

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 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 John N. Samus Councilpersons Jessica Teel, Lance E. Colondo, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach and Charles A. Donello, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Police Commissioner Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Councilman Brian F. Regn and Engineer Albert Kortze.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Corrie Drosnock of 466 E. Chestnut Street requested an extension to her removal of running bamboo on her property, following passage of a recent ordinance regulating that plant. Drosnock cited the need for extra time to implement the removal following the passage of the ordinance.

Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to grant an extension to remove the running bamboo on the property at 120 S. New Street until December 6, 2017. The approval carries with it the stipulation that the property owners remain in contact with the Borough Zoning Officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: President Chiavaroli read a letter received from the Principal of the Floyd Shafer School, William Mudlock, thanking the Fire Department for their sending of a fireman to educate students during Fire Prevention Week.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of October 2, 2017 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Larry Stoudt, the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2017	\$	175,097.64
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2017	\$	394,684.85
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	649,387.72
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	74,926.17
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	824,485.36
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	469,611.02
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	580,283.70
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	79.59
General Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2017	\$	244,201.66
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2017	\$	469,531.43
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	301.12
State Fund Checking Account - Embassy Bank	\$	193,646.65

State Fund Money Market	\$	-0-
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Reserve Funds - Embassy Bank	\$	1,007,380.02
Park Account - Embassy Bank	\$	55,266.49
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,118.99
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,995,446.36

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$580,363.29. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of October 2017 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month October 2017 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for October 2017 was presented and approved.

Law: Lance E. Colondo moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to amend the By-Laws by reinstating the Economic Development Committee and combining it with the current Technology Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Jessica Teel presented the Fire Report for the month of October 2017 and it was approved as presented.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to request that the Civil Service Commission extend the current list of candidates for six (6) months until June 30, 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to grant an extension for the Nazareth Police Association until December 31, 2017 to grieve #1A 2017-001

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to extend Officer Stephen Schleg's leave of absence to December 15, 2017.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the payment of \$24,950.00 for repairs to the roof at 134 S. Main Street. Payment will be made to Martyn Technical Services as the Borough is in receipt of a letter of release from the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve a 2018 Employment Contract for Pool Manager Diane Mullen at a salary of \$18,000. Ms. Mullen's 2017 salary was \$17,500.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the yearly closing of the Skate Park beginning on December 1, 2017 and a scheduled reopening of approximately April 1, 2018....the reopening is pending on weather conditions and snow buildup.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the request of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce to stage Christmas in Nazareth in the downtown on Saturday, December 9, 2017. The approval includes "all day" free downtown meter parking on that day.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve the payment of \$94,331 divided into quarterly payments as the Borough's share of 2018 Library support as determined by the established formula and the most current EIT numbers. The Borough's 2017 support was \$84,135 If approved, quarterly payments for 2018 would be approximately \$23,582.75

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve a "Proposed" 2018 Borough Operating Budget which contains no tax increase. The 2018 Borough Real Estate Tax Rate will again be fifteen and one half (15.5) Mills.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise that the "Proposed" 2018 Budget will be available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, 134 S. Main Street during regular hours for ten (10) business days from November 14, 2017 through November 28, 2017.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to execute payment of \$24,950.00 for repairs to the roof at 134 S. Main Street. Payment will be made to Martyn Technical Services as the Borough is in receipt of a letter of release from the Borough Engineer

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of October 2017 was approved as presented.

Ecology: The Ecology Report for the month of October 2017 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) gas lights for the Circle at a total cost of \$11,504.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the annual closing of the Yard Waste Recycling Center on November 30, 2017. The planned reopening of the Yard Waste Center is approximately April 1, 2018.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) concrete waste receptacles to be placed in the Circle at a cost of \$1942.12 pending donations from Embassy Bank and Eric Himmler.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: No report.

Mayor: Mayor John N. Samus presented the Police Report for October 2017. Mayor Samus also stated that the 2017 version of the Halloween Parade was again a tremendous Borough event.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Commissioner: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 6:40 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President