

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--APRIL 6, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps 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 R. Strye Jr., Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Lauren Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Robert DelNero, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock and Police Chief Randall Pompei. Absent due to illness was Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street asked when the work at Council Chambers would be completed and Council would return there for their meetings.

Communications: None.

On a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr., seconded by Kayla Green, the Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of March 2, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2026 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2026	\$	38,269.08
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2026	\$	143,147.04
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	1,769,757.45
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	141,796.49
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,808,026.53
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	284,943.53
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	807,597.71
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	169,095.94
General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2026	\$	1,000,428.82
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2026	\$	115,847.59
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	91,508.33
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	7,744.73
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	13,871.88
Embassy Bank - American Rescue Plan	\$	8,534.41
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,811.93
Embassy Bank - K-9 Unit	\$	34,995.97
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,114.50
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	12,098.86
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	748,103.40

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	206,805.17
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	42,860.88
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	30,189.47
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	266,725.18
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,584,641.12

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$976,693.65.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a donation of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars to American Legion Post 415 to help subsidize costs associated with the annual Memorial Day Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the rental of a public address sound system for the Memorial Day Parade Honors service at Council Chambers at a cost not to exceed two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the YMCA Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2026 in our Park from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. Use of the Small Pavilion is specifically requested. We do have a deposit, a signed contract and insurance certificates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the June 27, 2026 Cat Country 96 event at Paradise Dogs (formerly Potts' Hot Dogs) at 307 South Broad Street. The event will begin at 11:00 am and end at 3:00 pm and a promotional tent will occupy the sidewalks.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the reservation of the Large Pavilion in the Park by St. John's Lutheran Church on August 9, 2026 for their annual Communion Breakfast. They have also reserved this event on RecDesk and provided the necessary contract, insurance and deposit

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of Kathy Heller, the Nazareth representative and coach for the U.S Tennis Association Junior Team, for use of

the tennis courts in the Park, each Friday during Spring and Summer from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for practices and matches.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Rotary Club to hold its annual Duck Race on Nazareth Day, Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Pool.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-26 granting the Nazareth Brew Company 2026 permission for the placement of tables and chairs on the sidewalk in front of 35 Belvidere Street. The Pennsylvania LCB has requested a new Borough resolution for 2026 with language that allows year long sidewalk use although an agreement has been reached with our Zoning and Code Officer that limits that use to April through October of each year as it was stated in the previous resolution. The Resolution follows:

A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Nazareth to waive the application of Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Borough of Nazareth Code of Ordinances against Nazareth Brew Company and its customers located at 35 E. Belvidere Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits the consumption of alcohol in any public place within the Borough;

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Brew Company located at 35 E. Belvidere Street desires to serve alcoholic beverages to its customers for consumption at outside tables located on the sidewalk area adjacent to Belvidere Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that: The Council of the Borough of Nazareth waives the application of Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Borough of Nazareth Code of Ordinances against Nazareth Brew Company and its customers located at 35 E. Belvidere Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania under the following conditions:

1. All outdoor seating at this location shall be placed immediately in front of and adjacent to 35 E. Belvidere Street and shall not impede the flow of pedestrian traffic on the public sidewalk;
2. The consumption of alcohol shall be restricted to the outdoor seating area immediately in front of and adjacent to 35 E. Belvidere Street;
3. Outdoor seating shall only be utilized between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. on all days of the calendar year.
4. This waiver of Chapter 6, Part 2 is done entirely at the discretion of the Borough Council and may be revoked by Borough Council at any time, for any reason.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the payment of two invoices for the Library. TKE Elevator Services will do yearly inspection services for \$1,560.00 and Alan Kunsman & Company will repair a roof leak at a cost of \$1,800.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the purchase of twelve (12) shelving units for the new storage area at Council Chambers. The cost of each 4-shelf unit is \$300.00 for a total cost of \$3,600.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to grant permission to the Nazareth Soccer Club to do two phases of turf remediation to the ESRROC Fields Soccer facility. The remediation would include fertilization, leveling of some areas and soil aeration.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the purchase of ten (10) new benches to be placed around the perimeter of the Veteran's Memorial Park ballfield. The cost of each bench is \$590.00 plus shipping. The total cost of the purchase is not to exceed \$6,600.00 and all purchase funds are to be taken from Borough Rec Funds which currently stand at \$24,738.94.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to certify submission of the 2025 Annual Borough Audit to PA DCED by our CPA Auditing firm, Campbell, Rappold and Yurasits. The official submission was made electronically by the Auditor on March 31, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Disabled Veteran's Real Estate Tax Exemptions for Thomas Rinker of 351 Madison Avenue and William Kupec of 139 North Broad Street following official notification by Northampton County and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to certify submission of the Bi-Annual Act 205 Pension Report for both our Defined Benefit Police Pension Plan and our Defined Contribution Non-Uniformed Pension Plan by our Actuary, Conrad Siegel, Inc. to the Office of the PA Auditor General. Both Plans were signed and certified by the Borough Council President and the Secretary/Treasurer on March 11, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to deposit \$500,000 of Borough funds into the Borough's "Class" PLGIT Prime account...at 3.75%

