

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING-MARCH 7, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 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 the President Daniel Chiavaroli, Vice President Larry Stoudt, Councilmen John N. Samus, Lance E. Colondo, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello and Brian Regn, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Scott Steirer, Engineer Albert Kortze, Police Commissioner Randall Miller and Public Works Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Mayor Carl Strye Jr..

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Brandon Sutter, 662 Williams Rd, stated that 15-20 local citizens were interested to open the Skate Park because of warm weather. He also offered to help clean up the Skate Park with his friends. Councilperson Frank Maurek said he would bring his request and offer to the public property committee meeting.

Communications: None

The Secretary's minutes for the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2016 were accepted on a motion by Michael Kopach and Charles A. Donello and were approved unanimously.

The Secretary's minutes for the regular meeting of February 1, 2016 were accepted on a motion by John N. Samus and seconded by Michael Kopach and were approved unanimously.

On a motion Frank S. Maurek, seconded by Michael Kopach, The Treasurer's Report for the Month of February, 2016 was approved as follows:

General Fund – Cash on Hand February 1, 2016	\$	163,534.15
Waste & Recycling Fund – Cash on Hand February 1, 2016	\$	236,932.16
General Fund – Total Receipts	\$	547,825.53
Waste & Recycling Fund – Total Receipts	\$	14,765.10
General Fund – Total Receipts & Cash	\$	711,359.68
Waste & Recycling Fund Total Receipts and Cash	\$	251,697.26
General Fund - Total Disbursements	\$	306,033.31
Waste & Recycling – Total Disbursements	\$	84,074.35
General Fund – Cash on Hand February 29,2016	\$	405,326.37
Waste & Recycling Fund – Cash on Hand February 29,2016	\$	167,622.91
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	50.95
State Fund Checking Account	\$	1,648.08
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	375,415.55
ESSA Loan Account	\$	65.27
Total All Borough Funds February 29, 2016	\$	952,330.42

The Ambulance Report for January was presented and approved.

The 2015 Memorial Library Annual Report was accepted.

The Report of the Zoning and Code Officer was not presented.

The President recognized a Boy Scout in the audience who said he was Daniel Semsel of Troop 44 who was in attendance to work on his communication badge.

Law: John N. Samus moved and Charles A. Donello seconded to approve that all transactions with the Borough that are returned for non-sufficient funds shall be charged a fee of \$35.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus moved and Lance E. Colondo seconded to approve advertising for changes to the Zoning Code in the "General Commercial District".

The motion passed unanimously.

John N Samus moved and Lance Colondo seconded to approve a resolution to submit an application for a traffic signal approval at Easton Rd and Broad St to Penn Dot.

The motion passed unanimously.

John N. Samus motioned and Brian Regn seconded to approve a resolution to submit an application for a traffic signal approval at Easton Rd., Green St. and Main St. to Penn Dot.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl motioned and Brian Regn seconded to approve the contract for Police Commissioner Randall Miller. A roll call was called by the President. Voting yes were council persons Chiavaroli, Stoudt, Fischl, Colondo and Regn. Voting no were Councilpersons Maurek, Samus, Donello and Kopach.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5-4.

Carl A. Fischl motioned and Lance Colondo seconded to hire Gordon Drosnock, Robert Frings, Sulin Flanagan and Richard Tully as alternate school crossing guards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl motioned and Charles A. Donello seconded to increase the stipend of the Animal Control Officer by \$25.00 a month to \$200.00 a month. A request of the council was to ask for a monthly report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A Fischl motioned and Charles A. Donello seconded to spend \$800.00 to pay for finger printing supplies and DNA tests as part of a “Get to Know” your Police Department with dates to be scheduled.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl motioned and Brian Regn seconded to allow for Commissioner Miller and Officer Schleig to attend “Background Investigations Certification School” in Bethlehem on April 11th.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl motioned and Frank Maurek seconded to approve advertising for “No Parking Signage” on the east side of Phoenix St. heading south between Mauch Chunk St. and Spring St.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl motioned and Michael Kopach seconded to approve a fee of \$50.00 per vendor at the Food Truck Fest on June 4, 2016. After discussion about forming a committee to discuss the issue it was decided to send it to the Law Committee for further discussion. A motion was made by Carl Fischl to rescind the motion and seconded by Brian Regn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Fischl asked for an executive session to discuss two personnel and contractual issues.

Fire: Lance E. Colondo motioned Michael Kopach seconded to approve a resolution recognizing the Nazareth Bath Area Chamber of Commerce annual Award of Excellence and the 2016 award winner, “Maintain Your Independence”, and its owner Frank DeRosa.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Fire Committee report for February 2016 was presented and approved.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek motioned and Michael Kopach seconded to direct the Treasurer to withdraw \$32,481.31 from the ESSA borrowing and pay the partial release of the current retainage for Vincent Pools as approved by the Borough Engineer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek motioned and Carl A. Donello seconded to have Tony LaStella repair the flat roof at 30 Belvidere St. /Arts Center Building for \$1,875.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek motioned and Charles A. Donello seconded to approve the Nazareth Jacksonian Club request for Bill Gold Field on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek motioned and Brian Regn seconded to approve the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley for their 17th annual "Rally through the Valley" starting at Nazareth Borough Park on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Larry Stoudt motioned and Brian Regn seconded to pay the partial retainage of \$32,481.31 as specified and approved by the Borough Engineer to Vincent Pools the aquatic contractor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt motioned and Lance E. Colondo seconded to pass a resolution to recognize the Moravian Historical Society and its receipt of the Preserve America Presidential Award.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt motioned and Frank S. Maurek seconded to hire four to five lifeguards with Red Cross, CPR and First Aid certifications and completed background checks for child abuse history and criminal history.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Michael Kopach motioned and Larry Stoudt seconded to approve the advertising for Bids for 2016 Maintenance and Road Materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach motioned and Brian Regn seconded to approve advertising for bids for 2016 Rental Equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Kopach motioned and Charles A. Donello to approve Bike Fest on Saturday, May 21, 2016 with Main Street to be closed starting at 11 a.m.

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

The Public Works Committee Report for February 2016 was approved.

Ecology and Lighting: Charles A. Donello motioned to approve opening on Saturday, April 2, 2016 the West-End Yard Waste Facility. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Monday and Friday for Nazareth Borough residents only.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charles A. Donello motioned and Michael Kopach seconded to approve retaining Rudy Amberger and Gary Slutter to work at the West-End Yard Waste facility at \$8.50 per hour. A roll call was requested by the President. Councilpersons Chiavaroli, Fischl, Colondo, Samus, Regn, Donello and Kopach voted yes. Councilpersons Stoudt and Maurek voted no.

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

Technology: Brian Regn motioned and Lance Colondo seconded to approve Park X to provide smart phone payment for parking at no cost to the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: President Chiavaroli gave the police report for the Mayor due to his absence from a cold. He also asked citizens to take advantage of the police tip line.

Engineer: Mr. Korte reported the March 15th Planning Commission meeting is canceled.

Solicitor: No report.

Police Commissioner: Randall Miller reported that two significant investigations were underway.

Public Works: At Superintendent Robert Reimers request, Michael Kopach motioned and Brian Regn seconded to send the street sweeper to Golden's for servicing before street sweeping season begins.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: Councilmember Fischl asked whether a letter had been sent to the Trumbauer estate in regards to the Library. Councilmember Fischl was concerned about legal fees. Solicitor Peirce stated he intended to send an initial letter to explore the issue.

There was an executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

Council was called back into session. Larry Stoudt motioned to adjourn and Brian Regn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.