

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, February 6, 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 Matz, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Aaron Sisler, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Reverend William Matz took the floor and called everyone's attention to the members of the Nazareth High School Football Team who along with their coaches, were in attendance at the Meeting. Reverend Matz heralded the team for their record setting season and the league and district championships they had won in the Fall of 2011.

Reverend William Matz moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2 - 12 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 field of play, in the classroom or through their civic contributions to the community,

WHEREAS, our Nazareth High School Football Team recently completed their incredibly successful 2011 season having won both the Lehigh Valley Conference and District XI championships,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Nazareth Blue Eagles Football Team has in 2011, brought honor to themselves, their school and our community. The team's "come from behind" style and their hard-nosed, team oriented play endeared them to a community who has not only applauded their success but has likewise embraced the players and coaches as their very own. Coach Rob Melosky and his staff have rekindled Nazareth's once proud football tradition and have taken the team's success to a new level. By recently winning their first Lehigh Valley Conference Championship and also the 2011 District XI title, our beloved Blue Eagles have returned to local and regional football prominence and have won our hearts as well. By winning their first District XI championship in over two decades and defeating all of the Lehigh Valley's perennial powers, the program has returned to the prominence in Lehigh Valley football it has not enjoyed since the late 1980's. It is noteworthy too that several of the team's players received honors unprecedented in Nazareth Football history as Quarterback Dan Harding was named Pennsylvania 4A Co-Player of the Year, the highest state honor ever accorded a Nazareth athlete. Harding broke several Nazareth passing and offensive records and was joined on the All State First Team by wide receiver Adam Bridgeforth while Freshman running back Jordan Grey set new marks in rushing for a first year player. To his credit, Coach Rob Melosky molded a team whose members cared about each other as much as they did about winning. Melosky was justifiably named Coach of the Year in several publications for his mastery of teaching his players to perform as a unit on the field and as respectable young men when not in uniform. Nazareth Borough Council commends the players of the Nazareth Blue Eagles Football Team, Head Coach Rob Melosky and his staff, 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 football players who have made us all proud. Nazareth Borough Council is pleased to once again congratulate the Nazareth High Football Team and thank it for the pride and the enjoyment it has brought us all.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Daugherty then spoke about the team and their wonderful season and presented leather bound copies of the Resolution to the fourteen seniors in attendance and to Head Coach Rob Melosky. Daugherty then invited Melosky to speak for the team. Melosky thanked Council and Mayor Daugherty for the honor and told everyone how proud he was of his players and their parents. Melosky stated that he hoped to be invited back again and again after similar successful seasons. Each of the more than forty players who were there shook hands with Council and accepted their congratulations.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Bill King of 451 Eagle Drive told Council that he was President of the Nazareth Baseball Booster Club and that he was disappointed with the condition of the field at the Park. King asked if he could meet with the Borough's Field Committee to discuss maintenance of the ballfield.

Rose Lichner of 493 E. Center Street asked Council about rules for breaking up and putting out cardboard for recycling collection. Lichner stated that the rules are not being followed.

Becky Butz of 37 N. Broad Street told Council she is not in favor of the television set being allowed in the Police Department. Butz stated that there are constant complaints about the shortage of police officers and inadequate police coverage and that the presence of a tv set in the department will only make that worse. Butz also asked if citizens could get a copy of the Borough's Emergency Management Plan. She also asked for the responsible party for putting information into the Borough's three kiosks.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of January 3, 2012 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Reverend William Matz, seconded by Michael Kopach, the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2012 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2011	\$	84,348.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 30, 2011	\$	47,475.03
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	307,799.70
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	115,916.72
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	392,147.72
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	163,391.75
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	225,990.32
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	63,490.58

General Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2012	\$	166,157.40
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand January 31, 2012	\$	99,901.17
Payroll Account	\$	494.00
State Fund Checking Account	\$	210.75
State Fund Money Market	\$	5,721.72
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	2,173.90
Highway & Fire Vehicle Account	\$	-0-
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	325,278.50
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	599,937.44

Reverend William Matz moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$289,480.90. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of January 2012 was presented and approved.

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

An Ambulance Report for January 2012 was not presented.

