

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--AUGUST 5, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, August 5, 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 Carl Strye Jr., Councilpersons Cynthia Werner, 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.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Communications: Paul Luongo 215 Mill Race Drive, Tatamy also of the Nazareth Economic Development Commission asked Council if the Gaming Grant it had been awarded was specific to the applied for purpose. Luongo also asked for the date and time of the next Technology Committee meeting.

Larry VanDever of South Main Street had questions about the Police Pension Plan and about Gaming Grants.

Carole Bowers of North New Street commented on the Pool situation and recommended that a professional be hired to administer the building of the Pool and Bathhouse.

Harry Adams of 224 Woodside Avenue praised former Borough Engineer Donald Keller for the volunteer work he is performing with the Pool Focus Group. Keller wrote the "Request For Proposal" aimed at hiring a Pool Architect and has been instrumental in visiting other pools in the area for fact-finding.

Harry Lance of Fairview Street asked if an architect is necessary for the Pool Project if we already have an Engineer.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street asked if an update on the Police Department would be forthcoming.

Communications: The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the new rate had been received for the final twelve payments of the loan taken out for construction of the Highway Garage. The Borough borrowed \$1 million dollars in 1997 with a rate adjustment every five years. The new rate will be 2%, down from the current 3%.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of July 1, 2013 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Larry Stoudt, the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2013 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2013	\$	109,192.83
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2013	\$	195,991.85
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	287,508.09
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	104,695.30

General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	396,700.92
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	300,687.15
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	319,788.89
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	148,015.44
General Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2013	\$	76,912.03
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand June 30, 2013	\$	152,671.71
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.23
State Fund Checking Account	\$	6,435.30
State Fund Money Market	\$	76,878.56
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	13,360.03
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	975,357.24
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,303,293.10

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$467,804.33.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

An Ambulance Report for July 2013 was presented and approved.

Economic Development & Paving: Cynthia Werner reported on the hiring process for the new Downtown Manager and told Council that the Arts Center had been awarded a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar grant.

Police: Jack R Herbst moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth YMCA to hold the annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Race through streets in the Borough on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28, 2013 from 9:00 am until its conclusion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the use of Council Chambers on Thursday, August 15, 2013 during morning hours for a Police Meeting with the Borough's Crossing Guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christian Audenried moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to authorize the Police Hiring Committee to proceed with their process and hire no more than three (3) part-time police

officers. The final hiring is to occur following interviews and is contingent on the passage of background checks and the possession of all other necessary certifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report of monthly activity for the month of July 2013 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion authorizing a donation of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars to the Nazareth Special Fire Police for the help they provided on Nazareth Day, the Block Party, Martin on Main and with traffic control for the Fireworks Display.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to hold their Cancer Awareness event in the Park on Sunday, August 25, 2013. The approval does not include allowing a "Petting Zoo" or any outside food vending.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christian Audenried seconded a motion to approve the cleaning and shampooing of the rugs at 134 S. Main Street by Brian's Professional Carpet Cleaning at a cost of one thousand seventy five (\$1,075.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the use of the Park on August 14, 2013 from 5:30 pm till 8:30 pm by the Nazareth YMCA for their second annual Run for Color Race.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve a two year lease with Northampton County for use of the Magistrate's Office within the Municipal Offices at 134 S. Main Street. Monthly rental will be three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve a one (1 yr) year lease with the Culture and Arts Commission for rental of 30 Belvidere Street at a cost of seventy five (\$75.00) dollars per month.

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

Frank S. Maurek moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to give Pool/Park Manager Jeanette Hartzell permission to sell the remaining pool baskets for whatever price she can get.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt reported on the savings the Borough has reaped from its change to First Energy Services. Over the past twelve months, the Borough has saved over twenty three (\$23,000.00) dollars in charges for electricity. Stoudt reported on the Borough receiving more than \$61,000 from PEMA for damages from Hurricane Sandy. Stoudt also reported that an additional three thousand nine hundred (\$3,900.00) dollars has been saved through the lowering of the Borough's 2013 Worker's Compensation insurance premium making the new rate approximately one hundred and ninety thousand, two hundred and forty (\$190,240.00) dollars.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Treasurer to bill the Nazareth Ambulance Corps for facility rental, vehicular insurance reimbursement and for the effect their driving record has on the Borough's overall vehicle coverage... Total to be billed is \$17,500 for insurance coverage and three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars for annual facility rental.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Law: Christian Audenried moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance which would adopt the 2012 version of the International Property Maintenance Code. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" were Councilpersons Werner, Herbst, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt. Kopach, Donello, Audenried and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #789 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Christian Audenried moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance which would establish a five (5 min) minute parking zone on the south side of Belvidere Street just east of S. Main Street near the Nazareth Daycare Center. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" were Councilpersons Werner, Herbst, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt. Kopach, Donello, Audenried and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #790 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Mayor: Mayor Carl Strye Jr. presented the Police Report for July 2013.

Mayor Strye addressed the ongoing Police issues and recommended a contract extension till the end of 2013 for Chief of Police Thomas Trachta as a way of beginning the process of reviving our Police Department.

Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to replace the current "month to month" contractual arrangement with Chief of Police Thomas Trachta with a five month contract ending December 31, 2013.

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

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

The President then called for two (2) “executive sessions” for the purpose of personnel.

Old Business: None.

New Business: President Chiavaroli told Council of the passing of the wife of former Councilman Reverend William Matz. Chiavaroli stated that it was appropriate for the Borough to send a floral arrangement as is Council’s policy with all former members of Council and their spouses. The family of Mary Matz however specified that donations be made in lieu of flowers.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to make a “memorial donation” in the amount of seventy five (\$75.00) dollars to the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity in the name of the late Reverend Doctor Mary Matz.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at 8:22 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Jack R. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President