

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--DECEMBER 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazareth Borough Municipal Building. The Meeting was rescheduled following a postponement on December 2, 2019 due to weather conditions. The Meeting was held following proper and timely advertisement of the "new" Meeting time and date in a newspaper of general circulation. 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 D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Chief of Police Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.. Absent was Engineer Albert Kortze, The "calling of the roll" included tributes by the Secretary/Treasurer who called out the names of departing Council Vice President Larry Stoudt and retiring Councilman Frank S. Maurek, for the final time. Well deserved applause greeted both Stoudt and Maurek following Stoudt's more than four decades and Maurek's twenty years of service.

In the absence of the Borough Engineer, Assistant Solicitor Scott Steirer opened and read aloud bids received for the Redi-Rack Fire Department storage units which the Borough will purchase through a \$26,000 Northampton County 2019 DCED Grant. The Borough Engineer will investigate the bids and recommend Council approval of the low bid at the January 2020 Business Meeting.

In a gesture of appreciation for Vice President Larry Stoudt's many years of service, Council President Daniel Chiavaroli relinquished his gavel to Stoudt so that he could preside one final time over a Borough Business Meeting. The "Gavel" was ceremoniously passed to Vice President Stoudt who then took the floor and presided.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Brian Yupa of 134 Mauch Chunk Street approached Council about the proposed Curfew Ordinance. Yupa was told that discussions about the ordinance and the actual vote for passage of the ordinance had been tabled until February.

Sandy Klotz of 481 E. Center Street asked that Council keep an open mind when considering the Curfew Ordinance. She stated that the ordinance would punish even those who are not guilty of any wrongdoing.

Communications: President Chiavaroli read a "note of thanks" from Councilman Michael Kopach and his family for the sympathy card and flowers received upon the death of his mother-in-law.

The Secretary's minutes for the regular meeting of November 4, 2019 were approved.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2018 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2019	\$	316,160.60
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2019	\$	309,788.38
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	264,757.52
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	7,166.90

General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	580,918.12
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	316,955.28
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	375,445.92
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	-0-
General Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2019	\$	205,472.20
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2019	\$	316,955.28
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	301.12
State Fund - Embassy Bank	\$	191,104.33
State Fund Money Market	\$	-0-
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account - Embassy Bank	\$	209,190.34
Reserve Funds - Embassy Bank	\$	1,121,566.82
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,494.80
ESSA Loan Account	\$	-0-
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,070,084.89

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$375,445.92. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of November 2019 was approved as presented.

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

An Ambulance Report for November 2019 was presented and approved.

Public Works: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report for November 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve moving forward with plans to add a restroom to the main floor of Council Chambers. The Engineer is responsible for presenting Council with plans, designs and possible costs for the work and will coordinate the project with the Borough's Public Works Superintendent and his Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Committee report for the month of November 2019 was presented and approved.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a "Christmas In Nazareth Parade" to be held on December 14, 2019 in conjunction with the Christmas in Nazareth event held on that day.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the low bid for three Redi-Rack Storage Units and the installation hardware to be purchased and installed in the Fire Station as part of the 2019 DCED Fire Grant that the Borough was awarded. This is a rebid of the September bid request as the original bid responses did not contain all of the needed accessories for installation. The approval is contingent upon the Borough Engineer's review and approval to proceed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to accept the report of the Nazareth COG Steering Committee for November 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to accept the Fire Chief's Report for November 2019

The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Teel moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-19-G honoring retiring Fire Chief John Deutsch for his 38 years of service as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize, honor and thank those persons who, in the course of their public service both to our Fire Department and Borough emergency preparedness, have performed unselfishly and for the common good of all who reside here. Nazareth's Firefighters have helped to save lives and preserve property while always sacrificing their own safety for the safety and well being of others,

WHEREAS, the Vigilance Hose Fire Company No. 1 has faithfully served the Borough of Nazareth with readiness, responsiveness and the ability to ensure the fire safety of our residents,

