

NAZARETH BOROUGH COUNCIL--REGULAR MEETING--SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Nazareth was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 159 West Center Street. 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 F. 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: Sheri Payonk of Seip Avenue approached Council with a question about on-line payment of real estate taxes. Payonk stated that she prefers in person payments and hoped that the Borough was not switching to electronic payments only. Payonk also had concerns about hunting and the posting of properties with "No Trespassing" signs and the newly approved painting of purple squares on trees rather than signs to signal "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing". Payonk asked that the purple square information be put in the newsletter.

Communications: President Chiavaroli acknowledged and read a "Thank You" note received by the Borough from Borough employee Glenn Recker for the recent "Get Well" fruit basket he received from the Borough, following his medical issue.

The Secretary's Minutes from the regular Business Meeting of August 3, 2026 were approved as presented.

On a motion by Michael Kopach seconded by Kayla Green, the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2026 was approved as follows:

General Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2026	\$	34,664.02
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand July 31, 2026	\$	107,953.06
General Fund--Total Receipts	\$	1,120,872.86
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts	\$	23,949.23
General Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	1,155,536.88
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Receipts & Cash	\$	131,902.29
General Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	855,685.54
Waste & Recycling Fund--Total Disbursements	\$	242,994.49
General Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2026	\$	113,050.13
Waste & Recycling Fund--Cash on Hand August 31, 2026	\$	45,709.01
ESSA Payroll Account	\$	4,683.95

Embassy Bank State Fund Checking Account	\$	20,817.43
Embassy Bank Park Account	\$	25,351.48
Embassy Bank American Rescue	\$	8,539.78
Embassy Bank Reserve Account	\$	2,815.76
Embassy Bank K-9 Unit	\$	21,978.68
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Investment)	\$	30,631.57
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Amer Rescue Plan)	\$	2,145.46
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Reserve Acct)	\$	209,092.47
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation Acct)	\$	759,901.37
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (New Sanitation ESSA Acct)	\$	361,748.36
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg & Term Park Acct.Invstmt)	\$	50,164.88
Pennsylvania Investment Trust Fund (Reg + Term Liquid Fuels)	\$	370,512.06
Total of All Borough Funds.....	\$	2,027,142.39

Michael Kopach moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,128,680.03.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Property: Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 -26 - B which certifies the Borough's submission of a 2026 Statewide LSA Gaming Grant seeking funding for the purchase of a Public Works Crew Cab Pickup Truck as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, is eligible to apply for a 2026 Monroe County Local Share Account Gaming Grant,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth seeks to add a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab Vehicle to assist with general maintenance and roadwork duties, landscaping material transports, snow plowing and the conveyance of public works employees and their equipment to job sites,

WHEREAS, the need for such a vehicle has been deemed critically important by Nazareth Borough Council and its Public Works Committee for the execution of its Department's everyday duties,

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 Monroe County Local Share Account Grant Program to help fund the purchase of this key vehicle for continued effective performance of Borough Public Works functions. The Nazareth Public Works Department has expanded its duties to meet the new needs of our community as it tackles the cleanup of the newly acquired 41 acres of wooded parkland know as Moravian Woods. Work there requires updated, heavy terrain 4-wheel drive capable vehicles which can traverse the steep hillsides and overgrown streambeds as the cleanup continues. Hundreds of trees have been cut and quartered

and the wood needs to be transported away from the trails and gently rolling terrain. The assistance of the Local Share Account Monroe County Gaming Grant program is solicited to help fund this most important vehicle acquisition. The Borough seeks sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars in 2026 Monroe County LSA grant assistance and is prepared to provide the additional \$5,844.00 of grant match funding to fully outfit and equip the vehicle to make this acquisition become a reality and to see Nazareth Public Works become more effective in its maintenance and development duties. The Borough Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus and Council President Daniel

Chiavaroli...nazchiv@gmail.com and 610-533-3338... are the designated signers for all things involving this grant which seeks the specified \$52,000 in grant support. Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus...pakofnazpa@gmail.com and 610-248-7623... 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 Resolution No. 9 -26 - C which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the Northampton & Lehigh Counties 2026 LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking \$135,000 in grant assistance for the purchase of two (2) Stryker Power Loaders and two (2) Power Pro 2 Power Cots. 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 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Gaming Grant, for the purchase of two (2) Stryker MTS Power Loaders and two (2) Power Pro 2 Power Cot Systems, as follows;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase two (2) Stryker MTS Power Loaders and two (2) Power Pro 2 Cot Systems to assist its emergency healthcare employees to load and transport stretcher bound patients safely and comfortably to emergency rooms, hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices for emergency care,

