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

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 159 West Center Street. 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 F. DelNero, Kayla Green, and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Pompei and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular Business Meeting of September 8, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Kayla Green seconded by Laureen Pellegrino, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2026 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2026	$	113,050.13
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2026	$	45,709.01
General Fund--Total Receipts	$	275,780.19
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	$	188,870.52
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	$	388,830.32
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	$	234,579.53
General Fund--Total Disbursements	$	366,937.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	$	155,636.39
General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2026	$	21,893.30
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2026	$	78,943.14
ESSA Payroll Account	$	4,683.95
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	$	13,726.84
Embassy Bank Park Account	$	2,792.95
Embassy Bank American Rescue	$	8,540.83
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	$	2,818.02
Embassy Bank K-9 Account	$	2,818.02
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	$	30,721.56
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	$	2,151.76
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	$	364,833.19

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	$	686,935.54
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	$	362,890.53
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	$	50,323.09
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	$	371,681.90
Total of All Borough Funds.....	$	2,023,459.42

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling $522,573.41.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve payment for the rental of two Porta Potties for use at the Halloween Parade and the Fall Festival both on October 17, 2026. Cost of the rental is approximately $500.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Adult Soap Box Derby to be held on June 5, 2027 on West Prospect Street. The Lehigh Valley Council of Churches has already filed the required Event Registration Form and Certificate of Insurance and deposit and will not be charged for extra police services for the event. The Lehigh Valley Council of Churches has assured Council that they will supply volunteers to man several of the street closures and a number of the affected intersections.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to allow a banner to be placed in the Circle for seven (7) days prior to the Nazareth Downtown Business Association's Stars Hollow event. The banner cannot be larger than four feet in length and two feet high and will need to be placed in a specified area of the Circle...yet to be determined by the Public Property Committee. Council discussion and questions followed. Christopher D. Crook asked if permissions for sign postings could be limited to events held in the downtown.

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

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the 2026 Borough's State Pension aid in the amount of $115,744.31.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the 2026 Borough's Public Utility Tax Act rebate in the amount of $3,298.43. The Borough's only property for a claim is the Verizon building on North Whitfield Street which does not pay Borough Real Estate Taxes. Last year's stipend was $3,030.26.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Act 44 Disclosure Form received from Conrad Siegel, Inc, the Borough's Police Pension Plan Actuary. All contractors who provide professional pension services and receive payments from the actual pension fund of the municipality, are required to do this filing on an annual basis.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to certify the deposit of $38,562.01 into the PLGIT Reserve account on September 22, 2026 at a rate of 3.92%. The funds are being moved from our account at Embassy Bank.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to certify the deposit of $115,000 into the PLGIT Reserve account on September 24, 2026 at a rate of 3.91%. The funds are being moved from our account at Embassy Bank and represent the 2026 State Pension Aid we have received. We have 30 days before we are mandated to deposit $86,099 of the funds into the Police Pension Fund.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to certify the deposit of $40,000 from the Borough's Park Fund into the PLIGIT Prime Fund at a rate of 3.80% on September18, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to formally accept the resignation of Jamie Hricko as a regularly scheduled, part time police officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the final version of the new, five year police collective bargaining agreement with completed revisions as agreed between the parties.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to turn-over the recently received Fireman's Relief State Aid in the amount of $38,562.01. After receipt, the Borough annually turns over these proceeds to Nazareth Fireman's Relief.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Reports for August 2026 and September 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to repair and paint the front of the Firehouse through partial grant funding at a cost, not to exceed $15,000. The required grant match for this project is $7,500.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance amendment, amending Chapter 27, Zoning, to define Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses; to add Data Centers as a "permitted use" by special exception in the light industrial and extractive industrial zoning districts; and to add specific requirements to regulate data centers and data center accessory uses.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise an amendment to the motor vehicle ordinance which will increase the penalty from $25.00 to "up to $600.00", for failure to get a permit prior to the closing of a Borough Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Robert F. DelNero moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Report of the Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer for September 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering monthly report of activity for September 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the Report of the Borough's Environmental Specialist for September 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of September 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads in the Nazareth Key to advise citizens of the Borough's procedures for the Fall 2026 collection of leaves. The Secretary is also directed to place this information on the Borough website.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for September 2026 and extended invitations to all of the October 2026 Borough events like the Halloween Parade, Fall Festival, Cars N' Coffee event in the Park, Trick or Treat Night and the County Awards Ceremony on October 8, 2026 in the chambers of Northampton County Council.

Solicitor: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The regular Business Meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session for a contractual matter at 6:26 pm.

There being no further business at 7:05 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl seconded by Michael Kopach, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary Daniel Chiavaroli, President