

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JANUARY 6, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 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, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Miller, and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Councilperson Kayla Green.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 25 - A which commends and honors the Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band following another championship competition season, as follows:

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough Council finds it appropriate to publicly honor those young student musicians and bandfront performers who have been exceptional in their annual band competitions while also providing our community with great music at parades, school concerts and athletic events,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band annually competes in local, state and regional competitions which culminate with the naming of champions and the presentation of awards at the conclusion of musical and precision marching performances,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band has once again, during the Fall season of 2024, brought pride to our school district and our Borough with another victorious and championship campaign of band competitions throughout eastern Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Band Director Matt Tanzos and his band officers, band members, colorguards, drum major, student conductor, the band front and the support staff be congratulated and honored for all of their recent championships and their terrific accomplishments at the local, state and regional level. Even more impressive is their incomparable record in all of the band competitions which they enter. Current band members have won championships in each of their years and are renowned for their continued success. Nazareth Borough Council commends Matt Tanzos for his Band's tremendous achievements and similarly commends the student musicians, colorguards and staff while wishing them even more continued success. The Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band is renowned across our state, the Middle Atlantic Region and nationally and it has brought our parade attendees, parents and residents enjoyment and pride for decades with a tradition of musical excellence and marching precision. Nazareth Borough Council thanks Band Director Matt Tanzos, band boosters and the parents of band members who have supported this group of talented musicians and who have helped to make all of these successes a reality. Each year, Nazareth Borough Council proudly invites the Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band to headline our Memorial Day and Halloween Parades and they are unquestionably, the musical highlight for those events. Council directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Director Matt Tanzos and his talented and dedicated band officers and members as recognition for their recent championships, their musical prowess and their incredible careers

entertaining all of us here in our Borough. We are once again, honored by their presence here in the Chamber this evening.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo then called Band Director Matt Tanzos along with Band Officers to the front of the Chamber and read the Resolution before presenting them with copies. Loud applause followed along with Council's congratulatory handshakes and a number of picture opportunities. On behalf of his group of musicians, Tanzos told the assemblage that he was a Nazareth High School band member and loved his time with the band before graciously thanking everyone and then pointing to his talented group for their performance and musical abilities.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting of December 2, 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2024 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2024	\$ 78,423.75
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2024	\$ 101,366.32
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 384,288.09
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$ 152,723.94
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 462,711.84
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$ 254,090.26
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 432,950.43
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$ 164,729.66
General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2024	\$ 29,761.41
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2024	\$ 89,360.60
ESSA Payroll Account	\$ 4,601.24
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$ 9,819.21
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$ 2,841.24
Embassy Bank American Rescue Plan	\$ 8,518.46
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$ 32,979.64
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$ 2,012.83
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$ 716,836.21
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$ 709,878.65
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$ 122,330.14
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$ 2,179.27
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$ 28,737.94
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$ 490,459.87

Total of All Borough Funds..... \$ 2,250,316.71

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$432,950.43. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: No report.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 25, the yearly resolution prohibiting member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for all of 2024 as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Part 6C, 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 2025,

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 2025, are hereby eliminated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to hire the public accounting firm of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits to do the annual Borough audit for 2024 and submit it to the Pennsylvania DCED by the March 31, 2025 deadline. Cost of the Audit in 2024 was \$15,200.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Laureen Pellegrino 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 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to name Alfred Pierce as the Borough's 2025 "delegate" to the Northampton County Tax Collection Commission and Paul Kokolus as the Borough's "alternate delegate".

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution 1-25-E, again for 2025, adopting the provisions of Act 57 of 2022, which mandates that the Borough direct the Tax Collector to implement the act's provisions for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2025.

Act 57 directs the tax collector to specifically waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain qualifying situations as follows:

1. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership
2. For manufactured or mobile homes, the date of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a manufactured or mobile home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the manufactured or mobile home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl 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.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the refund of the \$100 deposit of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce following their Tree Lighting event and the successful cleanup.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise parameters, rates, compensation and office rental fees for the tax collector for the term beginning in 2026. Ads will be placed during February of 2025 so that interested persons can register to run for the office of tax collector.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to set the following rates and standards for the elected tax collector for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029. The elected tax collector will be compensated \$11,500 per year for the collection of Borough real estate taxes and will continue to receive \$5.00 for each tax duplicate bill. Rent for the office at 132 S. Main Street will be \$1,000 for the year 2026. The collector will be required to make weekly deposits of receipts and will provide the Treasurer with a report by the tenth day of each month.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2024 NEDC Fourth Quarter Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Dan Lowe to a six year term on the Borough's Civil Service Commission

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to appoint Christopher D. Crook to a three (3 yr) term on the Library Board.

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

Technology: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Borough's Police Incident Report of Activity for December 2024 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 appoint Mark Ortwein to serve a four (4 yr) year term on the Borough's Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously..

Michael Kopach moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to appoint Robert E. Simpson to serve a three (3 yr) year term on the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to 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 Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to appoint Lisa Borick to a five year term on the Nazareth Day Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to set times and dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino 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 2025.

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, 2025 or they will lose their space. The fee for a renewal application is \$10.00 for the year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Zoning and Code Officer's Report for December 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting The December 2024 Refuse and Recycling Report was presented and approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to table appointments to the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority until the February 2025 Business Meeting. The motion was tabled.

Fire: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for November 2024

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fireman's Money Raffle for Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fireman's Shamrock 5K Race/Walk for Saturday, March 16, 2025 at 10:00 am

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fireman's Road Rally for 4:00 pm on Nazareth Day July 19, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fireman's Firework's Show for Nazareth Day July 19, 2025 at 9:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to appoint Jeffrey Corpora to serve a five (5 yr) year term on the Ambulance Board. That term will end on December 31, 2029. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to appoint Kaitlin Betley to serve a one year term as an alternate on the Ambulance Board. The term will end on December 31, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Fireman's/Kiwanis Carnival in our Park for June 18, 2024, June 19, 2024, June 20, 2024 and June 21, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Halloween Parade to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the 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 Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report for December 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook told Council that he was expecting the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce to be in attendance at either the Workshop Meeting or the Business Meeting. Crook stated that he had questions about their plans for 2025 events and some of the details of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas In Nazareth. Laureen Pellegrino asked that the Secretary contact the Chamber and get formal confirmation that they will be at a specific future meeting so Council can prepare their questions.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for the month of December 2024.

Old Business: President Chiavaroli reminded Council that the Council picture still needed to be taken for the website. Chiavaroli also asked if anyone wanted individual pictures to change their current website photo and that if they did, to come prepared for the photo opportunity at the February Business Meeting..

New Business:

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Christopher D. Crook, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President