

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--OCTOBER 7, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, October 7, 2013 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, Councilpersons Jack R. Herbst, Carl A. Fischl, Frank S. Maurek, Michael Kopach, Charles A. Donello, and Christian Audenried, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Chief of Police Thomas Trachta and Highway Superintendent Robert Reimer. Absent was Councilperson Cynthia Werner and Mayor Carl Strye Jr..

President Chiavaroli called on Gary Pulcini of Valco Capital to explain matters pertaining to the Borough's borrowing/refinancing of \$5.5 million. Pulcini went over the details of the debt service schedule, the rate for the borrowing and how State DCED approval would be forthcoming. Pulcini introduced Bernadette Barratini of Mette, Evans, the Borough's Bond Counsel who explained further details of the loan.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance to borrow \$5,500,000 from ESSA Bank. The term of the loan is seventeen years with a fixed borrowing rate of 3.11%. Payments will be made semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st of each year. The purpose of the borrowing is to refinance existing debt and to provide for the construction of a new Pool, new bathhouse, the purchase of a new fire truck and site improvements at 134 S. Main Street and Council Chambers at 159 West Center Street. The motion passed unanimously and a Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage of the ordinance were Councilpersons Herbst, Fischl, Maurek, Stoudt, Kopach, Donello and Audenried. Eight (8) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #791 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Recognition of Citizens From the Floor: Police Officer Stephen Schlieg thanked Council for allowing him to attend Field Training.

Communications: None.

The Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of September 3, 2013 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach, seconded by Charles A. Donello, the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2013 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2013	\$	329,426.64
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2013	\$	53,691.30
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	222,756.31
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	84,516.18
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	552,182.95
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	138,207.48
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	374,550.76
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	50,315.72

General Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2013	\$	177,632.19
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand September 30, 2013	\$	87,891.76
Payroll Account	\$	2,308.23
State Fund Checking Account	\$	1,611.80
State Fund Money Market	\$	71,892.21
Improvement Fund	\$	-0-
Park Account	\$	15,051.45
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	725,396.52
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	1,081,784.16

Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$424,866.48. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the Zoning & Code Officer for the month of September 2013 was approved.

An Emergency Management Report for the month September 2013 was presented and approved.

An Ambulance Report for September 2013 was presented and approved.

Economic Development & Paving: No report.

Police: Jack R. Herbst moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough on Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to purchase a new Ford Interceptor Utility Police vehicle at a cost of twenty seven thousand, six hundred and sixty seven (\$27,667.00) dollars plus eight thousand, four hundred and five (\$8,405.50) dollars and fifty cents in accessories. The vehicle will be purchased off of CoStar state bid from Milham Ford and accessories will be provided by DC Lighting & Accessories of Wind Gap. As part of the agreement, the Borough will turn over the 2000 Jeep Cherokee to DC Lighting and receive a seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollar credit which will allow adding a push bumper and other improvements to the vehicle.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to purchase and place a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign on the southwest corner of East Center and Liberty Streets. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve lease/purchase a Ricoh MP 4002SP copier for the Police Department on a 39 month lease/purchase agreement. The monthly base payment is one hundred and sixty six (\$166.00) dollars and the end of term buyout at the conclusion of 39 months is one (\$1.00) dollar.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack R. Herbst moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to install three (3) "School Crossing" signs. One will be installed at the southwest corner of Liberty and Center Streets, another at the southeast corner of Victory Lane and Belvidere Street and a third at the southwest corner of Belvidere and Liberty Streets.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: The Fire Report for the month of September 2013 was approved as presented.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to donate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to Vigilance Hose Fire Company for the Halloween Parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to donate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to Vigilance Hose Fire Company for assisting with Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Frank S. Maurek seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new HP 4540 ES computer for the Borough's EMA Director. Cost of the computer is seven hundred and fourteen (\$714. 20) dollars and twenty cents.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve the turnover of the recently received Fireman's Relief Funds in the amount of forty thousand eighty seven (\$40,087.18) dollars and eighteen cents to Nazareth Firemen's Relief.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Frank S. Maurek moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth YMCA Child Watch Program for use of the Park on October 14, 2013 from 11:30 am till 1:30 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Christian Audenried seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Borough's "Consultant" for the rebuilding of the Pool and Bathhouse.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve recently proposed work to be done on the baseball field in the Park. Costs for the project, as per the original agreement with the Nazareth Area School District, are to be equally shared by the Borough and the School District. The Borough's share for this project is nineteen hundred and twenty five (\$1,925.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) flagpoles and the accompanying hardware for installation at 134 S. Main Street. Cost of the flagpoles and necessary hardware is eight hundred and forty (\$840.00) dollars. Discussion followed. Larry Stoudt asked if the Police Monument would also be moved. Cal A. Fischl suggested that a small memorial park be constructed at 134 S. Main Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a lease with Northampton County for rental of the Magistrate's Office with changes at a monthly rental of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Frank S. Maurek moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to pay Swank Productions three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the showing of one (1) movie during the Summer Program at the Park. A Roll Call vote was requested. Voting "Yes" were Councilmen Chiavaroli, Fischl, Maurek and Donello. Four (4) voting "Yes". Voting "No" were Councilmen Herbst, Stoudt, Kopach and Audenried. Four (4) voting "No". In the absence of the Mayor's tiebreaking vote, a second vote was called for.

