

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--MAY 4, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps 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 Carl R. Strye Jr., Mayor Lance E. Colondo, Councilpersons Cindy Corpora, Carl A. Fischl, Laureen Pellegrino, Michael Kopach, Robert DelNero, Kayla Green and Christopher D. Crook, Solicitor Alfred S. Pierce, Engineer Michael Schallock, Police Chief Randall Pompei and Public Works Superintendent Keith Knecht.

Recognition of Citizens from the Floor: Oscar Wagner of 511 West Center Street asked Council to consider the removal of two (2) "No Parking" signs on the south side of West Center Street in the vicinity of the Holy Family Gymnasium and in front of his residence.

Communications: None.

On a motion by Carl R. Strye Jr., seconded by Christopher D. Crook, the Secretary's minutes from the regular meeting of April 6, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Carl R. Strye Jr., the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2026 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2026	\$	1,000,428.82
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand March 31, 2026	\$	115,847.59
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	321,583.63
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	54,242.75
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,322,012.45
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	170,090.34
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	820,722.66
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	91,756.83
General Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2026	\$	409,532.96
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand April 30, 2026	\$	78,333.51
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,601.27
Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	20,459.87
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	9,858.56
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,535.46
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,814.33
Emabassy Bank K9 Unit	\$	36,656.74

Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,120.56
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	513,623.69
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	750,405.55
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	207,441.57
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	68,010.61
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	29,135.92
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	247,531.58
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,390,202.25

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$912,479.49.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the conducting of one (1) Sensitivity, Sexual Harassment and Child Handling training session to be held in the Park pavilion at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 16, 2026. All newly hired Pool employees are required to attend one of these sessions. The seminar/training sessions are open to all Borough employees and Refreshment Stand employees are also invited guests at no charge.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve Resolution 5 - 26 - A certifying the Borough's submission of a GrowNorco Infrastructure Grant seeking \$50,000 of grant funding for a lighted carport at the entry to the Police Department...as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2026 Northampton County GrowNorco Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a roofing infrastructure improvement to the entry way of its Police Department,

WHEREAS, the need for such an addition has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Police Committee as its workforce has expanded and its inventory of vehicles has grown as well,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough seeks the assistance of the 2026 Northampton County GrowNorco Grant Program to help fund the purchase and installation of this much needed infrastructure improvement which will greatly benefit our police officers. Our Police Department's officers need to quickly and safely respond to calls from its entry doors and use vehicles which are close to the building, protected from weather conditions, snow and ice and which do not require idling and costly fuel usage. The requested funding for a protective roofing structure will allow

vehicles to be "at the ready" without windshield fog, ice and snow in the winter or one hundred degree overbearing heat in the summer months. The assistance of the Northampton County GrowNorco Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important capital building improvement. The Borough seeks fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars in 2026 grant assistance and is prepared to provide the additional sixty five thousand, one hundred and seventy six (\$65,176.00) dollars in grant match funding to make this infrastructure addition of a roofing addition to its police Department become a reality. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus and Council President Daniel Chiavaroli are the designated signers for all things involving this grant which seeks the specified \$65,176.00 in grant support. Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus is therefore discharged to write a grant proposal and request consideration for this funding and to place the grant match amount in the Borough's 2027 Municipal Operating Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the annual Kazoo Parade on Friday, July 4, 2026 at 10:00 am through the Borough's downtown with a ceremony at the Whitefield House at the parade's conclusion

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to grant permission to the Nazareth Moravian Church to post signs in the Circle for their Rummage Sale.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution 5 - 26 certifying the Borough's submission of a 2026 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) seeking \$140,250 in funding for the addition of an Inclusive Playground in Kim Kromer Park. The Borough's required 15% grant match for this grant, if awarded, would be \$24,750.00, as follows:

A Resolution of the Borough of Nazareth, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to apply, for a DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Funding Grant

