

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--SPECIAL MEETING--DECEMBER 16, 2024

A "Special" Meeting of the Borough of Nazareth for Budget passage was held on Monday, December 16, 2024 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, Charles A. Donello, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Michael Shallock and Chief of Police Randall Miller. Absent was Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: NEDC Director Lisa Borick thanked Council for the resolution she needs for enrollment in the State's Main Street Matters Program.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve a "Final" 2025 Borough Operating Budget which contains a One Half (1/2MI) Mill tax increase. The Borough's Real Estate tax rate for 2025 will be 17.5 Mills.

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

Cindy Corpora moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-24 - E the Borough's Budget Resolution for 2025 calling for a One Half (1/2MI) Mill tax increase and establishing a real estate tax rate of seventeen and one half (17.5 MI) Mills for all of 2025.

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

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance which establishes salaries for all Borough employees and public officials and sets a real estate tax rate of seventeen and one half (17.5 MI) Mills for 2025 to be known as the Annual Tax and Levy Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Donello, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Seven (7) voting "Yes". Voting "No" were Councilpersons Pellegrino and Kopach. Two (2) Voting "No" and Ordinance #894 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances. The ordinance follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE TAX COLLECTOR, AND MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL AND CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE BOROUGH OF NAZARETH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough of Nazareth in Borough Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

SECTION I: That an annual Tax for the current year, Two Thousand Twenty-four, 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, as follows, to wit: a Tax for the current or fiscal year of 2025 of seventeen and one-half (17½) 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, Sixty-eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$68,500.00) Dollars, payable bi-weekly;

Public Works Superintendent, Eighty-nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$89,500.00) Dollars;

Chief of Police, One Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen (\$100,815.00) Dollars;

Sergeant, Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-nine (\$92,279.00) Dollars;

Regular Patrolmen with at least six (6) years of service, Eighty-six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-five (\$86,645.00) Dollars;

Regular Patrolmen with at least four (4) years of service, Eighty-one Thousand Three Hundred Two (\$81,302.00) Dollars;

Regular Patrolmen with at least two (2) years of service, Seventy-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen (\$77,915.00) Dollars;

Regular Patrolmen with at least one (1) year of service, Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen (\$71,617.00) Dollars;

Patrolmen, hiring rate, Sixty-six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-four (\$66,434.00) Dollars;

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Sixty-five Thousand (\$65,000.00) Dollars;

Police Administrative Assistant, Fifty-two Thousand Five Hundred (\$52,500.00) Dollars;

Parking Enforcement Personnel, Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per hour;

Traffic Control Officer, Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per hour;

Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Class No. 1, Sixty-four Thousand One Hundred Nineteen (\$64,119.00) Dollars;

Public Works, Class No. 1, Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine (\$60,999.00) Dollars;

Public Works, Class No. 2, Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$58,750.00) Dollars;  
 Public Works, Hiring Rate, Forty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-eight (\$48,338.00) Dollars;  
 Yard Waste Attendant, Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per hour;  
 Part-time Police, Thirty-two (\$32.00) Dollars per hour;  
 Part-time Assistant Borough Clerk, Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars per hour;  
 School Crossing Guards, AM Shift, Twenty-two (\$22.00) Dollars per shift;  
 School Crossing Guards, PM Shift, Thirty-three (\$33.00) Dollars per shift;  
 Tax Collector, Eleven Thousand Five Hundred (\$11,500.00) Dollars for collection of Borough real estate taxes;  
 Fire Chief, Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly;  
 First Assistant Fire Chief, Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$3,750.00) Dollars, payable monthly;  
 Second Assistant Fire Chief, Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$3,750.00) Dollars, payable monthly;  
 Emergency Management Director, Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars, payable monthly;  
 Code Enforcement Officer, One Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (\$112,320.00) Dollars;  
 Engineer, One Hundred Twenty-one (\$121.00) Dollars per hour of service;  
 Borough Solicitor, One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) 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 2025:

General Operating Funds--Estimated Receipts:

Cash and Securities for Appropriation	\$ 90,000
Receipts from Current Tax Levy	\$ 2,198,952
Receipts from Taxes of Prior Years	\$ 70,000
Other Revenue Receipts	\$ 3,791,485
Miscellaneous Non-Revenue Receipts	<u>\$ 1,801,157</u>
Total Receipts and Cash	\$ 7,951,594

<u>Appropriations:</u>	<u>Operation &amp; Maintenance</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>General Government:</u>			
Administration.....	\$ 440,000		\$ 440,000
Tax Collector.....	16,800		16,800
Municipal Buildings.....	<u>483,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>498,000</u>

	\$ 939,800	\$ 15,000	\$ 954,800
<b>Protections to Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police.....	\$1,485,585	\$ 54,832	\$ 1,540,417
Fire.....	221,390		221,390
Building Regulation & Zoning	<u>20,000</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>20,000</u>
	\$1,726,975	\$54,832	\$ 1,781,807
<b>Health, Sanitation &amp; Ecology:</b>			
Garbage Collection & Recycling.....	\$1,165,312	\$	\$1,165,312
<b>Highways:</b>			
Highways.....	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000
Vehicles.....		\$180,397	\$ 180,397
Snow and Ice Control.....	\$ 28,500		\$ 28,500
Street Lighting.....	\$ <u>73,500</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>73,500</u>
	\$302,000	\$180,397	\$ 482,397
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Playgrounds.....	\$ 47,500	502,000	\$ 549,500
Swimming Pool & Other Facilities.....	\$180,000	\$150,000	330,000
	<u>227,500</u>	<u>652,000</u>	<u>879,500</u>
Library:.....	\$ 88,408		\$ 88,408
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Investments	\$		\$
Social Security Taxes.....	\$ 185,000		\$ 185,000
All Other + Insurance.....	\$ <u>2,414,370</u>	<u>          </u>	\$ <u>2,414,370</u>
	\$2,599,370		\$ 2,599,370
<b>TOTAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE &amp; CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
	\$ 7,049,365	\$902,229	\$7,951,594
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2025 =</b>	<b>\$ 7,951,594</b>		
<b>2025 R/E TAX RATE</b>	<b>17.5 Mills</b>		

**Total Borough Assessed Real Estate Value as of October 31, 2024 = \$125,654,400**

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.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-24 - F which certifies Nazareth Borough support for enrollment in the state of Pennsylvania's Main Street Matters Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the hiring of part time Police Officer Thomas Grube, conditioned upon his passage of background checks and other necessary certifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the start of the Civil Service process with dates, deadlines and requirements in the Nazareth Key and on the Borough website.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking Space for Deborah Rizzotto at 65 S. Green Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was then adjourned to an Executive Session for Real Estate.

There being no further business at 6:42 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl., seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President