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

Finance: Larry Stoudt moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to advertise for an ordinance change which will eliminate the Borough's "elected" and "appointed" auditors and replace them with a yearly audit done by a Certified Public Accountant . This change is necessitated by the requirements of the lender in the current \$5.5 million dollar borrowing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to certify the acceptance of the recently received 2013 State Pension Aid in the amount of \$39,646.79.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$300 to the Nazareth Community Chorus for their performances throughout the year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Stoudt moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to renew the Borough's health insurance with Highmark Blue Shield through their "Early Renewal" Plan. The plan will change the Borough's renewal date to December 1st of each year and comes with a 2.1% premium increase for the coming year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Michael Kopach moved and Charles A. Donello seconded a motion to approve the payment of fifty two thousand six hundred twelve (\$52,612.75) dollars and seventy five cents for Payment No. 2 to RGC Development, LP for storm sewer work done on Convent Avenue and Phoenix Street.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Works Report for the month of September 2013 was approved as presented.

Ecology: The Ecology Report for the month of September 2013 was approved as presented.

Law: Christian Audenried moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to declare October 12, 2013 as Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band Day in the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christian Audenried moved and Larry Stoudt seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-13 honoring Edward Christman on his 100th Birthday as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Nazareth desires to recognize outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves as members of our community and individuals worthy of our praise and gratitude, and in this instance an individual whose long life has been of particular note,

WHEREAS, Edward Christman, now a resident of Moravian Hall Square, celebrates his 100th birthday having led a fulfilling life as husband, father, teacher and coach,

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 recognizes and appreciates Ed Christman's contributions of devoted family service, his many years of teaching and coaching in the Nazareth School District and the active role that he has played within our community. Ed Christman has led a life of putting others ahead of himself and has given his love and support to his family and those he interacted with in our Borough and our schools during his one hundred (100) years on this earth. Nazareth is proud of all its citizens but particularly those who through their long lives have distinguished themselves and have continuously enriched the lives of those around them. Ed Christman is such a person, a man Nazareth has known and loved for his many years with us.

AND NOW, this seventh day of October, 2013, Nazareth Borough Council commends and honors Edward Christman on his one hundredth (100th) birthday and directs the Secretary to issue a certificate memorializing this Resolution for presentation to a citizen of our Borough upon the anniversary of this most special birthday.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christian Audenried moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to override the decision of the Zoning Officer in the Rupp Driveway Installation "request" and allow the work to be done.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christian Audenried moved and Jack R. Herbst seconded a motion to approve the standard form of agreement between owner & architect with a fixed fee of ninety four thousand (\$94,000) dollars with Spillman Farmer Architects of Bethlehem PA and the Borough.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Jack R. Herbst presented the Police Report for September 2013.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Carl A. Fischl told Council that the Borough website needs work. Fischl also said that he had talks with Keller Zoning and that they favored the Rental Registration system he has been sponsoring for the Borough. Fischl stated that Keller Zoning would also be interested in doing Code Enforcement for the Borough.

There being no further business at 8:15 pm, on a motion by Larry Stoudt, seconded by Jack R. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President