

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REORGANIZATION MEETING--JANUARY 6, 2014

District Judge John C. Capobianco administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Carl R. Strye Jr. for a four year term in office.

The Reorganization Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Carl R. Strye Jr..

Mayor Carl R. Strye Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Charles A. Donello and Councilman John N. Samus, both for four (4 yr) year terms.

Mayor Carl R. Strye Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Tax Collector Carole Bowers for a four (4 yr) term.

Mayor Strye administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Danny Keenhold, 1st Assistant Fire Chief John Deutsch and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chris Keenhold.

Mayor Strye administered the Oath of Office to Special Fire Police Captain John Gostony, 1st Lieutenant Ray Fogel, Lieutenant David Powell, Scott Fogel, John Ashworth, Larry Stoudt, Lyle Myers, Kerry Frey, Kyle Schaefer and Cliff Hess.

Mayor Strye called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the Office of President of Borough Council.

Frank S. Maurek moved to nominate Daniel Chiavaroli for Council President. No further nominations were made and seven (7) Councilpersons assented to Chiavaroli's election.

Mayor Strye then turned the gavel over to new Council President Daniel Chiavaroli.

John N. Samus moved to nominate Larry Stoudt for the Office of Vice President of Borough Council. No further nominations were made and a voice vote followed. Seven (7) councilpersons assented to Stoudt's election.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion appointing Alfred S. Pierce as Solicitor for the Borough of Nazareth. Pierce's nomination was unanimously approved.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion appointing Albert Kortze and Keystone Consulting Engineers as Borough Engineer. No further nominations were offered. A voice vote followed and the nomination was approved unanimously.

President Chiavaroli then announced his 2014 committee assignments.

Larry Stoudt moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:25 P.M..

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Carl R. Strye Jr., Mayor

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--JANUARY 6, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30 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 R. Strye Jr., Councilmen John N. Samus, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach and Charles A. Donello, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Christian Audenried and Carl R. Strye Jr. as Councilmen for their four year elected terms to begin on January 1, 2014. Audenried was elected to represent the First Ward and Strye was elected to represent the Third Ward.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place ads for candidates for two year terms on Council for the vacant First Ward seat and the vacant Third Ward seat. Candidates are to present their letters of interest to the Borough Secretary by January 28, 2014 and to appear at the January 30, 2014 Workshop Meeting before Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Amy Lutte of 132 Garden Terrace asked for an update for the new Pool.

Communications: None

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of December 7, 2009 were approved as presented.

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

General Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2013	\$	128,218.83
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand November 30, 2013	\$	136,854.15
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	355,258.81
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	63,575.22
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	483,477.64
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	200,429.37
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	393,540.56
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	108,012.18

General Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2013	\$	89,937.08
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand December 31, 2013	\$	92,417.19
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.14
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	50.00
State Fund Checking Account	\$	756.35
State Fund Money Market	\$	48,909.45
Park Account	\$	2,000.00
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	175,272.76
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	411,650.97

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$501,552.74. The motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of December 2013 was presented and approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month of December 2013 was not presented.

An Ambulance Report for December 2013 was presented and approved.

Police: Carl A. Fischl reported that the Civil Service process to hire a new full time officer was proceeding and would be complete in February.

Fire: The Fire Report for December 2013 was presented and approved.

Carl A. Fischl moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to approve the “year-end” report of the Fire Company.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the upper ballfield at the Park on April 13, 2014 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the Park from June 11, 2014 through June 14, 2014 for the Fire/Kiwanis Carnival. Actual use of the Park will be needed from June 8, 2014 through June 16, 2014 for setup and takedown.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for the staging of the annual Block Party on the evening of July 18, 2014 and for the use of the Park on July 19, 2014 for Nazareth Day activities and the evening Fireworks Show.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Vigilance Hose Fire Company for use of the large pavilion at the Park on September 6, 2014 from 12:00 noon till 5:00 pm for the annual money raffle event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to appoint Amanda Carey to a five year term on the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to appoint Nancy Shiffert Herman to a five year term on the Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Carl R. Strye Jr. to a one year term as an alternate on the Ambulance Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Martin on Main Street event on Saturday, August 2, 2014 in the downtown area.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to schedule a public meeting for updates on the Pool Project to be held on January 23, 2014, at 7:00 pm at Council Chambers.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to draw up a four year lease with the new Tax Collector for rental of 132 S. Main Street. Annual rental will be nine hundred and seventy five (\$975.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 14 – A, the yearly resolution prohibiting member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for all of 2014 as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Part 6©, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Nazareth provides for a police pension plan,

WHEREAS, Act No. 600 requires that the elimination of member contributions under the police pension plan be done annually by resolution following authorization by the plan’s actuary,

WHEREAS, Conrad M. Siegel, Inc., the auditor of the pension plan has authorized the elimination of member contributions for 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved in Borough Council assembled, that member contributions to the Nazareth Police Pension Plan for the calendar year 2014, are hereby eliminated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to hire Palmer & Company to perform the final “outgoing” audit of Tax Collector Pat Barlieb.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Jeanette Hartzell as 2014 Pool/Park Manager. Ms. Hartzell’s salary will be determined at a later date.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: The Public Works Report for December 2013 was approved as presented.

