

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 5, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 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 Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Carl R. Strye Jr., Jessica Teel, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Albert Kortze and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht. Absent was Councilman Charles A. Donello.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street had questions about a property at 161 S. Whitfield Street and the lack of maintenance there with debris in the backyard.

Jessica O'Donnell of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce presented Council with a schedule of upcoming Chamber events.

Carl R. Strye Jr. took the floor and introduced Code Enforcement Officer "candidate" Timothy Galloway to Council and the assemblage. Strye related the process of interviewing the candidate and arriving at its recommendation for his hiring.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to hire Timothy Galloway of Easton, PA as the Borough's new "part time" Code Enforcement Officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Timothy Galloway then addressed Council thanking them for the appointment and assuring them that his experience and background had prepared him to perform in his new position.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes (amended) from the regular meeting of July 1, 2019 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Christopher D. Crook., the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2019 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2019	\$	996,430.36
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2019	\$	208,985.38
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	182,770.61
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	94,918.65
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,179,200.97

Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	303,904.03
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	409,167.14
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	56,235.52
General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2019	\$	770,033.83
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2019	\$	247,668.51
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	75,278.52
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	335,419.56
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	174,222.20
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	1,113,181.09
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	25,323.09
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,741,126.80

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$465,402.66.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of July 2019 was presented and approved.

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

An Ambulance Report for July 2019 was not presented.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of July 2019 was approved as presented.

Christopher D. Crook thanked Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht for responding to his call to cleanup a bag of cement that was lying on a Borough street with impending rain threatening to make that cleanup more difficult.

Fire: Jessica Teel presented the Fire Chief's Report for July 2019 and it was approved as presented.

Jessica Teel presented the monthly Report of the Nazareth COG Steering Committee for July 2019 and it was approved as presented.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Police Administrative Assistant Pam Hardy...effective August 9, 2019

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to hire Sharon Ayers, Karen Grom Tophan and John Gostony as Alternate Crossing Guards pending completion and passage of all required certifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the pricing proposal of Lehigh Fuel Company for fuel oil for the coming year after approval by the Borough Engineer. Discussion followed and Engineer Albert Kortze provided details of both of the received price offerings. It was decided to move forward with the motion because the Lehigh Fuel pricing proposition was fixed at \$2.36.9 per gallon.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the proposal of Eugene Hankee & Son for the HVAC maintenance contracts for the coming year

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve "half price" season Pool Passes...effective August 1, 2019 through Labor Day, September 2, 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the request of Action Karate for use of the Park on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from noon till 4:00 pm for a Trunk or Treat event...the \$100 deposit has already been received and we are awaiting the insurance certification and signed contract.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Pre- season Pool Passes, effective August 1, 2019 through Labor Day, September 2, 2019 for 32 days only at 2019 rates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to offer 2020 "pre-season" pool passes at the following rates- \$185 Family, \$90 Child, \$90 Senior and \$75 Senior Citizen from January 31,2020 until March 15, 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of Cory LaDuca of Boy Scout Troop 44 of Bushkill Township to do an Eagle Scout Project involving the construction of a dog agility course which would place five pieces of equipment in a 30' x 30' area of the Borough's Dog Park. Mr. LaDuca presented Council with pictures and an actual mock-up of the types and placement of the proposed equipment and the approval follows his presentation to the Public Property Committee at its July 2019 Committee Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a rate of five (\$5.00) dollars for all swimmers for Nazareth Day 2020.... July 18, 2020. Discussion followed. Christopher D. Crook stated that he would not vote for the motion feeling that it is a day where the community gets together and enjoys the pool and our Park. Carl R. Strye Jr. stated that he would not support the motion feeling that the increase was excessive. President Daniel Chiavaroli stated that he would not vote for motion passage as the increase was not needed. Vice President Larry Stoudt told Council that he opposed the increase and would vote against motion passage. The Vice President stated that there was a motion on the floor and a voice vote followed. The Secretary requested clarity through a Roll Call vote and asked that it be done. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Maurek and Kopach...two (2) voting "Yes". Voting "No" for defeat of the motion to increase Nazareth Day Pool admissions to five (\$5.00) dollars were Councilpersons Stoudt, Strye, Teel, Fischl, Crook and Chiavaroli...six (6) voting "No" and the motion was defeated.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve 2020 Pool Admission and Pool Pass rates as follows. Junior Season Passes will be \$100 and \$90 on the Early Bird Program until March 15th, Senior Season Passes will be \$100 and \$90 on the Early Bird Program until March 15th, Senior Citizen Season Passes for those 62 years old and older will be \$75, Family Passes will be \$195 and \$185 on the Early Bird Program until March 15th. Daily weekday admissions for those ages 4 to 17 will be \$7.00, adults ages 18-61 will be \$8.00 and senior citizens ages 62 and older will be \$6.00. Weekend and Holiday admissions for those aged 3-17 will be \$8.00, adults age 18 -61 will be \$10.00 and for senior citizens 62 and older admission will be \$7.00. Twilight rates for all ages and categories will be \$5.00 per person to swim after 4:00 pm. Discussion followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. told Council he was pleased that Season Pass rates were not going up and that he was not convinced that raising walkup admissions was a good thing.