WHEREAS, Nazareth Borough ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project , "Inclusive Handicapped Playground" (the "Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Community and Economic Development, a grant for the purpose of planning for and building an inclusive playground while carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled Terms and Conditions of Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "Daniel Chiavaroli", who at the time of signing, has a Title of "Council President" and the e-mail address of "nazchiv@gmail.com" and by Paul Kokolus, who at the time of signing has the Title of "Secretary/Treasurer and the e-mail address of pakofnazpa@gmail.com.
2. If these officials signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, the grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Officials, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Officials who, at the time of the signing of the amendment, have the "Titles" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.
5. Nazareth Borough seeks \$140,250.00 in grant funding and if awarded will subsidize the grant with the required 15% grant match equaling \$24,750.00.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Council of the Borough of Nazareth at a regular meeting held May 4, 2026 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of Nazareth Borough and remains in effect as of this date.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to grant permission for the annual Kazoo Parade on Saturday, July 4, 2026 at 10:00 am through the Borough's downtown with a ceremony at the Whitefield House at the parade's conclusion. A 250th US Anniversary celebration will follow under the sponsorship of the Moravian Historical Society.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to the request of the NEDC and Downtown Manager Lisa Borick for the Nazareth Nite Out Block Party on Friday evening, July 17, 2026, from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm, in the downtown. The closure of Belvidere Street from South Main Street to Broad Street is requested from 4:00 pm till 11:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of the NEDC and Downtown Manager Lisa Borick for free parking in the downtown for Sidewalk Sales on Friday, July 17, 2026 and Nazareth Day, Saturday, July 18, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 26 - B certifying the Borough's sponsorship of a Pennsylvania EDCDI Economic Development Grant for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps for a Ford T350 Transport Van...as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is pleased to serve as the municipal sponsor for the Nazareth regional Ambulance Corps in its initiative to seek and apply for a 2026 DCED - EDCDI Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new 2026 Ford T350 Transport Van to assist its emergency healthcare employees to transport patients safely and comfortably to hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices for emergency care,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed vehicle and upgrade for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps has been deemed critically important by its Board of Directors and the Borough as well as by the community and the senior facilities which the Corps serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that the Borough wholly endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in its efforts to seek the assistance of the 2026 DCED - EDCDI Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a 2026 Ford T350 Transport Van. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides almost 5,000 Gracedale patient transports and the transport of countless other residents of the Borough and Upper Nazareth Township within its service area to hospitals, clinics and rehab facilities across eastern Pennsylvania. Additionally, NRAC offers mutual aid to other ambulance corps in the area and also provides inter-hospital transports for both the Saint Luke's University Health Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions which our Ambulance Corps makes in performing its life saving and transport duties and accordingly, readily endorses this initiative to seek the assistance of the 2026 DCED - EDCDI Grant Program. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus have assumed the role of signers for this grant initiative. The Borough of Nazareth on behalf of the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged all additional necessary costs in grant match assistance to hopefully make this initiative be realized. Nazareth Borough Council recognizes the important contributions made by the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps and accordingly, files this proposal to seek the assistance of the 2026 DCED EDCDI Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Vice President Carl R. Strye Jr. abstained.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Soccer for Fall 2026 use of Essroc Fields for youth soccer practices and games. Nazareth Soccer has presented a completed Event Registration Contract, a Certificate of Insurance and a one hundred dollar deposit to secure the reservation for the period August 15, 2026 through November 21, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the request of Nazareth Soccer for summer soccer training for the period June 16, 2026 until August 20, 2026. Nazareth Soccer has requested use on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm till 7:30 pm. Nazareth Soccer has presented a completed Event Registration Contract, a Certificate of Insurance and a one hundred dollar deposit to secure the reservation

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to grant permission to Holy Family Club to close Phoenix Street between Beck Street and Mauch Chunk Street with street barricades evenings from 4:00 pm till 10:00 pm. Closure of Phoenix Street would still allow for passage of emergency vehicles for the sake of safety. Discussion followed the presentation of the motion. Christopher D. Crook requested amending the motion to add an end date of November 1, 2026. The request to amend the motion was unanimously approved.

