

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--SPECIAL MEETING--AUGUST 27, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 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 Carl A. Fischl, Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr. (remote), Jessica Teel, Kayla Green, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Christopher D. Crook and Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce. Absent were Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Chief Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street had questions about payments for flowers that were added to the front of Council Chambers. Butz asked if the invoices had been paid.

Sandy Klotz of 481 E. Center Street asked if a grant writer who specialized in storm water grants could be found. She asked if the grant writer who did the DEP Grant could do the Storm Water Grant and was told that she only does DEP Grants for our Borough as well as doing that for twenty one other municipalities.

President Chiavaroli then explained that the purpose of the meeting was to name a Second Ward Councilperson to serve the unexpired term of resigned Councilman David D. Mattei. Chiavaroli also explained that the appointee would serve until the "next general election" for a term that ends on December 31, 2021. Chiavaroli told Council that two candidates had sent Letters of Interest and had filled out Vacancy Affidavits. The President then introduced both candidates and asked which candidate preferred to go first.

David R. Smay of 126 Belvidere Street was the first to approach Council. Smay told Council that his familiarity with local government began for him in the Borough of Hellertown where his father served as Borough Manger for nine years. Smay spent most of his career in the retail jewelry business having worked for Kay Jewelers and through an affiliation locally with Lambert Jewelers. Smay referenced his abilities with technology as a Manager for Amazon in the Tatamy facility and stated that nearly everything that he does on his job is technology based. He also addressed the rewards of public service stating that he knows it first hand from his own father's time in government. Smay thanked Council for the opportunity to present his credentials and state his case to be nominated for the Council seat.

Laureen Pellegrino was the next candidate to address Council and she presented her credentials. A Mechanical Engineer, Pellegrino told Council that she believed in serving her community and has been a member of the Borough Planning Commission for the past two years, is also on the Board of Directors for the Nazareth Center for the Arts and is the current President of the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley. Pellegrino stressed that economic growth and community stability were among

her priorities for the Borough and that strategic planning would pave the way for where the Borough should be headed for years to come. Pellegrino's family was in attendance and she told Council how important it was that Nazareth continued to offer them the very best in schools, a downtown that offers a variety of stores and restaurants and the safe and pleasant environment of a small town. She thanked Council for being given the opportunity to present her candidacy for the vacant Council position.

Christopher Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to appoint Lauren Pellegrino to fill the unexpired term as Second Ward Councilperson until the "next general election".

The motion passed unanimously.

Following applause by Council and the meeting attendees, Ms. Pellegrino graciously accepted the nomination and the "Congratulations" of all in attendance.

There being no further business at 6:50 pm, on a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President