

## NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--OCTOBER 3, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 3, 2016 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 John N. Samus, Councilpersons Lance E. Colondo, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach and Brian F. Regn, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Borough Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Commissioner Randall Miller and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Councilman Charles A. Donello.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Stephanie Varone of Georgetown Road, the Borough's Downtown Manager, gave her monthly report of new businesses coming to our downtown.

Jeff Round of 204 N. New Street told Council that he is a 7 year Borough resident who had his car totaled in front of his property for the third time on North New Street. Round told Council that speeding is "gross negligence" and a huge concern in his area and that cars break the speed limit all the time. Round also had concerns about the alleged drug problem in our area and overhanging trees and limbs which hinder site lines.

Larry Stoudt moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to appoint Jessica Teel as Councilwoman from the Borough's Second Ward to serve the unexpired term vacated by "now" Mayor John N. Samus. Teel's appointment runs through the first Monday of January 2018.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Samus then took the floor to introduce Olympic Silver Medalist and lifelong Nazareth resident Joe Kovacs Jr.. Kovacs had just won the Olympic medal at the August 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games in the Shot Put and Borough Resolution 7 - 16 had been passed in his honor in July to offer Council's support. Kovacs came to the front of the Chamber and Mayor Samus read Resolution 7 - 16. Kovacs told everyone how much it meant to him, to have grown up in Nazareth, his time as a lifeguard at the Nazareth Pool and his years of training in the Nazareth Park. Kovacs stated that he might be the biggest athlete (physically) to have come from Nazareth but he pointed to a Council mural of Mario Andretti stating that Andretti is certainly the most famous. A loud round of applause and a standing ovation followed as Kovacs accepted the congratulations of Council and signed autographs for everyone in attendance while posing for pictures with all who wanted them. The photo opportunity and signing session went on for 45 minutes until the meeting was again called to order following congratulatory handshakes and a warm departure by Kovacs and his family.

Solicitor Alfred Pierce told Council that an "executive session" special meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm at Council Chambers to discuss the recently received federal lawsuit which had been filed against the Borough. The Secretary was discharged to advertise the meeting properly in a newspaper of general circulation.

Communications: The Secretary reported on the recently received Public Utilities Realty Tax proceeds for 2016 and for the receipt of the proceeds of the annual Recycling Grant.

President Chiavroli read the September 2016 Animal Control Report and it was approved as presented.

The Secretary's minutes for the regular meeting of September 6, 2016 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Frank S. Maurek, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2016 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2016	\$	126,876.19
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2016	\$	301,753.83
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	430,492.35
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	93,662.37
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	557,368.54
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	395,416.20
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	254,133.63
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	40,108.41
General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2016	\$	303,234.91
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2016	\$	355,307.79
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	55.89
State Fund National Penn	\$	105,566.21
ESSA Loan Account	\$	65.79
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	11,017.52
Highway & Fire Vehicle Account	\$	-0-
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	1,126,786.54
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,902,034.65

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$294,242.04. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of September 2016 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of September 2016 was presented and approved.

An Ambulance Report for September 2016 was presented and approved.

Law: Lance E. Colondo moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 16 - E endorsing the Moravian Historical Society's submission of a Monroe County LSA grant and naming the Borough of Nazareth as a municipal sponsor as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, is eligible to apply for a Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Nazareth as a qualifying applicant is also eligible to sponsor as a municipality, an agency or entity that does not qualify for application to the Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant Program,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Nazareth has corresponded with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development officially endorsing its position as a municipal sponsor for the Moravian Historical Society,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth , in Borough Council assembled, that:

1. An endorsement letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, including the understanding and assurances contained therein, has been submitted on behalf of the Moravian Historical Society for consideration of receiving said grant from the Monroe County LSA Grant Program.

2. Nazareth Borough Council certifies its sponsorship of the Moravian Historical Society in its efforts to secure a one hundred eighty eight thousand and sixty six (\$188,066.14) dollar and fourteen cents award to be used for the renovation of the Grey Cottage.