Economic Development & Paving: Cynthia Werner announced the new officers for 2012 for both the Culture and Arts Commission and the Economic Development Commission. Werner reported that her Committee would not accept any additional orders for memorial benches and that the new sign for the Center for Culture and the Arts had been put into place on the side of the 30 Belvidere Street building.

Cynthia Werrner moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to continue running the ads seeking candidates for the Pool/Park Manager's position.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Jack R. Herbst moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a "Door Breaching Ram" at a cost of two hundred and twenty (\$220.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) ballistic shields, each measuring 18" x 24" at a cost of eight hundred and sixty nine (\$869.00) dollars apiece.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve the hiring of David Powell as a traffic control officer at a rate of ten (\$10.00) dollars per hour.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve sending Officer Daniel Troxell to a Street Survival Seminar. The Borough will assume the registration costs of one hundred and ninety (\$190.00) dollars and Troxell will receive one (1) day's training wages - eight (8 hrs) hours at his current rate.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve a handicapped parking space at the intersection of Broad and Evergreen Streets on the south side of Evergreen Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for part-time police officers. The advertisement will advise previous applicants that they must submit new applications for consideration. All previously filed applications for part-time police employment and previously approved hires will be rescinded by this motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello moved to approve the return to service and the reconnection to cable broadcasting of the television set in the Police Department. There was "No" second to the motion.

The motion is stricken.

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

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2 -12 - A as follows:

THIS RESOLUTION, approved and adopted by the Council of the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County Pennsylvania, on the date hereinafter set forth,

WITNESS TO:

WHEREAS, Section 7503 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101et seq. Mandates the Borough of Nazareth prepare, maintain and keep current an emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a major emergency or disaster within the Borough of Nazareth; and

WHEREAS, in response to the mandate stated above, the Borough of Nazareth has prepared an emergency operations plan to provide prompt and effective emergency response procedures to be followed in the event of a major emergency or disaster, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth has also prepared an emergency operations plan in order to reduce the potential effects of a major emergency or disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Council of Nazareth Borough do hereby approve, adopt and place into immediate effect, the Emergency Operations Plan of the Borough of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. This Plan shall be reviewed every two years to make certain that it conforms with the requirements of the Northampton County Emergency Operations Guideline.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Frank S. Maurek moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise for two (2) yard waste recycling monitors for the 2012 season which begins on April 3, 2012 and closes on December 1, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to set an hourly wage rate of eight (\$8.00) dollars for our yard waste monitors.

The motion passed. There were two (2) "No" votes.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to develop a schedule aimed at reducing the amount of hours which the yard waste facility would be open. The tentative 2012 schedule calls for the facility to be open from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise a "special executive session" meeting for real estate on February 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Council Chambers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Reverend William Matz seconded a motion to send letters of appreciation to Borough Clerk Christine Lilly and Assistant Clerk Diana Dalrymple for their work in pursuing property owners with multiple unit residences but who had been erroneously billed for less than the correct amounts. Nearly twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars has been recovered through their efforts.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Larry Stoudt moved and Cynthia Werner seconded a motion to approve the May 19, 2012 Downtown Bike Fest sponsored by the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the use of the Park for the annual Fireman's/Kiwanis Carnival from June 13, 2102 through June 17, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of the Park on September 8, 2012 by the Vigilance Hose Fire Company #1 for their annual Money Raffle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve use of the Park from August 20, 2012 through August 24, 2012 by the Horizons for Youth Group of Northampton Community College(Northampton Chapter) for their annual summer camp.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the use of the Park on Sunday, July 14, 2012 as a starting point for the Lukas Autism Ride.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve the use of the Park on April 1, 2012 for the Fireman's Easter Egg Hunt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Michael Kopach moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to pay the state Unemployment Solvency fee of fourteen hundred and eleven (\$1,411.29) dollars and twenty nine cents which would relieve the Borough from paying unemployment charges for current employees who have lost jobs or partial wages with "other" employers.

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

Charles A. Donello gave an update on road work for Spring Brook Terrace and the newly established inspection rate for street opening/closing matters after the first two hours of sixty five dollars per hour.

Law: No report.

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

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Chiavaroli reported that the latest issue of the Borough Newsletter has been mailed.

The meeting was adjourned to an “executive session” at 8:37 p.m.

There being no further business, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Jack R. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President