

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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 Carl A. Fischl, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jeffrey Corpora, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green, and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Albert Kortze Police Chief Randall Miller 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 August 7, 2023 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Laureen Pellegrino seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2023 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2023	\$	942,483.06
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2023	\$	714,430.88
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	461,107.27
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	18,555.92
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,403,590.33
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	732,986.80
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	483,981.10
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	73,651.46
General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2023	\$	919,609.23
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2023	\$	659,335.34
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	2,840.94
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	344,063.16
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	75,561.80
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	60,674.68
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$	8,499.78
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,913.75
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	611,658.69
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	1,135,255.59
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	659,098.25

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Pool/Park Acct)	\$	201,716.98
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	26,881.00
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	3,577,780.37

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$545,965.63.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of the Lehigh Conference of Churches for the 2024 Adult Soapbox Derby Race to be held on June 1, 2024 beginning with practice from 8:00 am till 11:00 am and the actual race event from noon till 5:00 pm. The event will require the closure of West Prospect Street from South Main Street to Wood Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion approve Resolution No. 9 -23 - A which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2023 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant for the Acquisition and Preservation of Black Rock Woods as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a Statewide Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to preserve greenspace and open areas and acquire new lands when the opportunity to do so arises,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth pursues opportunities to add to its network of trails, bike paths and walking and picnic areas,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to acquire and then place in preservation a 39 acre parcel known as Black Rock Woods from its current owner, the Nazareth Moravian Congregation,

WHEREAS, the need for this purchase of land has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Public Property Committee as it seeks to expand its parks and recreational network while preserving for posterity, additional greenspace,

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 Statewide Local Share Account Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this 39 acre wooded parcel within its municipal boundaries. Nazareth Borough has steadily expanded its parks network to accommodate its increasingly younger population and in so doing has realized the importance of preserving open areas. To this end, Nazareth Borough pursues all opportunities to ensure that all areas available for preservation are first purchased and then through the assistance of the

Northampton County Land Preservation Process. The assistance of the Statewide Local Share Account Gaming Grant Program is solicited to help fund this most important land acquisition and preservation. The Borough seeks six hundred and fifty thousand (\$650,000.00) dollars in Statewide LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide all required grant match funding to make this acquisition become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Paul A. Kokolus, 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 Municipal Operating Budget following firm establishment of the purchase price expected to be in the vicinity of \$1.2 million, following negotiations..

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 23 - B which certifies the Borough's endorsement of a which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2023 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant for fire equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 23 - D which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking grant assistance for the purchase of a Chevrolet "Box" type ambulance as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is pleased to serve as the municipal sponsor for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its initiative to seek and apply for a 2023 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new "Box: type ambulance to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport patients safely and comfortably to hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices for emergency care,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed vehicle and upgrade for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps has been deemed critically important by its Board of Directors and the Borough as well as by the community and the senior facilities which the Corps serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough wholly endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the 2023 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a Type III "Box" ambulance. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps responds to almost 8,000 advanced life support and basic life support 9-1-1 calls plus nearly 5,000 Gracedale patient transports. The Corps' ambulances also provide critical mutual aid to other areas within Northampton County and responses often take their vehicles hours away from the Corp headquarters in the Borough. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions which our Ambulance Corps makes in

performing its life saving and transport duties and accordingly, readily endorses this initiative to seek the assistance of the 2023 Northampton & Lehigh Counties Gaming Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 -23 - E which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking grant assistance for the purchase of a Ford T350 Transport Van as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is pleased to serve as the municipal sponsor for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its initiative to seek and apply for a 2023 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a 2023 Ford T350 Transport Van to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport patients safely and comfortably to hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices for therapies and regular care,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed vehicle and upgrade for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps has been deemed critically important by its Board of Directors and the Borough as well as by the community and senior facilities that the Corps serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough wholly endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the 2023 Monroe County LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of the 2023 Ford T350 Transport Van. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps transports nearly 5,000 Gracedale patients and countless other residents of the Borough and Upper Nazareth Township in its service area to hospitals, clinics and rehab facilities across eastern Pennsylvania. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions which our Ambulance Corps makes in performing its life saving and transport duties and accordingly, readily endorses this initiative to seek the assistance of the 2023 Monroe County Gaming Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the placement of two signs in the Circle for 30 days by the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity announcing their annual Touch A Truck Event and the Book Sale on October 7, 2023 at Tuskes Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the request of Action Karate for use of the Park on October 28, 2023 after 2:00 pm for a Trunk or Treat event. The event will follow the morning "Cops n' Coffee" event staged from 8:00 am till noon.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the replacement of the flooring in the office of the Police Administrative Assistant at a cost of \$1,046.96. Brian's Professional Flooring Company of Nazareth will do the needed work and install vinyl planking.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve an October 8, 2023 - 1:00 pm Playground Dedication event for the new facility adjacent to Council Chambers. The event will be open to the public and the invitation list will include district, state and county legislators, community leaders and the general public.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Greater Valley YMCA to conduct the 17th annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Race/Walk on Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 2023 from 9:00 am till noon. The YMCA will be required to complete an Events Contract, present a certificate of Insurance and provide a \$100 refundable deposit. They have requested some street closings beginning at 7:00 am as in years past.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Jeffrey Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the submission of a list of delinquent taxes, Refuse & Recycling fees and sewer charges to Northampton County for the September 2023 Upset Sale