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to deposit \$150,000 of Liquid Fuels money into the State Fund PLGIT Prime account at an interest rate of 3.75% pending and conditioned upon receipt of the annual funding.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the First Quarter Report of the Nazareth Economic Development Commission and Downtown Manager Lisa Borick.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the American Legion Post 415 to stage the annual Memorial Day Parade through the downtown on Monday, May 25, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am. Approval includes the Honors Service at Council Chambers which follows the Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to accept the resignation of full time police officer, Jonathan Fabian. A letter of resignation was received on March 26, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to send a letter to former Officer Jonathan Fabian seeking a partial return of his Sign-On Bonus. The correspondence must include a copy of the original signed Sign-On Bonus Contract and a detailed breakdown of credits that Officer Fabian has accrued plus the amount due that he is required to remit to the Borough

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a handicapped parking space to Zinnia Mercado at 32 Easton Road. The space to be granted is in the rear of the property as parking is not permitted in the front of residences on either side along Easton Road

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to retain Officer Thomas Grube as a full-time patrol officer following expiration of his probationary period on April 13, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to notify the Civil Service Commission that Council intends to fill two patrol officer positions at its meeting on May 4th and, as a result, requests that the Commission certify to Council a list of the top four (instead of three) candidates from the Civil Service's eligibility list prior to that date. Council discussion followed presentation of the motion. Carl R. Strye Jr. asked how many full time officers we would then have if the hiring of two officers was approved by Council. Laureen Pellegrino asked for a further clarification of the how many candidates could be presented for approval and whether approval of this motion meant that the hiring was formally approved. The Solicitor said that was not the case and that individual hiring would be voted on and decisions would be made by future motions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to hire Dylan McGinley as a part-time patrol officer conditioned on his successful completion of the required background checks and physical examination.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to hire Melvin Vaughan as a part time Parking Enforcement Officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the March 2026 Fire Chief's Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Emergency Management Report for March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a Pool Pass rate of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for a single Firefighter Pass and seventy five (\$75.00) dollars for a Family Firefighter Pass for the 2026 swimming season.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance that establishes rules, regulations and fees for Move-In/Move-Out Permits. The motion passed unanimously. Council discussion followed. Carl A. Fischl asked how the ordinance would be administered with passage and if there were processes in place for enforcement for transgressors. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl,

Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #903 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to advertise for an amendment to the Parking Ordinance in order to establish one (1) fifteen minute parking space on the west side of South Broad Street at the Fidelity Bank location. A voice vote was inconclusive and the President ordered a Roll Call vote. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Kopach and Pellegrino...two (2) voting "Yes". Voting "No" were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "No" and the motion fails.

Code Enforcement: Robert DelNero moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report for March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering Report for March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Report of the Environmental Specialist for March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of March 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the 2026 low bid of New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company for the following Aggregate and Pavement Material bids which are part of the annual aggregate bid and roadway materials solicitation. Low bids were submitted for approval by New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company. The Borough Engineer has examined the bids and recommends the following approvals, all for plant pickup:

Pavement Aggregates and Materials

- AASHTO #10 at a cost of \$21.75 per ton.
- AASHTO #8 at a cost of \$35.50 per ton.
- AASHTO #57 at a cost of \$20.00 per ton.
- AASHTO #2A at a cost of \$11.85 per ton.
- 12.5mm Superpave at a cost of \$67.60 per ton.
- UPM High Performance Cold Patch at a cost of \$150.00 per ton.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the 2026 low bids for the following pavement materials and award the contract to Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc. for the following items to be picked up at their facility:

- 9.5mm Superpave at a cost of \$67.17 per Ton.
- 25mm Superpave at a cost of \$54.48 per Ton.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the placement of two signs in the Circle for a period of thirty (30) days for the Memorial Library's Pet Parade to be held on May 30, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for March 2026. The Mayor pointed to Police Chief Pompei's report highlighting over a 70% reduction in overtime compared to 2025 and cited the significance of that reduction.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: Carl R. Strye Jr. stated that all future Borough projects should be finalized to include a complete "final" accounting cost breakdown of all labor, engineering, legal and administrative expenditures to establish what the entire project actually entails financially.

New Business: Daniel Chiavaroli told Council that he had decided on the committees that would be negotiating the upcoming labor contracts with both our Police Officers and our Public Works employees. The Police contract group would be headed by Councilman Carl Fischl and would include Councilman Robert F. DelNero and Councilman Christopher D. Crook. The Public Works contract group would be led by Councilman Carl Strye who would be assisted by Councilwoman Laureen Pellegrino and Councilwoman Cindy Corpora.

There being no further business at 7:46 pm, on a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President