The "amended" motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to acknowledge the submission of the fifth year "Annual Report" required by the U.S. Treasury Department for receipt of funds from the American Rescue Plan. The first half of the funding...\$298,411.92... was received on June 10, 2021 and the second half...\$299,355.42... was received on September 9, 2022. The final total amount of the American Rescue Plan funding is \$597,767.34. The Borough officially filed and accepted provisions of the "Standard Allowance" for Non-Entitlement Units (NEU's) of government. The balance of the funds, \$597,767.34 was inserted/transferred into the Borough's 2023 Operating Budget. Commentary followed as Christopher Crook complimented both the Borough Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for their work in getting these reports filed in a timely and accurate manner.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$25,000 into the Borough's PLGIT Park Fund at a rate of 3.75%. The funds come from the collection of Pool Pass and Pool Party fees .

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Lauren Pellegrino seconded a motion to certify the submission of \$150,000 to the Borough's PLGIT ESSA Garbage Fund at a rate of 3.75%. The funds come from the receipt of the proceeds of the Borough's 2021 DEP Grant which were received on April 28, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to acknowledge semi-annual Payment #25 of 34 total payments on the Borough's borrowing of \$5.5 million dollars in 2014-2015 at a fixed rate of 3.11%. The payment to ESSA Bank of \$215,480 contained interest of \$36,480.00 and principal of \$179,000.00. Eleven payments remain on the borrowing which will be complete after the November 1, 2030 payment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the hiring of two candidates to full time status to the Nazareth Borough Police Department for a one year probationary period following the process conducted by the Nazareth Borough Civil Service Commission and its presentation to Council of the current Civil Service List.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to conditionally hire Dylan McGinley from the Civil Service eligibility list as a full-time patrol officer effective May 10, 2026. Officer McGinley's 12-month probationary period, seniority for collective bargaining rights, and eligibility for salary and benefits shall all commence effective May 10, 2026. Questions followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. asked for clarification about how many full time officers the Borough would now have, following the hirings stated on the Meeting Agenda.

A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Nazareth to extend a conditional offer of employment to Dylan McGinley for the position of full-time patrol officer in the Nazareth Borough Police Department:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council directed the Nazareth Borough Civil Service Commission establish an eligibility list of candidates for the position of patrol officer;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has certified a list of eligible candidates for the position of patrol officer;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to extend a conditional offer of employment to a candidate from the certified eligibility list;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that:

1. The Borough of Nazareth extends a conditional offer of employment to candidate Dylan McGinley for the position of full-time patrol officer;
2. This offer is conditioned upon the following:
 - (a) Confirmation that the conditional appointee has recently undergone a physical medical examination by a physician or other qualified medical

professional who determined that the conditional appointee can perform all the essential functions and tasks of a patrol officer, and

- (b) Confirmation that the conditional appointee has recently undergone a psychological medical examination by a psychiatrist or psychologist who determined that the conditional appointee can perform all the essential functions and tasks of a patrol officer.
3. Upon successful completion of the requirements stated in Paragraph 2(a) and (b) above, the conditional appointee shall be sworn-in to the position of full-time patrol officer on or before May 10, 2026.
4. Officer McGinley's twelve (12) month probationary period, seniority for collective bargaining rights, and eligibility for salary and benefits shall all commence effective May 10, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 - 26 - E to conditionally hire Shemar Petrie from the Civil Service eligibility list as a full-time patrol officer effective June 7, 2026. Officer Petrie's 12-month probationary period, seniority for collective bargaining rights, and eligibility for salary and benefits shall all commence effective June 27, 2026.

A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Nazareth to extend a conditional offer of employment to Shemar Petrie for the position of full-time patrol officer in the Nazareth Borough Police Department:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council directed the Nazareth Borough Civil Service Commission establish an eligibility list of candidates for the position of patrol officer;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has certified a list of eligible candidates for the position of patrol officer;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to extend a conditional offer of employment to a candidate from the certified eligibility list;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Nazareth, in Borough Council assembled, that:

1. The Borough of Nazareth extends a conditional offer of employment to candidate Shemar Petrie for the position of full-time patrol officer;
2. This offer is conditioned upon the following:
 - (a) The conditional appointee undergoing a physical medical examination by a physician or other qualified medical professional and a determination by said physician or other qualified medical professional that the conditional appointee can perform all essential functions and tasks of a patrol officer, and

(b) The conditional appointee undergoing a psychological medical examination by a psychiatrist or psychologist and a determination by said psychiatrist or psychologist that the conditional appointee can perform all essential functions and tasks of a patrol officer.