3. The Borough of Nazareth designates Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as the Borough's grant contact, entrusted with executing all documents related to this project and stating the Borough's and the Moravian Historical Society's belief that this is a valid and viable project which will help the Borough and those who use the buildings and facilities of the Moravian Historical Society.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to accept with regret, the immediate resignation of Harry Lance from the Borough Planning Commission. Lance's term would have ended on December 31, 2016.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to "not" approve No Parking in the vicinity of the driveway of the Vitale family on North New Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance to grant removal of one (1) parking space on the south side of Mauch Chunk Street near the intersection with Green Street

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Lance E. Colondo moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve a purchase of \$90.00 from Industrial Communications for six (6) radio antennas.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to acknowledge the receipt of 2016 Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$36,239.61.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the turnover of \$36,239.61 in Fireman's Relief assistance to Nazareth Fireman's Relief.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help subsidize the Halloween Parade. This annual expense will be removed as a Military & Civic Budget Line item and going forward, will be put into the annual Fire Budget

The motion passed unanimously.

Lance E. Colondo moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help subsidize Fire Prevention Week. This annual expense will be removed as a Military & Civic Budget Line item and going forward, will be put into the annual Fire Budget

The motion passed unanimously.

The Fire Report of monthly activity for September 2016 was approved as presented.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the hiring of two (2) Traffic Control Officers...Joseph Passaro and Kevin Stank.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a "performance bonus" of \$350 for Pool Manager Diane Mullen.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve a work schedule for the Pool/Park Manager which begins on April 1st and ends with the closing of the Pool on Labor Day. Reservations for tables, the Log Cabin and Gazebo will be taken by the Assistant Borough Clerk until the Pool opens and the Park Manager will be paid every two weeks between April 1st and September 15th.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve a clarification of the duties of the Pool/Park Manager and her staff making them responsible for all cleanup duties for the Bathhouse, pavilions, Gazebo, Guard Shack and Log Cabin. The Public Works Department will be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep of those facilities. Discussion followed. Larry Stoudt asked for a clarification of whose duty it was to clean the picnic pavilions. Frank S. Maurek responded that cleanup duties with the picnic pavilions were the responsibility of the Pool/Park Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the receipt and acknowledgement of state pension aid in the amount of \$39,461.34.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Michael Kopach moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded a motion to accept the low bid of \$92,460 of Spotts Brothers Inc. of Schuykill Haven PA for installation of the air conditioning system at 134 S. Main Street as recommended and approved by the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to send a letter of support for Upper Nazareth Township to be used in their submission of a Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant for the total rebuilding of North Liberty Street from Route 191 to the intersection of East Center Street. Total cost of the project is \$1,039,037.30 and the Borough's share of the project is 30% with the Upper Nazareth portion being the remaining 70%. The grant request is for \$883,102.05 requiring a grant match from Upper Nazareth of \$155,855.66 and a Nazareth Borough grant match of \$46,756.70.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Brian F. Regn seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 10 -16- B endorsing the submission of a 2016 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant in conjunction with Upper Nazareth Township for a total rebuilding of North Liberty Street as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, is eligible to apply for a Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth as a qualifying applicant is also eligible to co-sponsor as a municipality with another municipality for application to the Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant Program,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth has corresponded with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development officially endorsing its position as a municipal co-sponsor with Upper Nazareth Township,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that:

1. An endorsement letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, including the understanding and assurances contained therein, has been submitted on behalf of the Borough of Nazareth in cooperation with Upper Nazareth Township for consideration of receiving said grant from the Monroe County LSA Grant Program.

2. Nazareth Borough Council certifies its co-sponsorship of Upper Nazareth Township in its efforts to secure an eight hundred, eighty three thousand, one hundred eighty two (\$883,182.05) dollar and five cents award to be used for the total rebuilding of North Liberty Street in both the Borough (30%) and in Upper Nazareth Township (70%).

3. The Borough of Nazareth designates Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus as the Borough's grant contact, entrusted with executing all documents related to this project and stating the Borough's and Upper Nazareth Township's belief that this is a valid and viable project which will help the Borough as well as Upper Nazareth Township and those who use North Liberty Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Works Report of monthly activity for September 2016 was approved as presented.

Ecology: No report.

Technology: No report.

Mayor: Mayor John N. Samus presented the September 2016 Police Report of Monthly Activity. Mayor Samus commented on his first month as Mayor and how he has acquainted himself with his new duties. Samus also read a proclamation he has endorsed for Crime Prevention month.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to schedule and advertise a "special executive session" meeting for 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Council Chambers to hear of particulars of a recently filed lawsuit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

The meeting was then adjourned to an "executive session" for a contractual matter.

There being no further business, on a motion by Larry Stoudt seconded by Carl A. Fischl, the meeting was adjourned to the 4:00 pm "special executive session" meeting on October 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm at Council Chambers at 8:25 pm.

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Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary/Treasurer

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Daniel Chiavaroli, President

