

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--SPECIAL MEETING--SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

A "Special" legally advertised Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the headquarters of the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Building. The meeting was called to order by the President.

Nazareth Borough Council had "legally" advertised in a publication of general circulation to fill the vacancy for the position of Councilperson, Third Ward, following the resignation of 17 year Councilman Charles A. Donello, which was received and accepted with regret at the September 2, 2025 Borough Business Meeting. A single (1) "Letter of Interest" was received from Robert F. DelNero, a registered elector who resides in the Ward at 33 South Street. DelNero was in attendance and told Council of his interest in the position as he is also on the ballot for the November 2025 general election for the same seat. DelNero, an Air Force veteran, presented details of his background and expressed his desire to help the Borough and make it a better place in which to live and work.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to name Robert F. DelNero of 33 South Street, a registered elector, to fill the unexpired term of Councilperson, Third Ward for the period September 22, 2025 through the first Monday of January 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council congratulations followed the nomination approval and Mayor Lance E. Colondo called to Robert DelNero to the front of the Meeting Room and administered the Oath. Councilman DelNero then took his seat at the Council table.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the request of the River Crossing YMCA, Nazareth Branch, to conduct their annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Run and Scenic Walk on Thursday, November 27, 2025. The race is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am and the YMCA is requesting road closures for the race route between 8:30 am and 10:30 am with barriers to be removed by race staff as participants complete passes. The request also includes the complete closure of South Main Street from the Circle to Belvidere Street from 6:30 am till 11:00 am plus a police car send off and additional police traffic control at the intersections of South Broad and Belvidere Street and North Broad and West Center Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the transition of the wealth management, custodial and general accounting services of the Borough's Defined Benefit Police Pension Plan, from its current Trustee, Truist, to The Principal Financial Group. Following the announcement of the discontinuation of their pension services on July 29, 2025 by Truist Wealth Management, Nazareth Borough, in accordance with Pennsylvania State Pension Law and the Borough's Pension Ordinance, instituted an Act 44 Request For Proposals (RFP) that was duly advertised in a publication of general circulation. It is the recommendation of

the Police Pension Committee and the Plan Administrator that The Principal Financial Group assume the stewardship of the wealth management, general accounting and reporting plus the custodial services portions of the Borough's Uniformed Pension Plan going forward, effective November 8, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the renewal of Borough Health Insurance with Highmark Blue Shield in the PPO 500 Plan for the period December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026. The renewal includes a 7% price increase from the preceding year and the following rates will apply to the renewal...Family Plan \$29,910 per year, Husband/Wife Plan \$23,206 per year, Parent/Child Plan \$21,659 per year and Single Coverage Plan at \$10,314 per year. The Borough's total health insurance obligation for the 12 month renewal period will be \$396,213.00 which includes four (4) plan "buyouts", one Medicare reimbursement and one police retirement benefit. One year ago, the total costs were \$337, 686.00 but two additional full time employees who receive health benefits have been hired.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the sale of the Borough's X-2 tasers to the Roseto Police Department for \$2,000.00. The Borough police now use the Axiom Taser 10 tasers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve a Handicapped Parking space at 161 Wood Street following the request of Christine Werkheiser. The Nazareth Police Department has examined the area and does recommend approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:15 pm, the Meeting was adjourned to three (3) Executive Sessions.

There being no further business at 7:20 pm, on a motion by Laureen Pellegrino, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President