

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--OCTOBER 1, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 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 Fred C. Daugherty Jr., Councilpersons Cynthia Werner, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, and Reverend William W. Matz, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Aaron Sisler, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Councilman Jack R. Herbst.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Richard Troxell of High Street had questions about the Borough's role regarding the Nazareth Ambulance Corps. Troxell asked if the Borough actually owns the Ambulance Corps. In that regard he asked why the Borough would purchase land at taxpayer expense and then allow the Ambulance Corp, a privately held company, to build on that land. Troxell also asked why he was billed for an Ambulance trip when he held a yearly membership.

Mrs. Helen Snyder of 101 E. Center Street expressed her concern about policing in the Borough. Mrs. Snyder asked if there would be public discussion about the future of Nazareth's Police Department

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of September 4, 2012 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Reverend William Matz, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2012 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2012	\$	99,691.62
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2012	\$	61,745.88
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	256,560.84
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	69,349.57
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	356,252.46
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	131,095.45
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	252,002.99
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	687.19
General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2012	\$	104,249.47
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2012	\$	130,408.26
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.77
State Fund Checking Account	\$	735.48
State Fund Money Market	\$	73,975.93
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-

Park Account	\$	29,305.93
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	825,402.63
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,166,386.47

Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$252,690.18. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of September 2012 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month September 2012 was presented and approved.

An Ambulance Report for September 2012 was not presented.

Economic Development & Paving: Cynthia Werner commented very favorably about the recent Awards and Recognition Dinner at which fourteen former boards and commission members, employees and elected officials who are no longer serving, were honored. Werner stated it was a great event.

Police: Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to not post “No Parking” signs in the downtown until 9:00 pm ...or another later time that day, Friday, October 12, 2012 for the Halloween Parade the following day. The Parade will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 13, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to hire Debra Fogel, Leah Fogel, Joseph Passaro and Shandel Dietz as “alternate crossing guards”.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to advertise for the hiring of more part-time police officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve a “handicapped parking space” for Roxanne Richardson at 40 E. Center Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for the month of September 2012 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to donate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to Vigilance Hose Fire Company for the Halloween Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to donate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to Vigilance Hose Fire Company for assisting with Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the staging of the October 13, 2012 Halloween Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the turnover of the recently received Fireman's Relief Funds in the amount of thirty four thousand eight hundred and twenty eight (\$34,828.32) dollars and thirty two cents to Nazareth Firemen's Relief.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ecology & Lighting: The Ecology Report for September 2012 was approved as presented.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to hire Frank Groller as a part-time seasonal yard waste monitor. Groller will be paid eight (\$8.00) dollars per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-12 establishing rates for "Returned Checks" and other Refuse & Recycling administrative costs.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance formally giving the Ecology Commission control of all tree matters in the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to remove the tree at the Library at an estimated cost of five to six thousand (\$5,000-\$6,000) dollars. Discussion followed. Cynthia Werner asked if the tree would be replaced. Frank Maurek told Council that the tree would be replaced and a portion of the cost would be paid through a donation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the request of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce for use of the Circle on Monday, October 22, 2012 for their Office Grand Opening Event.

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

Larry Stoudt moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the low bid of Fogel’s Fuel Oil for the purchase of heating oil pending the approval of the Borough Engineer. The Borough accepted “Option #2” of the proposed methods of purchase.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to install a zoned heating arrangement to include necessary thermostats and wiring at 30 Belvidere Street with a spending maximum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to allow slack lines for individual use to be installed at Memorial Park on a temporary basis. Approvals/waivers cannot conflict with other approved use of memorial Park. Slack lines must be approved each day following use and users of slack lines must sign standard release forms.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to accept the 2012 State Pension Aid in the amount of forty thousand, one hundred eighty three (\$40,183.50) dollars and fifty cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$300 to the Nazareth Community Chorus for their performances throughout the year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Highway: The Highway Report for the month of September 2012 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to begin the process of securing a “deeded dedication” of all streets within the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new Kubota Gator for the Park at a cost of eight thousand, two hundred and seventy three (\$8,273.02) dollars and two cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to select the option from PennDot requesting a re-evaluation in 2015 of the Broad and Walnut Street situation regarding the light at E. Walnut and South Broad Street and the possible removal of Borough meters to allow turn lanes and better traffic flow in that area. The Secretary is directed to correspond with PennDot and request confirmation of receipt of the Borough's option selection.

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

Law: Reverend William Matz moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance regarding the stoplight at S. Broad and East Walnut Streets.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Daugherty presented the Police Report for September 2012.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: President Chiavaroli reported that Councilman Jack R. Herbst had returned to the hospital.

There was a request for an "Executive Session" and the regular meeting was adjourned to the "Executive Session" at 7:59 pm.

There being no further business at 8:14 pm, following the Executive Session, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Charles A. Donello, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President