

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MARCH 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 5, 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, Jack R. Herbst, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach 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 Charles A. Donello.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of February 7, 2012 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Jack R. Herbst, seconded by Frank S. Maurek, the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2012 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2012	\$	166,157.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2012	\$	99,901.17
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	364,206.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	8,886.42
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	530,363.80
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	108,787.59
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	250,325.13
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	80.00
General Fund--Cash on Hand February 29, 2012	\$	280,038.67
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand February 29, 2012	\$	108,707.59
Payroll Account	\$	494.00
State Fund Checking Account	\$	311.57
State Fund Money Market	\$	5,022.45
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	2,486.16
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	325,284.13
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	722,344.57

Jack R. Herbst moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$250,405.13. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

An Ambulance Report for February 2012 was not presented.

Economic Development & Paving: Cynthia Werner moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 - 12 honoring the 2012 Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce honoree, Franklin Hill Vineyards 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 Franklin Hill Vineyards as the Year 2012 honoree, not only for its great wines but for the manner in which it has become an integral part of our community 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 Franklin Hill Vineyards for its many years of producing fine wines produced from its own home grown grapes. Its products have won awards throughout the Mid-Atlantic region with a list of honors that would make any winery proud. Franklin Hill Vineyards 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 eastern Northampton County and all of its neighboring communities. 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. Franklin Hill Vineyards 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 fifth day of March, 2012, Nazareth Borough Council commends, honors and thanks Franklin Hill Vineyards, its employees and their families, its management team and its ownership group 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”, Franklin Hill Vineyards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: No report.

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

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

Frank S. Maurek moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to rehire Rudy Amberger and Nelson Harman to staff the Yardwaste Recycling Center. Both employees will be paid an hourly wage of eight (\$8.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to compose a letter to Charles Chrin Inc. requesting payment of the \$50,000 fee due to the Borough for the removal of nine parking meters and the maintenance of the new traffic signal at the intersection of Broad and Walnut Streets.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Crime Victim's Council of the Lehigh Valley for their annual "Rally Through the Valley" motorcycle run to begin at the Park on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve the request of the Girl Scouts of the Greater Lehigh Valley for use of the Park for Girl Scout Cleanup Day at the Park on April 14, 2012 from 9-11 am for Earth Day.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve use of the Kraemer Field by the Nazareth Jacksonian Club on Saturday, March 24, 2012 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hours of use are 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of a portion of Veteran's Memorial Square by the Loaves and Fishes Program of the Nazareth Area Food Bank on certain Saturdays throughout the year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to seek specs needed to proceed to advertise for bids for a Weil-McClain gas furnace for the Library. The furnace installation is the result of a \$10,000 State Library Grant which the Borough, in conjunction with the Library Board wrote, submitted and received.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve a new "Employment Policy" concerning concurrent full time and other outside employment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the Borough's new Donation Policy outlining procedures for the acceptance of donations to the Borough and the establishment of stipulations for the refusal of donations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the implementing of the Borough Hiring Policy for the hiring of part-time police officers and the new Pool/Park Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the naming of members to the Hiring Committee for the Pool/Park Manager and for the hiring of part-time police officers.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jack R. Herbst moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Engineer to advertise for bids for miscellaneous road materials and rental equipment for 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to advertise for summer help for the Highway Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Reverend William Matz moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance which would place two (2) "No Parking" signs on the western side of South Whitfield Street in the vicinity of 181 South Whitfield Street

The motion passed unanimously.

Reverend William Matz moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to advertise for a police pension ordinance update which would shift the pension and survivorship responsibility for "officers killed in action" to the State of Pennsylvania and its funding and away from the Borough's pension plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: Frank S. Maurek read a letter from a resident who owed over \$1,700 to the Borough for delinquent Refuse & Recycling fees. The resident owned two units but was only paying for collection for one of the units and the delinquency was discovered by Borough Clerk

Christine Lilly. The resident asked if he could pay the balance on a quarterly plan. Discussion followed before Council unanimously agreed that the balance due must be paid. The Solicitor was directed to write a letter indicating that the balance due was payable upon receipt.

Cynthia Werner moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to again place the ads seeking a Pool/Park Manager.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Larry Stoudt had questions about the permitted time for placing garbage on the curb for the next day's collection. He was informed by the Solicitor that the ordinance states that 5:00 pm was the earliest allowed time for the putting out of garbage.

President Chiavaroli reminded everyone on Council about the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance and to contact the Secretary for reservations and arrangements.

There being no further business at 8:45 pm, following three (3) Executive Sessions, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Jack R. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President