WHEREAS, veteran Fireman and Fire Chief John Deutsch is retiring from active service after thirty eight years with our own Vigilance Hose Fire Company #1,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that longtime Fire Chief John Deutsch receive the congratulations and praise of Nazareth Borough Council as he retires from his duties as the leader of our Fire Department. John Deutsch has given graciously of his time to serve our Borough in a variety of positions as Fire Fighter and Assistant Chief before becoming "first in command" and assuming leadership of the entire Department. Firemen place the safety of others before their own and their lives are at risk with each response and every fire call. Over his thirty eight years, our Chief has responded to hundreds of calls, all dangerous for victims and firefighters alike and has done so unselfishly with his only reward being that he was helping others and keeping them safe. Volunteer firefighters like Chief John Deutsch take comfort in knowing that they are saving lives and helping those in need and they never seek and seldom receive the recognition they so richly

deserve. The Borough of Nazareth owes retiring Chief John Deutsch a debt of gratitude and our residents are fortunate for his service and his selfless volunteer spirit. The Council of the Borough of Nazareth and all of our citizens thank Fire Chief John Deutsch, Badge #5051, for all that he has done over a lifetime of volunteer fire service in his many impactful and leadership roles and we direct the Secretary to memorialize this resolution within the official Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

An Agenda motion to add weekly cleaning service to the Fire Station was tabled by Jessica Teel.

Jessica Teel moved and Daniel Chiavaroli seconded a motion to purchase forty (40) vouchers in 2020 from No Nonsense Neutering for the "Catch and Release" feral cat program at a cost of thirty five (\$35.00) dollars per voucher. Discussion followed. Christopher Crook stated that promised results of the program from another borough showing that the program was successful, had not been received and that he would not for passage until those results showing success had been received.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote.

Jessica Teel moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to enroll the Borough of Nazareth in the Nazareth Council of Governments "Animal Control" agreement with Pibbles & Paws at a cost of one (\$1.00) dollar per capita for the year 2020. The total cost for the Borough would be five thousand, seven hundred and forty six (\$5,746.00) dollars based on the 2010 U.S. Census total of 5,746 residents. It is to be understood that this is a one (1 yr) "Trial Basis) agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: No report. Carl A. Fischl wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Soccer for use of Essroc Fields for 2020 Spring Soccer practices, games and clinics. The Borough has received a signed contract, insurance certifications and their deposit

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Baseball for use of Council Chambers for 2020 signups on Saturday January 11, 9-11 am, Wednesday January 15, 6-7:30pm, Saturday January 18, 1-3 pm and Wednesday January 22, 6-7:30 pm. They are also requesting the use of Council Chambers for a used equipment drive on Tuesday December 3 ,5-700 pm and would like to use Council Chambers as their drop off point

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the repainting of the "Duck" water feature in the Pool at a cost of \$1,800.00. The painting work will be done by Barry Hoch Creations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek, in his departing statement, stated that special thanks should be given to the Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Assistant Solicitor Scott Steirer and the Nazareth Kiwanis Club for their special contributions during the Pool rebuild.

Finance: Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve a "Final" 2020 Borough Operating Budget which contains "No" tax increase. The Borough's Real Estate tax rate for 2020 will again be 16 Mills.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-19 the Borough's Budget Resolution for 2020 calling for "No" tax increase and re-establishing a real estate tax rate of sixteen (16) Mills for all of 2020, as follows:

WHEREAS, Act No. 2019-51 provided in Section 1302a that a resolution is allowed for taxes levied at the same rate as the previous fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that

SECTION I: That an annual Tax for the current year, Two Thousand Twenty, upon all real property within the limits of the Borough of Nazareth, made taxable by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for County rates and levies, by levied and collected on each Dollar of the valuation assessed for County purposes, within the limits of the Borough of Nazareth, to be used for general Borough purposes, identical to fiscal year 2019, to wit: a Tax for the current or fiscal year of 2020 of sixteen (16) mills on each Dollar of assessed valuation of real property.

