

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MAY 6, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 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 Larry Stoudt, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jessica Teel, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Christopher Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Mayor Colondo then took the floor and called Public Works employee Edward Statler to the front of the chamber. After expressing personal appreciation for his thirty nine years of service, Mayor Colondo then read a Borough Resolution honoring and thanking him not only for his Public Works employment but for the time Statler served with the Vigilance Hose Fire Company and for his many years as the Borough's Fire Marshall. An appreciative and somewhat emotional Statler accepted his award and commented on his April 30, 2019 retirement date before thanking Council for giving him the opportunity to serve both the Public Works Department and the Fire Company.

Larry Stoudt moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Borough Resolution No. 5 -19-C honoring and thanking Edward Statler on his retirement from public employment. The Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, Edward Statler has been an integral part of the Nazareth Borough Public Works Department since his hiring on May 28, 1980,

WHEREAS, Edward Statler has retired from his Borough employment, effective April 30, 2019 after nearly thirty nine years of serving our Borough in a variety of roles,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth wishes to honor a person who has helped our Borough in its day-to-day operations, its maintenance of parks and facilities and with other specialty services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby resolved by Borough Council assembled that Edward Statler be thanked and commended for his time as a Borough employee. For almost four decades, Edward Statler could be counted upon to provide repairs and upgrades to the Borough's buildings and facilities and with improvements to our Park and Pool while providing those same services during the setup of the offices the Borough purchased for its new headquarters at 134 S. Main Street in 2007. For that and all else that he has done on the Borough's behalf, Council again thanks and honors Edward Statler for his thirty nine years of employment and service and directs the Secretary to memorialize this Resolution for preservation in the Borough's official Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: None.

Communications:

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of April 1, 2019 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2019 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2019	\$	1,190,155.31
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2019	\$	424,004.88
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	502,875.20
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	87,426.98
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,693,030.51
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	511,431.86
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	690,150.65
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	58,255.74
General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2019	\$	1,002,879.86
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2019	\$	453,176.12
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	295.58
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	353,688.02
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	19,140.99
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	1,107,017.39
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,182.63
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,961,380.59

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$748,406.39

The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of April 2019 was presented and approved. There was one (1) "No" vote.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of April 2019 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for April 2019 was presented and approved as presented.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of April 2019 was approved as presented.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to hire three (3) summer employees at an hourly rate of thirteen (\$13.00) dollars per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to accept the retirement of Public Works employee Edward Statler after thirty nine (39 yr) years of employment following receipt of his letter requesting an April 30, 2019 retirement date. Statler also served the Borough for over thirty years as a volunteer fireman and for many years as the Borough's Fire Marshall and as Assistant Fire Chief.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to set up the framework for a Job Description for the Public Works Foreman's position in conjunction with the Public Works Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works employee Raymond Steinmetz. Steinmetz submitted a Letter of Resignation on Sunday, May 5, 2019 stating that his last day of Borough employment would be Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Steinmetz was hired in February of 2019 with his first official day of Borough employment on Monday, February 25, 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve direct the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare all separation documents for Raymond Steinemetz who is resigning from Borough Public Works employment. The Secretary/Treasurer is also directed to schedule and conduct an Employee Exit Interview with Steinmetz.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Jessica Teel presented the Fire Chief's Report for April 2019 and it was approved as presented.

Jessica Teel moved and Christopher Crook seconded a motion to donate one thousand (\$1,00.00) dollars to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company #1 to help subsidize the annual Nazareth Day Fireworks Display to be held at dusk on Saturday, July 20, 2019 in the Borough Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5-19-E, a resolution to grant full-time status to Brandon Rader as a full time police officer conditioned on the passage of all physical and psychological certifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce to again hold the Trunk or Treat Event on October 26, 2019 from 12 noon till 4:00 pm in the Borough Park

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to engage with Guitar Villa for the rental of the sound amplification equipment for the post Parade Honors Service at Council Chambers on May 27, 2019. One day cost of the rental which includes delivery and pickup is \$230. Discussion followed. Christopher Crook asked who would make the arrangements/cancellation of the services in the event of rain.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce to stage an Oktoberfest Celebration Event on South Main Street on September 28, 2019 from noon till 6:00 pm. The request asks for the closing of South Main Street from Belvidere Street to Walnut Street with the closing of the Main Street access to the Downtown Parking Lot. The approval is pending the purchase of all necessary permits and the passage of required background checks by our Police Department for all vendors plus fulfilling all of the requirements of the Borough's Parks/Facilities/Events Policy which requires a signed contract, a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar deposit and insurance certifications. Discussion followed. Carl Strye asked if the Main Street Parking Lot would be closed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Borough Resolution No. 5 - 19 - A which honors Pennsylvania 3A 120 lb. State Wrestling Champion Sean Pierson. Pierson is Nazareth High School's 25th State Champion as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and publicly honor those young athletes who have accomplished exceptional achievements in their chosen sport,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association annually conducts State Wrestling Championships which culminate with triumphant wrestlers rising above all others in their weight classification by winning a state championship,