Michael Kopach moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to extend the previous employee contract with the Borough’s Public Works employees indefinitely as no future negotiations are scheduled. Discussion followed. Larry Stoudt objected to the part of the motion which stated that “no future negotiations are scheduled”. Following comments from others on Council and from the Secretary/Treasurer, the motion was rescinded.

Michael Kopach moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to extend the previous employee contract with the Borough’s Public Works employees until a new agreement is reached. Further, the Secretary/Treasurer is directed to reopen negotiations with representatives of the Public Works Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve payment to RGC Development of the “Retainage”, (the 5% of the \$360,390.56 total project cost) for the Spring Street Stormwater Project. The “Retainage” payment amount is eighteen thousand, eighteen (\$18,018.53) dollars and fifty three cents. Discussion followed. Robert Reimer stated that several permits were obtained from the State and paid for by the Borough and as per the contract with RGC Development, those inspection fees were to be paid by the contractor and not the Borough. Reimer maintained that the “Retainage” amount should be reduced significantly by the fees paid by the Borough for State permits and for other inspection fees. Michael Kopach moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to rescind the original motion and the Solicitor was directed to establish an amount owed to RGC development before any payment would be made.

The motion was unanimously “Rescinded”.

Ecology: The December Refuse and Recycling Report was presented and approved.

Charles A. Donello moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to appoint Harry Lance to a five year term on the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello told Council that the annual Refuse and Recycling Newsletter has been mailed to all Borough residents and that Borough Clerk Christine Lilly is to be commended for her role in the assembling of the Newsletter.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to appoint Glenn Boerstler to a four year term on the Borough’s Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to appoint Cathy Huber to a three year term on the Borough’s Zoning Hearing Board

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to appoint Gail Kromer to a one year term on the Borough’s Vacancy Board

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to appoint Roberta Targonski to a three year term on the Library Board

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to set times and dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to advertise in a publication of general circulation, the dates for Borough Workshops and General Business Meetings during 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to accept the Zoning Report for the month of December 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Strye presented the Police Report for the month of December 2013. Strye also reported that the Park will be open for the parking of vehicles during a Snow Emergency. He also reported that he is recommending that the Borough again advertise for part-time police officer applicants.

Old Business: President Chiavaroli told Council and those in the audience that a regular meeting attendee had passed away. Chiavaroli pointed to an empty seat to the extreme left of the front row and referred to the “friendly, elderly gentleman with the German accent” who attended nearly every business meeting for the last ten years. Edward Sakasits passed away on December 29, 2013.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter to Melissa LaBar from the Nazareth Soccer organization, inviting her to the Jnuary 20, 2014 Public Property meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Charles A. Donello moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Thomas Itterly for his many years of service with the Municipal Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and John N. Samus seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 - 14 - which appoints members of the various boards and commissions for 2014 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Council nominates and appoints the following persons to the various boards and commissions of the Borough of Nazareth as hereby provided:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Martin Clark
Richard Troxell
Joseph Biernat
Harry Lance
Glenn Boerstler

4 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/15
12/31/16
12/31/17

RECREATION COMMISSION:

-Vacant-
Donald D. Broad
Carole F. Bowers
Kerry Frey
Randy Brown
Robert Cepen
Amanda Carey

5 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/18
12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/15
12/31/16
12/31/17
12/31/18

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Robert Stoudt
Robert Rasley (Upper Nazareth)
James A. Gordon
Robert L. Krause
Robert N. Mertz
Harry Lance

5 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/14
12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/16
12/31/17
12/31/18

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Anthony Todora
John Huber
Cathy Huber

3 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/16

NAZARETH AMBULANCE BOARD:

Michael Macy
Larry Stoudt (Alternate – 2 yr term)
Carl R. Strye (Alternate – 1 yr term)
Daniel Chiavaroli
Reverend William Matz
Gail Kromer
Nancy Shiffert Herman

5 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/14
12/31/14
12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/16
12/31/17
12/31/18

LIBRARY BOARD:

Dr. Barbara Fischl
Helen Ziegler
Amanda Brazee
Roberta Targonski

3 - Year Terms Expire

12/31/14
12/31/14
12/31/15
12/31/16

VACANCY BOARD:

Gail Kromer

1 - Year Term Expires

12/31/14

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
James Collins

1 – Year Term Expires
12/31/14

There being no further business, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Charles A. Donello, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President