SECTION II: That for the faithful performance of their respective duties and subject to conditions and requirements fixed by law or ordinance or imposed or agreed upon at the time of appointment, the following annual compensation, payable semi-monthly, except as otherwise herein provided, is hereby fixed: Mayor, Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Borough Council President, Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Councilmen, Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Fifty-five Thousand (\$55,000.00) Dollars, payable bi-weekly; Superintendent of Highways, Seventy-four Thousand (\$74,000.00) Dollars; Chief of Police, Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-six and twenty-five one-hundredths (\$90,956.25) Dollars; Temporary Acting Supervisors, One Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-four (\$162,384.00) Dollars; Regular Patrolmen with at least six (6) years of service, Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-six (\$76,236.00) Dollars; Regular Patrolmen with at least four (4) years of service, Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-four (\$71,534.00) Dollars; Regular Patrolmen with at least two (2) years of service, Sixty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-three (\$68,553.00) Dollars; Regular Patrolmen with at least one (1) year of service, Sixty-three Thousand Twelve (\$63,012.00) Dollars; Patrolmen, hiring rate, Fifty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-two (\$59,621.00) Dollars; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Forty-five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars; Police Administrative Clerk, Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$38,500.00) Dollars; Parking Enforcement Personnel, Twelve and fifty one-hundredths (\$12.50) Dollars per hour; Highway, Class No. 1 (Foreman), Fifty-four Thousand One Hundred

Ninety-two (\$54,192.00) Dollars; Highway, Class No. 1, Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred Twelve (\$52,112.00) Dollars; Highway, Class No. 2, Fifty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one (\$50,191.00) Dollars; Highway, Hiring Rate, Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six (\$41,296.00) Dollars; Part-time Police, Twenty Four (24.00) Dollars per hour; School Crossing Guards, Twelve (\$12.00) Dollars per shift; Tax Collector, Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars for collection of real estate taxes; one and one-half (1½%) percent of the amount collected on the Local Services Tax and the Borough Earned Income tax; Recorder of Deeds, two (2%) percent of the amount collected of the Borough Real Estate Transfer Tax; Fire Chief, Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars, payable monthly; First Assistant Fire Chief, Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Second Assistant Fire Chief, Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Emergency Management Director, One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars, payable monthly; Engineer, One Hundred Eight and fifty one-hundredths (\$108.50) Dollars per hour of service; Borough Solicitor, One Hundred Five (\$105.00) Dollars per hour of service.

SECTION III: That having complied with the legal requirements relating thereto, the following Appropriations Schedule is adopted for the fiscal year of 2020:

General Operating Funds--Estimated Receipts:

Cash and Securities for Appropriation	\$ 90,000
Receipts from Current Tax Levy	\$ 2,048,118
Receipts from Taxes of Prior Years	\$ 40,000
Other Revenue Receipts	\$ 3,025,170
Miscellaneous Non-Revenue Receipts	<u>\$ 243,783</u>
Total Receipts and Cash	\$ 5,447,071

<u>Appropriations:</u>	<u>Operation & Maintenance</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Government:			
Administration.....	\$ 366,250		\$ 366,250
Tax Collector.....	24,300		24,300
Municipal Buildings.....	<u>129,500</u>	<u>165,000</u>	<u>294,500</u>
	\$ 520,050	\$165,000	\$ 685,050
Protections to Persons & Property:			
Police.....	\$1,051,890		\$1,051,890
Fire.....	159,834		159,834
Building Regulation & Zoning	<u>35,000</u>	_____	<u>35,000</u>
	\$1,246,724		\$1,246,724
Health, Sanitation & Ecology:			
Garbage Collection & Recycling.....	\$ 775,667	\$ 74,000	\$ 849,667
Highways:			
Highways.....	\$ 157,800	\$ 234,322	\$ 392,122
Snow and Ice Control.....	\$ 28,500		\$ 28,500
Street Lighting.....	<u>\$ 70,000</u>	_____	<u>70,000</u>
	\$256,300	\$234,322	\$ 490,622

Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds.....	\$ 78,535		\$ 78,535
Swimming Pool & Other Facilities.....	118,000		118,000
	<u>\$ 196,535</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 196,535</u>
Library:.....	\$ 92,552		\$ 92,552
Miscellaneous:			
Investments	\$	\$	\$
Social Security Taxes.....	\$ 130,205		\$ 130,205
All Other + Insurance.....	<u>\$1,755,716</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$1,755,716</u>
	\$1,885,921	\$	\$1,885,921
TOTAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL OUTLAY:	\$ 4,973,749	\$473,322	\$ 5,447,071
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2020 =	\$ 5,447,071		
2020 R/E TAX RATE	16 Mills		

SECTION IV: That the several appropriations above made are for so much thereof as may be necessary for the specific purposes mentioned, and the unexpended balance, if any, remaining at the end of the fiscal year of any such appropriations, shall revert to and be retained in the Treasury of the Borough of Nazareth unless otherwise appropriated as provided by law.

