to remove the current basketball courts in the Park, re-excavate the base of the courts and then totally rebuild, macadam and re-line the entire playing surface,

WHEREAS, the need for the entirety of this improvement has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Public Property Committee so that recreational opportunities will continue to be available for instructions, league play and Nazareth Day activities,

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 Northampton County GROWNORCO Grant Program to help fund the demolition and rebuilding of the basketball courts in its Borough Park. The current courts were greatly impacted by the dramatically increased use they incurred due to the public health crises in 2020 and 2021. That use was substantial so much so that the Borough Engineer has deemed the current courts beyond repair and at the point that they cannot be rejuvenated by normal yearly seal coating and relining and are

now in need of total replacement. Large cracks and the shifting of the playing surface have made the courts a critical need if they are to continue to be utilized as part of the Borough's expanding recreational programs. Mandated school closures during the Pandemic made indoor facility use not an option and as a result, the basketball courts saw almost constant use at a time when outdoor activity and practices were only allowed in fresh air venues. The assistance of the Northampton County GROWNORCO Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important infrastructure replacement. The Borough seeks fifty thousand (\$50, 000.00) dollars in grant assistance and is prepared to provide an equal amount in grant match funding to make this replacement project a reality and to see Nazareth recreation continue to offer only the very best in updated and maintained facilities. 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 and the required overage in the Borough's 2023 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: No report.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to continue advertising for alternate school crossing guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to continue advertising for alternate school crossing guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to direct the Civil Service Commission to compile a "one year list of candidates" and to begin advertising for full time Police Officer candidates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to accept with regret, the resignation of part time Police Officer Nick Timar. Timar has served 27 years as a part time officer with the Nazareth Police Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for May 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for June 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to appoint Jessica Teel to fill an eighteen (18) month unexpired term on the Nazareth Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the June 2022 Code Enforcement Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance for the Borough's adoption of the 2021 version of the International Property Maintenance Code. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Strye, Teel, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Donello, Green and Crook. Eight (8) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #871 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space for Wayne Albert at 218 N. Church Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance to re-codify the Borough's entire Code of Ordinances.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the I-Works software billing system for Borough Refuse and Recycling invoicing. The Year One cost of the software is \$21,700.00 with Year Two costs of \$13,000.00 and Year Three costs of \$13,000.00

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: No report.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the partial paving of Victory Lane at a cost of \$164,176.00 by Barker & Barker Paving and Excavating of Bethlehem, PA. The project was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation twice (March 2022 and April 2022) with no respondents so prices were sought by our Public Works Superintendent. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook told Council that the Borough is saving \$70,000.00 and staying closer to budgeted figures by splitting the job into two years. the second portion of the Victory Lane is expected to be paved in the Summer of 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of June 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for June 2022. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone about Nazareth Night Out and Nazareth Day and the Fireworks Show.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 7:15 pm, on a motion by Kayla Green seconded by Lauren Pellegrino, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President