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Police Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer calling for no Borough contribution because the Plan is overfunded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Non-Uniformed Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer calling for a Borough contribution of \$7,088.40 above the projected amount the Borough will receive in state pension aid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the renewal of Borough Health Insurance with Highmark Blue Shield PPO 500 for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. The renewal includes a 1.10% price increase from the preceding year and the following rates...Family Plan \$27,953 per year, Husband/Wife Plan \$21,688 per year,

Parent/Child Plan \$20,242 per year and Single Coverage Plan at \$9,640 per year. The Borough's total health insurance obligation will be \$298,492.00 which includes five (5) plan "buyouts".

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance change for the removal of the parking sign in front of the former Schubert's Bakery...now occupied by the Vista Grill.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the following changes to the rates of pay for school crossing guards following increases to the length of each crossing guard shift.... morning shift - \$22.00, afternoon shift - \$33.00 and a \$5.00 per shift bonus will be given to parking enforcement officers when they fill in for crossing guards as part of their regular parking enforcement shift. When parking enforcement officers are called in to work as substitute crossing guards on days or times during the day when they are not scheduled as parking enforcement officers, they will be paid as crossing guards at the crossing guard rate.

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

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance change which would set new regulations and traffic and parking patterns in the area of the Shafer Elementary School.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for July 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for July 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the 2023 Halloween Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the 2023 Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the low "alternate" bid of Engleman Construction, LLC for the complete removal/replacement of the floor of the Firehouse. The low "alternate" bid for the project was \$150,202.50 and the bid was formally approved by the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the report of the Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer for August 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Parking - Regulating Parking on Public Streets and establishing new "special" parking zones on Main Street in the vicinity of the Borough Municipal Offices. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the proposed ordinance were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, Donello, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #879 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 23 a resolution by which Nazareth Borough Council officially adopts the new Nazareth 2022 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation Agreement prepared and presented by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. as follows:

**A Resolution of the Borough of Nazareth to adopt the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation Agreement.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, as amended, Article III (85 P.S. 10301, et seq.), the Council of the Borough of Nazareth, participating with nine (9) other municipalities, and under the auspices of the Nazareth Area Council of Governments, with consultant services provided by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, participated in the preparation of the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, including the municipalities of Bath, Bushkill Township, Chapman, East Allen Township,

Lower Nazareth Township, Moore Township, Nazareth, Tatamy, Stockertown, and Upper Nazareth Township, consists of maps, charts and textual material covering the requirements as set forth in Section 301, 301.1, and 301.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Nazareth has complied with all the procedural notice, public hearing, and public comment requirements of Section 301.3 and 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Borough of Nazareth has adopted the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan requires a willingness by participating municipalities to develop, adopt and implement Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreements reinforcing the individual identities of each community and create the framework each municipality will use to achieve consistency with the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve an Electronics Recycling Event in our Park on September 14, 2023 from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm for Borough residents only. Christopher D. Crook asked that the motion be amended to include drop off and shredding for Nazareth Borough businesses. Council unanimously agreed to that amendment to the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for the Electronics Recycling event on September 14, 2023 in the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Kayla Green moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Phase One of the Infrastructure Overhaul of Borough IT with Infradapt at a cost of \$17,935. Discussion followed. Carl A. Fischl asked for an explanation of what this "Overhaul" would provide us with and what extra camera costs would be incurred going forward.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Semi-Annual Report of the Borough's Downtown Manager as presented at the Borough Workshop Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of August 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for August 2023.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 6:23 pm, on a motion by Carl Fischl, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President