

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MAY 6, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.. 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, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green and Christopher Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2 - 24 - B honoring the Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team for their exceptionally successful 2023 championship season, a season in which they won another Class 6A District Title as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and honor teams, athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves with division and district championships, in state tournament games and for extraordinary performances during regular and post season play,

WHEREAS, the 2023 Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team has once again won the District XI 6-A Championship with another classic victory over an undefeated Parkland High School Football Team and has done so, once again, in most dramatic fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the 2023 Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team be honored for their exceptionally successful 2023 championship season. Their 2023 resume` featured victories over all but one conference opponent, a divisional title, a district championship and record setting performances by Quarterback Peyton Falzone, All State wide receiver Mason Kuehner and All State defensive end Sean Kinney. But more than anything, Coach Tom Falzone can boast of the contributions of the entire team and in particular, a group of seniors who set a goal to once again win a championship and can now be proud that they were able to do just that. With a stingy and relentless defense, our Blue Eagles were able to win a record equaling twelve times while advancing to the state 6-A quarterfinals, tying the record for the school's deepest advance in the state football playoffs. Much can be said too about Coach Tom Falzone and his patient guidance of a group of young men who have accomplished so much both on and off the field. Despite the team's quarterfinal loss, they remained on the field to salute their loyal fans and thank them for their continued support while showing their respect for a coaching staff that guided them through a brutal conference schedule while overcoming a host of injuries and setbacks to key players. Nazareth can be proud not only of the wins and the championship but also of the character and respectful young athletes that Coach Falzone and his staff have produced. Nazareth Borough Council commends and thanks the Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team, their coaches, trainers, support staff and importantly too, the supportive parents, booster club and fans who helped make the 2023 football season, a truly memorable one and wishes them continued

success. The Secretary is directed to memorialize this resolution for posterity in the Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Colondo called Head Coach Tom Falzone, his team captains and players to the front of the Chamber for the presentation of the resolution. Other staff members in attendance were also invited to stand before the assemblage. Following the reading of the resolution, the team was applauded by those in attendance and they graciously accepted the handshakes and the congratulations of Council and the crowd. Coach Falzone thanked Council for the honor and gave his assurance that more championships would hopefully follow.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: William Buskirk of 522 Belvidere Street inquired about the progress of resolving the parking situation in the School Zone. Buskirk asked if he would be able to attend any of the meetings with the school district to provide a neighborhood perspective to the discussions.

Thalia Harris of 25 Victory Lane told Council about the severity of the drop off problems on Victory Lane in the proximity of the schools there. Harris said she is thankful that no one has been hurt or injured by what happens there each day but stated that something must be done to correct a dangerous situation.

Communications: None.

On a motion by Christopher D. Crook, seconded by Kayla Green, the Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of April 1, 2024 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Charles A. Donello seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2024	\$	777,442.22
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2024	\$	144,670.15
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	434,092.76
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	74,755.56
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,211,534.98
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	219,425.71
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	613,514.82
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General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2024	\$	598,020.16
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2024	\$	219,425.71
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	2,202.63

Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	188,770.39
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	35,603.02
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,508.86
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	32,942.52
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment Traditional)	\$	27,815.41
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment - ARP)	\$	1,948.22
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment - Sanitation)	\$	685,778.27
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment - Gen Fund)	\$	1,182,455.74
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,986,680.47