SECTION V: Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall prevent or preclude Borough Council from borrowing or expending money in any lawful way or for any lawful purposes, upon compliance with legal requirements; nor shall prevent Council from transferring from one fund to another fund, or from any fund for an emergency or unusual use, by a majority vote of a quorum of Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve again enrolling the Borough in the state unemployment solvency fund for 2020 which removes the Borough's obligation to pay for layoffs and reduced scheduling unemployment claims from other employers. The Borough is still responsible for its own layoffs and hourly reductions. One year cost to be in the Solvency Group is \$2,876.54.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Charles A., Donello seconded a motion to approve the return of the \$100 deposit of the Greater Valley YMCA following their Pumpkin Pie 5K event and the successful fulfillment of their contract for cleanup

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve moving forward with the receipt of the 2019 Northampton County CIPP Grant in the amount of \$5,000 and to subsidize the additional monies needed to purchase and install the proposed Town Clock to be placed on Main Street in the vicinity of the Main Street Parking Lot. The awarding of the low "public bid" for the timepiece will determine the amount of additional subsidy...likely in the \$5,500 to \$6,000 range. The Secretary is directed to inform Northampton County DCED that it will accept the reduced amount of the grant proceeds.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-19-F honoring the Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team, Coach Tom Falzone and his assistant coaches, training staff, managers, parents and family members for their recent East Penn Conference South and District XI 6 - A Championships. They are the pride of Nazareth and Nazareth Borough Council is most happy to honor them. The Resolution in their honor follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and honor teams, athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves with championships, accomplishments and extraordinary performances while competing on the field of play,

WHEREAS, the 2019 Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team has won both the East Penn Conference South Division title and then went on to win the District XI 6-A Championship with an overtime victory over Parkland High School in dramatic fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the 2019 Nazareth Blue Eagle Football Team be honored for their exceptionally successful 2019 championship season. Their 2019 resume` featured victories over every conference opponent, a divisional title, a district championship and record setting performances by Quarterback Anthony Harris, Wide Receiver and Defensive Back Nathan Stefanik, Defensive End Jake Wilson and Kicker Matt Bugbee. Captains Braden Mehlig, Jake Wilson and Anthony Harris led a "senior laden" roster with the likes of Aiden Palochik, Alex Mercado, Ben Houchin, Brian Stahl, Corey Hartranft, Dominiq Taylor, Edward Puccio, Jack McKenna, Jacob Levey, Jordan Senesing, Kyle Puccio, Logan Grom, Nathan Stefanik, Anthony Harris, Robert Walsh and Trent Federico. But this was a true team effort as any number of juniors, sophomores and freshmen made important contributions too. More than anything though, Coach Tom Falzone can boast of the contributions of the entire team and in particular, that group of seniors who set a goal to win a championship and can now be proud that they were able to do just that. With a stingy defense that allowed just over 13 points a game, our Blue Eagles were able to win a record equalling twelve times while advancing to the state 6-A quarterfinals, tying 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 to several key players. Nazareth can be proud not only of the wins and championships but 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 2019 football season, a truly memorable one. The Secretary is directed to memorialize this resolution for posterity in the Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth and is most proud to do so by passage of this Resolution.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Chiavaroli moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12 - 19 - G honoring retiring Nazareth Chamber of Commerce Secretary Barbara Smith as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize and thank those persons who, in the course of their everyday employment and their years of residency in our town, have impacted the lives of our citizens and the businesses who make up the community of Nazareth and its surroundings,