3. Upon successful completion of the requirements stated in Paragraph 2(a) and (b) above, the conditional appointee shall be sworn-in to the position of full-time patrol officer on or before June 7, 2026.

4. The officer's twelve (12) month probation period, seniority for collective bargaining rights, and eligibility for salary and benefits shall all commence effective June 7, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the request of Velvet Tails Luxury Pet Services for a "Fifteen Minute" parking space in front of their business at 39 E. Belvidere Street. Carl R. Strye Jr. stated that the matter of "Fifteen Minute Parking Spaces" has been under review and the prevailing sentiment was to eliminate them. A "Roll call" vote followed. There were "No" votes for approval and nine (9) "No" votes to not allow for the approval.

The motion was defeated.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise an amendment to the Borough's parking ordinance which deletes all limited time parking designations in the meter district, specifically as follows:

1. Belvidere St. - South side - From a point 72' east of the curb line of S. Main St. and continuing west for 24½' Monday to Friday, 5 mins. from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. S. Broad St. - West side- From a point 184' south of Center St. for 22' - Every day 10 min.
3. S. Main St. - East side- From a point 92' south of the curb line of Belvidere St. to a point 114' south of Belvidere St. - Every day 15 mins.
4. S. Main St. - East side- From a point 177'7" north of the curb line of Belvidere St. and continuing north for 21' - Every day 15 mins.
5. S. Main St. - West side- From a point 96' south of Mauch Chunk St. to a point 119' south of Mauch Chunk St. - Every day 15 mins.
6. S. Main St. West side- From a point 224' north of the curb line of Mauch Chunk St. and continuing north for 25' - Every day 15 mins.

Discussion followed. Laureen Pellegrino asked if this meant that all 15 Minute Parking Areas would be eliminated and if all business owners had been notified about this potential change. Christopher D. Crook asked that the motion be amended to exclude Area #1....Belvidere Street - South Side in the area of the drop-off point for the Children's Daycare Center citing the dangers that would be present there should a limited parking zone currently there be eliminated. The motion amendment was unanimously approved and a vote on the balance of the "amended" motion followed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Report for April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept, for purchase of the fire truck, the high bid of \$4,850. The noted bid is the result of the Borough's online auction with Municibid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Laureen Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to advertise an ordinance which authorizes the fire department to recover costs for equipment and materials used in responding to emergencies. Discussion and commentary followed. Carl R. Strye Jr. stated that the Fire Department has tried this before without significant results and Strye had questions about who does the billing for a fire call.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Solicitor to provide for comment a draft zoning amendment to the Lehigh Valley and Nazareth planning commissions. The proposed amendment would revise the zoning map by changing the zoning district designation of the unit block bordered by S. Main St., Park St., S. Green St., and Prospect St. from Light Industrial to General Commercial. In addition, public notice of a hearing on the proposed amendment shall be advertised for a hearing date and potential council vote on July 6, 2026. Discussion followed the presentation of the motion. Laureen Pellegrino asked if Council had jurisdiction of how many apartments would be allowed.

The motion passed. There was one (1) "No" vote cast by Councilperson Laureen Pellegrino.

Code Enforcement: Robert DelNero moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the April 2026 Zoning & Code Enforcement Reports.

The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept and approve the Environmental Steering Report for April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept and approve the Report of the Borough's Environmental Specialist for April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the report of activity for the Public Works Department for the month of April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to direct the Secretary to place two (2) ads in a publication of general circulation seeking bids for 2026 Miscellaneous Road and Maintenance Materials. Bids will be opened at the May 28, 2026 Workshop Meeting and awards will be made at the June 1, 2026 Business Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher D. Crook moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to accept private bids for the sale of the Borough's 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope in the Borough's Administrative Office located at 134 S. Main Street, Nazareth by 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2026. Borough Council estimates the fair market value of the truck to be less than \$2,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Lance E. Colondo presented the Police Report for April 2026. Mayor Colondo reminded everyone of the following upcoming Borough events to include the Rotary Club Park cleanup, Saturday May 16, 2026 from 9:00 am till noon, The Pet Parade on May 30, 2026 and the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25, 2026.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business at 7:02 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President