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$613,514.82.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the payment of Payment Request #1 from First Responder Flooring, LLC , a COSTAR vendor in the amount of \$38,480.00. Payment of this invoice satisfies the addition of epoxy treatment and painting of the new Firehouse Floor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the conducting of one (1) Sensitivity, Sexual Harassment and Child Handling training session to be held in the Park pavilion at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 4, 2024. All newly hired Pool employees are required to attend one of these sessions. The seminar/training sessions are open to all Borough employees and Refreshment Stand employees are also invited guests at no charge.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to grant permission to the Nazareth Moravian Church to post signs in the Circle and at the South Main Street/Easton Road intersection for their Rummage Sale.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to hire ENTECH Engineering as the engineering firm to draft a bid spec for the Library to replace its HVAC system by installing air handling units with hot water and chilled coils. The bid spec will contain a construction schedule and payment schedule for monies to be released after certain phases of the project are completed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to give permission to proceed with the proposed Eagle Scout Project of Evan Tamandl who would like to establish an "orienteering course" on the hillside area of the park near the Amphitheater. Tamandl will continue to provide for approval, follow up details as the project is planned for completion in the Summer of 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve an agreement with the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity for coordination of the planning for the installation of a new heating plant in the facility as a result of a Keystone Library Grant. It is understood that all matching grant funds...\$250,000...to complete the \$500,000 project, will be paid by the Library without assistance from the Borough of Nazareth. The grant structure requires the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity to submit invoices for reimbursement to the Office of the Commonwealth which will then be paid directly to the Borough. It is also understood that the Borough will then reimburse the Library for these expenses in a timely fashion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to replace two doors at the Firehouse at a cost of \$8,745.00 and one door at the Police Station at a cost of \$6,600.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to acknowledge the submission of the third year "Annual Report" required by the U.S. Treasury Department for receipt of funds from the American Rescue Plan. The first half of the funding...\$298,411.92... was received on June 10, 2021 and the second half...\$299,355.42... was received on September 9, 2022. The final total amount of the American Rescue Plan funding is \$597,767.34. The Borough officially filed and accepted provisions of the "Standard Allowance" for Non-Entitlement Units (NEU's) of government. The balance of the funds, \$597,767.34 was inserted/transferred into the Borough's 2023 Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to put in place a "line of credit" borrowing agreement with the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps for a period of six months. The "line of credit" is not to exceed \$150,000 and interest will be paid at a rate of .25% above the monthly prevailing PLGIT - Class rate. The Borough Treasurer will do all book keeping of the amounts borrowed each month and paid back as well as the interest owed each month on what was borrowed within the line of credit and report all results of those transactions to the Finance Chair and to Council. Discussion followed. Michael Kopach asked about the term of the agreement and needed clarification about the total amount of the line of credit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 24, a Resolution certifying the Borough's submission of a Northampton County Public Safety Grant seeking funding for the purchase of a Selex Street Sentry License Plate Readers System at a cost of \$22,478.00. The Borough is seeking \$14,982.38 in grant funding and will provide a 33 1/3% grant match of \$7,491.91.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Ryan Smith as a part time Police Officer pending passage of all required certifications and background checks.

The motion passed unanimously

Technology: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the April 2024 monthly incident report for both the Borough and the Police Department from the Borough's IT provider, Infradapt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the April 2024 Zoning & Code Enforcement Reports.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to designate the Borough Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer to assign street addresses and to direct the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer to maintain a current up-to-date register of all Borough street addresses.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to advertise a revision to the Borough's disabled parking ordinance to permit motorists with a disability "placard" to park in any designated handicapped parking space in addition to motorists with PA registered disability plates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise a revision to the Borough's ordinance on street closures. The revised ordinance will permit Borough Council to designate an individual with the authority to close streets due to construction, maintenance or special events and to require a permit application/approval for any street closure. Discussion followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. asked why there would be a wait for issuing a permit and was told that the initiative included designating a person to make the decision for permits.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Charles A. Donello moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to appoint A.J. Ressler to fill the unexpired term of Harry Lance who resigned on March 28, 2024. Ressler will serve on the Authority until December 31, 2028.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the commission Valley Land Services to complete a land survey of the Borough owned, 5.4 acre parcel on Gracedale Boulevard where a new recycling center is planned. Cost of the surveying will be \$6,700.00. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook stated that he would be a "No" vote for the motion and a future "No" vote for anything having to do with the project until grant money was given to the Borough. A voice vote followed and a "Roll Call" vote was ordered. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Donello and Chiavaroli. Five (5) voting "Yes". Voting "No" were Councilpersons Pellegrino, Kopach, Green and Crook. Four (4) voting "No".

The motion carries.

Fire: Kayla Green moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for April 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to donate two thousand (\$2,00.00) 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, 2024 in the Borough Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Green moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution 5 - 24 - A which formally adopts the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan following Council review and approval as follows:

Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Municipal Adoption Resolution

Resolution No. 5 - 24 - A

The Borough of Nazareth Northampton County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, The Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and non-natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by Lehigh County Emergency Services and the Northampton County Emergency Management Services in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the Borough of Nazareth and,

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Borough of Nazareth

- The Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Nazareth and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report for the month of April 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for the hiring of "seasonal" Public Works employees at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook asked that the Treasurer investigate wage rates for those returning for a second and third year of summer employment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook tabled a motion to advertise for the removal and rescinding of the Borough Ordinance which prohibits "For Sale" signs to be posted on vehicles parked on public streets pending the receipt of information from the Borough's legal counsel. Crook asked that the tabled motion be added to the June Meeting Agenda and that he would advise if he would be requesting any changes to it.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo reminded everyone of upcoming Borough events including the Rotary Club Park cleanup, Saturday May 11, 2024, The Pet Parade on May 18, 2024 and the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27, 2024.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session for litigation at 6:45 pm.

There being no further business at 7:04 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Michael Kopach, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President