WHEREAS, Nazareth High School wrestler Sean Pierson has won a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class AAA State Wrestling Championship, this year in the 120 pound weight classification and in so doing has become Nazareth High School's 25th state champion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Sean Pierson be congratulated for his recent state championship and his incredible career successes on the mat at the regional, state and national level. Nazareth Borough Council commends Sean Pierson for his tremendous achievements and similarly commends National Wrestling Hall of Fame Coach Dave Crowell and his assistants for their ability to lead our high school wrestlers to continued success. Nazareth's Wrestling Program is renowned across our state, the Middle Atlantic Region and nationally and it has brought our fans enjoyment and pride thanks to Coach Crowell and wrestlers like Sean Pierson who concluded his career as one of the nation's top ranked wrestlers at his weight with 140 wins, three District XI titles, three Northeast Regional titles and two state medals. Pierson will continue his career at Princeton University where he will surely continue to succeed. Nazareth Borough Council proudly directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to Sean Pierson as recognition for this state championship and his incredible career as a Nazareth wrestler.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to advertise for an amendment to the Borough's Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance to establish a 25 mph zone on Forest Drive

The motion passed unanimously.\

Michael Kopach moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance which revises the street excavation ordinance but it does not revise the fees. The fees will be revised next month in a separate motion by a simple resolution.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance which formally adopts the Pennsylvania State Fireworks Act passed last year by the state legislature. The new Fireworks legislation defines both display fireworks and consumer fireworks.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Borough Resolution No. 5 - 19 - H which grants a permanent Handicapped Parking Space near 126 N. Green Street following review and approval by the Nazareth Police Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 19 - D honoring Robert and Cindy Sames and John and Debra Kugel who were the founders of Nazareth Youth Soccer Club 25 years ago. The Nazareth Soccer Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary yesterday at Andrew Leh Stadium where Mayor Colondo represented the Borough and presented these Resolutions. The Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and publicly honor those athletes, coaches and administrators who have contributed to the betterment of the youth of our area,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Soccer Club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and has provided invaluable instruction to young players, promoted the sport of soccer in our area and has established a program where our youth can stay active and healthy each year while learning our fastest growing sport,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Soccer Club will be honoring its founding members Bob and Cindy Sames and Rob and Deb Kugel at a ceremony to celebrate a quarter century of youth soccer in the Nazareth area under the stewardship of the Nazareth Soccer Club,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Bob and Cindy Sames and Rob and Deb Kugel receive the recognition they deserve for having the vision to establish youth soccer in the Nazareth area through the founding of the Nazareth Soccer Club. Soccer has flourished in Nazareth primarily due to the efforts of the Nazareth Soccer Club. Bob and Cindy Sames and Rob and Deb Kugel have devoted their time and volunteered their efforts to ensure that a club charter was written, that fields were secured and players were registered and outfitted to compete against other local soccer clubs. The Nazareth Soccer Club has grown and prospered to over 600 young athletes and now fields teams that we are proud to host at our very own Essroc Fields Soccer Facility thanks to people like the Sames and the Kugels who were there to start it all. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the role they have played and the positive effect that we have all experienced from the growth of soccer in our Borough and the surrounding townships. Nazareth Borough Council directs the Secretary to memorialize a Resolution thanking and honoring Bob and Cindy Sames and Rob and Deb Kugel for founding the Nazareth Soccer Club and for the positive impact their efforts have had on our young athletes and those who support them.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering: The Environmental Steering Report for the month of April 2019 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 19 - F certifying the Borough's submission of a 2019 Greenways Trails Recreation Grant Proposal, as follows:

Be It RESOLVED, that the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant of one hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000.00) dollars from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for construction of an ADA Compliant Picnic Pavilion and Restroom Facilities,

Be It Further RESOLVED, that the applicant designates Paul A. Kokolus, Borough Secretary/Treasurer as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Nazareth and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant,

I, Paul A. Kokolus, duly qualified Secretary/Treasurer of the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Nazareth at a regular meeting held on May 6, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Council of the Borough of Nazareth and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Nazareth this sixth day of May, 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to accept the Nazareth Economic Development Commission Report for the month of April 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for April 2019. Mayor Colondo also informed Council that he would be attending the May 24, 2019 Memorial Day event at the Shafer School.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: Borough Engineer Albert Kortze reported that there would be a Planning Commission Meeting on May 21, 2019.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The Meeting was then adjourned to an "Executive Session" at 6:50 pm.

There being no further business at 7:13 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President