WHEREAS, Barbara Smith has performed her duties as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the past twenty three years and has interacted with visitors, residents, business owners and those who have called with questions to inquire about our Borough for any manner of reasons,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that lifelong Borough resident Barbara Smith be honored for her many and varied roles within our community. Barbara served as the secretary for our late Borough Solicitor Conrad Shimer, was an aide within our school system and has served as the secretary for the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce for over two decades. Barbara Smith became the face of our Chamber of Commerce and assisted Presidents Collen Lavdar, Bill Brackbill, Tina Smith and Cynthia Anderson and provided all of them with important and invaluable "local knowledge" of our Borough's history and a familiarity with many of the names and faces which make up our community. Barbara Smith knows and understands the "fabric" of Nazareth making her a treasure to all who meet and interact with her. The Council of the Borough of Nazareth and our citizens thank Barbara Smith for all she has done over a lifetime of community work in many impactful roles and we direct the Secretary to memorialize this resolution within the official Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve resolution No. 12 - 19 - A honoring Councilman and Council Vice President Larry Stoudt for his four plus decades of service on Council, his many years as a Fireman, Special Fire Policeman and Ambulance Board member as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to honor and thank those public servants who have, over the course of their time in office, served tirelessly and with distinction for the betterment of our community and the well being of our residents,

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Larry Stoudt has faithfully served our Borough in various roles as Councilman, Council Vice President, Special Fire Policeman, Finance Chairman, Volunteer Fireman and Ambulance Board of Directors member, and has always served with the Borough's best interests at heart and has done so unselfishly,

WHEREAS, Council Vice President Larry Stoudt, is now completing his tenth elected term and his forty sixth year as a Councilman representing the Borough's Second Ward,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that Council Vice President Larry Stoudt be thanked and commended for his years of public service in the many roles for which he was happy to offer his service. Larry Stoudt approached every issue and every endeavor with the passion and the devotion of a man who has given his life and his time to make all of our lives better. If there was a need or an open position that needed to be filled, Larry Stoudt was there to help and to serve and he did so with the vigor of a man whose heart was for whatever helped our beloved hometown. When the fire siren rang only yards from his home, Larry was on his way to help in his role as a firefighter. If there was an accident and traffic needed to be detoured or directed, Larry donned his Fire Police garb and was on his way to help out and if our Council President was away, Larry Stoudt could be counted upon to assume the gavel and to run a speedy and efficient meeting. When that happened, Larry left little doubt about who was in charge but everyone was treated fairly and allowed to speak. Over his years on Council, Larry Stoudt served as Chairman of the Police Committee, the Public Property Committee and has led the Borough's Finance Committee for the last seven years. During those seven years as Finance Chairman, the Borough funded and built a new Pool, refinanced its borrowing, stabilized its Budget process and eliminated frivolous end of the year departmental budget spending by disallowing expenditures that did not have full Council approval. Larry was never shy about his political positions but was tolerant of those whose views he did not share. You were never in doubt about where Councilman Stoudt stood on an issue but you were assured that he would respect your position on an issue if you disagreed. A strong supporter of our Police and Fire Departments, Larry Stoudt was one of the driving forces in the Pool rebuild and the current and successful overhaul of our Police Department. He has always been an unwavering and staunch supporter of our Library and his recent donation of the flagpole and flag at the Ambulance Building show the respect he has for all emergency services and emergency responders. Council will miss a man who gave it all he had and never backed away from a challenge. His quick wit and his ability to seek compromises in tough situations will be missed by a Council which will forge ahead without Larry Stoudt for the first time since 1974. For all that he done and all that he has given, Larry Stoudt is deserving of the gratitude of our entire Borough and in particular, the praise and thanks of those of us who have served with him on Council. Larry will always be... "one of us" and we all wish him the very best. The Secretary is directed to and will proudly preserve this Resolution in the official Meeting Minutes of the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12 - 19 - B honoring retiring Councilman Frank S. Maurek for his many years of service on Council and the special role he played in the rebuilding of our Pool, securing funding for the West End Walking Trails and his involvement with the Borough's Public Property and pool Committees, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to honor and thank those public servants who have, over the course of their time in office, served tirelessly and with distinction for the betterment of our community and the well being of our residents,

