

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, November 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, 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.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Richard Troxell of 126 E. North Street had questions about the Borough's budget deliberations and the decisions to hire another full-time officer, purchase a Police SUV and a Highway Department Skidsteer. Troxell also praised all the public service branches within the Borough for their work during the recent Hurricane Sandy emergency.

Joseph Lichner of 493 E. Center Street had questions about the Meeting Agenda. Lichner asked about the proposed "Easement agreement", Fire Department training and an ordinance about the traffic light on South Broad Street.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street asked if the police regionalization matters would be brought to the public for questions and discussion. Butz asked when the public would get more details and become involved in the process.

Louise Matyas of North Main Street and owner of Oswald Jewelers on West Center Street asked Council about the granting of "handicapped parking" spaces in the metered zone. Matyas questioned Council about the existence of any other "handicapped spaces" within the metered area of the downtown.

Communications: A "Thank You" card from the family of the late former Borough employee Kermit Kehs was read aloud. Kehs passed away in October of 2012.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of October 1, 2012 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Reverend William Matz, seconded by Larry Stoudt, the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2012 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2012	\$	104,249.47
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2012	\$	130,408.26
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	398,892.89
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	100,221.25
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	503,142.36
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	230,629.51

General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	356,449.56
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	149,372.68
General Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2012	\$	146,642.80
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand October 31, 2012	\$	81,256.83
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.60
State Fund Checking Account	\$	674.46
State Fund Money Market	\$	67,982.19
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	29,307.98
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,003,586.72

Reverend William Matz moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$505,872.24. The motion passed unanimously.

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

An Emergency Management Report for the month October 2012 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for October 2012 was not presented.

Economic Development & Paving: Cynthia Werner moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to hire Jeanette Hartzell as Pool/Park and Summer Rec Manager for the 2013 season. Ms. Hartzell will receive a salary of thirteen thousand five hundred (\$13,500) dollars for the combined positions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve a “handicapped parking” space at 50 S. New Street for Arlene Bloss.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve sending our Fireman to training at the Bucks County Community College. Cost of the training program is twenty eight hundred (\$2,800.00) dollars....200 hours of training at fourteen (\$14.00) dollars per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to advertise the December 2, 2012 closing of the Yard Waste Facility.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance formally giving the Ecology Commission control of all tree matters in the Borough. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting “Yes” were Councilpersons Chiavaroli, Werner, Herbst, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt, Kopach, Donello and Reverend Matz. Nine (9) voting “Yes” and Ordinance #781 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Public Property: Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce for use of the Circle for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6, 2012 7:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to draw up an agreement document for the proposed Park “Easement” requested by Moravian Hall Square.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve the low bid of for the Pool Filter equipment of two hundred sixty four thousand, three hundred sixteen (\$264,316.00) dollars. The low bidder was the Neptune - Benson Company.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of Council Chambers on Saturday, February 2, 2013 and Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 12:30 pm till 3:00 pm for baseball signups.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of Council Chambers on various Sunday evenings throughout the year by Nazareth Baseball Incorporated for meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on Sunday from noon till 5:00 pm by Nazareth Baseball Incorporated for player and team pictures.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Michael Kopach moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve a “Proposed” 2013 Borough Operating Budget calling for the purchase of a Highway Department “Skidsteer” vehicle, a new Police SUV, the hiring of one additional full time police officer and continued storm sewer work on Spring Street. The “Proposed” Budget calls for a one half Mill tax increase.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise the availability for public inspection of the “Proposed” 2013 Borough Operating Budget for ten (10) days in November. Interested persons can view the Budget at the Nazareth Municipal Building, 134 S. Main Street during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm from November 9, 2012 through November 21, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to return “pre-paid” real estate tax money to KNBT (\$1001.65) and to the Silk Mill Senior Center (Nazareth Senior Apartment (\$2416.15). These are properties whose assessments were recently lowered after already paying their 2012 Borough Real estate taxes.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve payment to E.J. Brenneman for the paving materials used at Spring Brook Terrace. Total charges for the materials from Brenneman for the project was thirty six thousand, five hundred and forty (\$36,540.74) dollars and seventy four cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter of recognition and thanks to Sam’s Club of Northampton Crossings and their General Manager Donald Flad for their donation of water, drinks and other foodstuffs to our Highway Department, the Fire Department and the Nazareth Police Department during the recent Hurricane Sandy disaster.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to recognize the exemplary efforts and work of the Borough’s Highway Department during the Hurricane Sandy disaster with a newsletter article.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Reverend William Matz moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance regarding the stoplight at S. Broad and East Walnut Streets. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting “Yes” were Councilpersons Chiavaroli, Werner, Herbst, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt, Kopach, Donello and Reverend Matz. Nine (9) voting “Yes” and Ordinance #782 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Reverend William Matz stated that he is puzzled and disappointed by the lack of an Emergency Management Report following the worst storm in the Borough’s history.

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

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Frank S. Maurek reported that six to eight trees were lost during the hurricane. Maurek asked if anyone would step up and donate a tree.

Frank S. Maurek stated that we need work done on the porch of the Log Cabin. He suggested that we have the Secretary write a letter to the Nazareth Contractor's Association requesting they donate their time to the project.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to write a letter to the Nazareth Contractor's Association asking for their help in rebuilding the porch on the Log Cabin at the Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

There was a request for an "Executive Session" and the regular meeting was adjourned to the "Executive Session" at 7:52 pm. There were assurances given to the audience that the regular meeting would resume following the "Executive Session".

Jack R. Herbst moved to send Officer Steven Schlieg to an Underage Drinking Course, the Citizens Academy Police Seminar at a cost of two hundred ninety eight (\$298.00) dollars, to an "Officer Down" training seminar and to a course for synthetic drugs requiring that Schlieg be paid two hours of overtime.

There was no "Second" to the motion and the motion was stricken.

There being no further business at 8:28 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