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

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to invoice the Narwhals Swim Club three thousand (\$3,000.00) for five (5) completed swim meets at the Borough Pool.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to open the Borough Pool on Friday, August 30, 2019 for regular hours.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve a contract with JanPro Services for cleaning the Borough Offices and Police Headquarters at 134 S. Main Street and Council Chambers at 159 West Center Street one time each week at a monthly cost of five hundred and seventy four (\$574.00) dollars. Weekly cleaning services will begin on August 7, 2019.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to approve a seven year lease for use of Essroc Fields with the Nazareth Soccer Club. Nazareth Soccer obtains exclusivity for use of Essroc Fields at no cost but must continue to adhere to all tenets of the Borough's Parks/Events/Facilities Use Policy requiring a signed contract, one hundred (\$100.00) dollar deposit and insurance certifications. Discussion followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. told Council that seven years is a long time to grant rights to anyone for use of any Borough facility and suggested that perhaps Council should re-examine their position regarding this approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt reminded Council that Budget 2020 is fast approaching and to prepare for that crucial time by listing their requests and getting their budgets to the Borough Treasurer.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance which would amend Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles, Part 4, General Parking Regulations and which would prohibit all parking on both sides of Sage Street and both sides of G W Stoudt Boulevard. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call Vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Stoudt, Strye, Teel, Fischl, Maurek, Kopach, Crook and Chiavaroli. Eight (8) voting "Yes"...there were no "No" votes and Ordinance #851 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: The Ecology Report for the month of July 2019 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a metal rolling gate at the Borough's Yard Waste Facility from Tri-Boro Fencing of Bath, PA at a cost of five thousand, seven hundred and ninety five (\$5,795.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to contract with Hoppes Tree Services for the removal of a tree on Church Street adjacent to Council Chambers and two (2) trees in the Dog Park at a total cost of twenty five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place an ad in the Nazareth Key Newspaper informing residents of our garbage hauler's policy requiring the wrapping in plastic of all mattresses and box springs placed curbside for disposal.

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

Technology: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the July NEDC Report of the Downtown Coordinator.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to add a second (2nd) data line for computer service at the Borough Offices at 134 S. Main Street at a cost of fifty five (\$55.00) dollars per month.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Jessica Teel seconded a motion to fund the three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollar matching amount for the recently obtained Rotary Club Grant. Proceeds of the grant will be used for the purchase of police equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for July 2019. Mayor Colondo told Council that Police service calls were up 35%. Mayor Colondo also told Council that Police Administrative Assistant Pamela Hardy's last day of employment would be August 9, 2019 as her family would be moving south. Colondo congratulated and thanked Hardy for a job well done.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Christopher D. Crook asked when the Neighborhood Watch Meetings would resume.

President Chiavaroli then displayed a picture of Olympic Silver Medalist and former Borough resident Joe Kovacs Jr. who accepted a Council invitation and appeared at a Borough Business Meeting in 2017 to address Council. Chiavaroli stated that the picture would be "proudly" hung in a prominent place in the Chamber.

The Meeting then adjourned to one (1) Executive Session.

There being no further business at 7:04 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President