WHEREAS, over his lifetime, Frank Maurek has served our Borough in various roles as Councilman, Tax Collector, Public Property Chairman and on the Borough's Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Committees, always with the Borough's best interests at heart and always with the determination and devotion of a public servant who wanted results and the real improvements that would make all of our lives better,

WHEREAS, Councilman Frank Maurek is now completing his third consecutive four year term as a Councilman representing the Borough's First Ward and is retiring from public service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled that Councilman Frank Maurek be lauded and thanked for his years of devoted service to our Borough. Frank Maurek has never been shy about his love for his hometown and never backed down from defending our Borough and its operations of our many parks, playgrounds, buildings and facilities. He conducted his mission of maintaining all Borough properties with a passion for the best and most affordable outcome and spent much of his time observing the multitude of parks, equipment, buildings and playgrounds for flaws that might imperil those who used them. Councilman Maurek spent countless hours overseeing the rebuilding of our Pool and followed that up with the diligent oversight needed to keep the Pool operating efficiently. Without fail, he went one step further and saw to the repair and often the replacement of what was not up to his standards or safe for our residents. Over his years, Frank insisted and saw to a new fence for the Pool, major upgrades to the Refreshment Stand, the rebuilding of three of the Park's historic bridges, doing the planning, seeking the financing and later the construction of the West End Walking Trails, starting initiatives for the new Downtown Parking Lot and also the off-street parking lot we enjoyed and profited from at 76 S. Main Street. A stickler for maintenance. Frank Maurek pushed hard for improvements and new air conditioning and heating at the Municipal Offices, saw to the repair and replacement of several Borough roofs and systematically ushered in the replacement of four oil furnaces with less costly natural gas heating plants. The basketball courts at Kokolus Park were redone as were the Tennis Courts in our Borough Park and the entry walls to our Park were totally rebuilt under his watch. Countless other Borough improvements like new fencing in our Dog Park were started with the forethought and persistence of a Councilman who always found a way and spent the needed time to get things done. Frank Maurek didn't just "talk the talk" he brought projects to their conclusion while looking for the next problem that required fixing. Frank Maurek's fingerprints are all over our Borough and will be his legacy and his stamp on the lives of those that follow...be it those who swim in our Pool or others who enjoy the beauty of our parks and walking trails. Frank saw his projects through to their completion and now we send off this hard-working Councilman with his long resume of accomplishments to the relaxation and the enjoyment with his children and grandchildren that he so readily deserves. The Borough is in a much better place because of Frank Maurek and each of us on Council are grateful for his tireless work and his pursuit of a better life for us all.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to accept the Report of the Code Enforcement Officer for November 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to accept the Report of the Code Enforcement Officer for November 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to name Keith Knecht as the "acting Zoning Officer" for the Borough of Nazareth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: The Ecology Report for November 2019 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise that Christmas trees will be picked up on Friday, December 27, 2019, Friday, January 3, 2020, Thursday, January 9, 2020. The ad should also contain the information that residents can drop off trees at the Sage Street lot, at any time.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise particulars of the Borough's requirements and permit procedure for removing and planting trees between the sidewalks and curbs of Borough streets. Ads are to run in the Nazareth Key.

The motion passed unanimously.

Technology: Christopher D. Crook moved and Daniel Chiavaroli seconded a motion to accept the monthly Report of the Nazareth Economic Development Commission for November 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for November 2019. Mayor Colondo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony was a huge success with a great turnout. Mayor Colondo also commented about the timing of the traffic signal at South Broad and East Walnut Street and our Engineer's efforts to have PennDot review the situation.

Solicitor: No report.

Old Business: Council President Daniel Chiavaroli commended both Council Vice President Larry Stoudt and Councilman Frank Maurek for their many and productive years of public service and thanked them both for their devotion to our community and its betterment.

New Business: Carl R. Strye Jr. commented on the continued progress of Code Enforcement Officer Tim Galloway in his role of helping to keep our Borough safe and up to property maintenance standards. Strye told Council that a group of Councilpersons would meet with

Galloway to review his first three months of service, listen to his concerns and receive Council feedback about what our expectations are going forward.

Two "Executive Sessions" followed.

There being no further business, on a motion by Daniel Chiavaroli, seconded by Christopher D. Crook, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President