

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MARCH 4, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 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 Jack R. Herbst, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Christian Audenried, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Councilwoman Cynthia Werner.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Communications: Joseph Lichner of East Center Street had questions about an Agenda item seeking approval for two handicapped parking spaces for Saint John's Lutheran Church. Lichner also questioned who was allowed to use the batting cage at the Park ballfield.

Chris Sandone representing the Nazareth High School Baseball Booster Club asked about the status of repairs to the batting cage at the ballfield. The batting cage was heavily damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

Koine Behler of 28 E. Walnut Street asked Council about the status of the Civil Service Commission in its process for the hiring of a full time police officer. Behler also inquired about the purchase of a new police vehicle which was part of the 2013 Borough Operating Budget.

Robert Dieter of Easton Road asked Council if something could be done about Bacon Street. Dieter called it a raceway and said restricting speed on that street should be a priority.

Carl Strye of 703 Seip Avenue asked Council about the lack of a flag and flagpole in front of the 134 S. Main Street Municipal Building.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of February 4, 2013 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Frank S. Maurek, seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2013 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand February 1, 2013	\$	244,223.98
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 1, 2013	\$	118,254.27
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	426,531.48
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	9,726.60
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	670,755.46
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	127,980.87
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	278,026.71
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	382.00
General Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2013	\$	392,728.75

Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 28, 2013	\$	127,598.87
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.43
State Fund Checking Account	\$	267.80
State Fund Money Market	\$	1,503.65
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	2,174.53
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	375,303.06
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	901,885.93

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$278,408.71. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of February 2013 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of February 2013 was presented and approved.

An Ambulance Report for February 2013 was presented and approved.

Economic Development & Paving: Jack R. Herbst moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 - 13 - A honoring the 2013 Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce honoree, Herbs to Your Success as follows:

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce has instituted an annual “Award of Excellence” given to a person, persons or a business organization who has been deemed to be devoted to improving Nazareth and its surrounding environs, both in a business and social sense,

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Herbs to Your Success as the Year 2013 honoree, not only for the great personal and health maintenance services it provides but also for the manner in which it has become an integral part of our community, our downtown and the surrounding areas of our county,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Council of the Borough of Nazareth commends and recognizes Herbs to Your Success. Herbs to Your Success has also played an integral part in the area’s economic success as it has been actively involved in the social and economic activities of our Borough. Nazareth Borough Council wishes to recognize those businesses whose products, business prowess, community spirit and self sacrifice have made appreciable differences in our Borough and our area. Herbs to Your Success has been a good citizen and has participated in many downtown Nazareth events and additionally has been an active and contributing member of our Chamber of Commerce,

AND NOW, this fourth day of February, 2013, Nazareth Borough Council commends, honors and thanks Herbs to Your Success, its employees and its owner for all their success and accomplishments and congratulates them on the attaining of this prestigious award.

Council directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to an outstanding and worthy recipient of this year's "Award of Excellence", Herbs to Your Success.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 - 13 honouring the Nazareth High School Girls Basketball Team as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to recognize those individuals, coaches and teams who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary accomplishments on the court , in the classroom or through their civic contributions to the community,

WHEREAS, our Nazareth High School Girls Basketball Team recently completed their incredibly successful 2012 - 2013 season having won both the Lehigh Valley Conference and District XI championships, both for the first time in their history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Nazareth Lady Eagles Basketball Team has in 2012 - 2013, brought honor to themselves, their school and to our community through their hard work and dedication. By winning their first District XI championship and by defeating all of the Lehigh Valley's perennial powers enroute to a Lehigh Valley Conference crown, the program has risen to lofty prominence in our region. Coach Rich Bickert and his staff have guided this great group of girls to three consecutive 20 win seasons and unprecedented success in district and state play. Nazareth Borough Council commends the players of the Nazareth Lady Eagles Basketball Team, Head Coach Rich Bickert and his assistants, parents and everyone involved with the program and directs the Secretary to issue a citation memorializing this Resolution for presentation to a wonderful group of young basketball players and deserving young ladies who have made us all extremely proud. Nazareth Borough Council is pleased to once again congratulate the Nazareth Lady Eagles Basketball Team and thank it for the pride and the enjoyment it has brought to us all.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve two (2) handicapped parking spaces on the west side of South Broad Street for the Saint John's Lutheran Church.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for the month of February 2013 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the use of the Park for the annual Fireman's/Kiwanis Carnival from June 12, 2103 through June 15, 2013. Carnival setup will begin on June 6, 2013 and takedown will conclude by June 18, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on Saturday, September 7, 2013 by the Vigilance Hose Fire Company #1 for their annual Money Raffle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on August 25, 2013 for a Cancer Awareness event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve use of the Park from August 19, 2013 through August 24, 2013 by the Horizons for Youth Group of Northampton Community College(Northampton Chapter) for their annual summer camp.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the rescheduling of the Warm Hearts 5K Race for Saturday, March 9, 2013. The Race, originally scheduled for February, passes through portions of the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley for use of the Park on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 8:00 am till 11:00 am as a starting point for their annual Rally Through the Valley.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to grant permission to FedEx to place a drop box in the Borough in the area of the flagpole at 30 Belvidere Street. Discussion followed. Jack R. Herbst asked if other locations had been looked at.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Barbell to conduct a Powerlifting Championship at the Park on June 22, 2013 from 7:00 am till 5:00 pm. The approval includes rental of the entire large pavilion. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the annual Jacksonian Club Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm at Kraemer Field

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to authorize the Public Works Superintendent to proceed with repairs to the batting cage at the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to direct the Borough's Pension Plan Administrator to seek proposals from four or five financial firms who would provide oversight and consultation for the Borough's Police Pension Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the receipt of the annual Conveyor Fees from Essroc Cement. The Borough received six thousand, one hundred and seventy seven (\$6,177) dollars from Essroc for 2012 fees.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for the month of February 2013 was approved as presented.

Michael Kopach moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) concrete saw at a cost of one thousand, forty one (\$1,041.56) dollars and fifty six cents and one(1) drill hammer at a total cost of one thousand, two hundred and twenty one(\$1,221.64) dollars and sixty four cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the rental of a forklift for one month at a cost of nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars plus the transportation to bring it to the Borough at a cost of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Public Works Superintendent to advertise for bids for highway materials and miscellaneous rental equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for summer help.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ecology & Lighting: The Ecology Report for February 2013 was approved as presented.

Charles A. Donello moved and Christian Audenried seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads announcing the opening of the Yard Waste facility and the 2013 hours of operation. The facility will open on April 2, 2013 and will close on November 30, 2013. Hours of operation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays are 12 noon till 5:00 pm. The facility will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to hire Rudy Amberger and Gary Slutter as Yard Waste monitors for the 2013 season. Amberger and Slutter will be paid eight (\$8.00) dollars per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Christian Audenried moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve a maintenance contract for the Borough's computers with East Coast Networking of Nazareth, Pa at a cost of six hundred and fifty (\$650.00) dollars per month.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Daugherty presented the Police Report for February 2013.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: Police Chief Thomas Trachta told Council that replacing EMA Manager Michael Rinker was a major mistake.

Carl A. Fischl responded to Trachta's remarks by presenting the process he used to ascertain the service we would be receiving from Rinker who is now the EMA Director for Upper Nazareth Township in addition to his employment at the 911 Center. Fischl also read a list of duties and tasks that had not been performed as well as mandatory training that Rinker had not gone through.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 8:48 pm, following an Executive Session, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Jack R. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President