WHEREAS, the need for this most needed equipment 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 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of two (2) Stryker MTS Power Loaders and two (2) Power Pro 2 Power Cot Systems. Each year, the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps provides almost 8,000 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. Many of these patients are not ambulatory or able to be conveyed in a wheelchair but are not critically ill at transport time. The most challenging part

of their transport journey is their loading into an ambulance or stretcher van and it is particularly perilous when the patient to be transported is mobility challenged. The Stryker MTS Power Loader and Pro 2 Cot System is ideal for stretcher bound patient transport. 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 Northampton & Lehigh Counties LSA Grant Program. Council President Daniel Chiavaroli and Secretary/Treasurer Paul A. Kokolus have assumed the role of signers for this grant initiative. Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps seeks one hundred and thirty five thousand (\$135,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged an additional \$16,098.00 in grant match assistance to hopefully make this initiative be formally 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 Northampton & Lehigh Counties Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously. There were two (2) abstentions duly noted.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - 26 - D which certifies the Borough's Municipal Sponsorship of a Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps Grant submitted to the 2026 Monroe County LSA Gaming Grant Program seeking \$80,000.00 in grant assistance for the purchase of a Ford T350 Side Stretcher van, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Nazareth's sponsorship endorses the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps' efforts to purchase a new 2026 Ford Side Stretcher 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 Monroe County LSA Grant Program to help fund this purchase of a 2026 Ford Side Stretcher 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 Monroe County LSA 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 eighty thousand (\$80,000.00) dollars in grant funding and has pledged all

additional 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 Monroe County LSA Grant Program.

The motion passed unanimously. There were two (2) abstentions duly noted.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to approve the placement of two signs in the Circle for 30 days by the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity announcing their annual Touch A Truck Event in October

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot during the October 17, 2026 Fall Festival which follows the Halloween Parade. The event runs from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of Action Karate for use of the Park on October 11, 2026 from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm for a Trunk or Treat event.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to approve the request of the Greater Valley YMCA to again stage the annual Pumpkin Pie 5K Race/Walk on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, 2026 to begin at 9:00 am in the downtown. They are also requesting police assistance with traffic control and street closings and will meet with Chief Pompei to make further arrangements. The actual hours for requested street closures are 7:00 am till 11:00 am to accommodate preparations for the race.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve use of the parking lot in the Park on December 5, 2026 for all day parking for those on a bus trip. The requester is Cindy Beardsworth.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl R. Strye Jr. moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the request of Greentec Restoration for use of the large pavilion in the Park and permission for use of a "Bounce House" on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 1:00 pm till dusk. A reservation contract and other necessary deposits and insurance certificates have been properly filed. Laureen Pellegrino asked if the location of the "Bounce House" on Park grounds, could be specified.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the submission of a list of delinquent taxes, Refuse & Recycling fees and sewer charges to Northampton County for the September 2026 Upset Sale.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Police Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer, as follows:

Normal Cost Percentage	27.1%
Administrative Expense Percentage	4.80%
Total Percentage	31.9%
Estimated 2026 Payroll	\$ 910,000
Annual Cost	\$ 290,290
Amortization Contribution Requirement	\$ -0-
Financial Requirement	\$ 290,290
Member Contributions Anticipated	\$ -0-
10% of Negative Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 220,230
Minimum Municipal Obligation	\$ 70,060

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Non-Uniformed Pension Budget as submitted by the Treasurer, as follows:

Normal Cost Percentage	Borough:	9.00%
	NBMA:	7.00%
Estimated 2026 Payroll	Borough:	\$ 672,000.00
	NBMA:	\$ 665,100.00
Annual Cost	Borough:	\$ 60,480.00
	NBMA:	\$ 46,557.00
State Allocation	Borough:	\$ 150,000.00
	NBMA:	\$ -0-
Allocations Required	Borough:	\$ 00000.00
	NBMA:	\$ 46,557.00

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to certify the deposit of \$30,000 into the special Park PLGIT account on August 13, 2026 at a rate of 4.12%. The funds are being moved from our Park account at Embassy Bank to our existing Park PLGIT Account.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to certify the deposit of \$30,000 into the special Park PLGIT account on August 18, 2026 at a rate of 4.13%. The funds are being moved from our Park account at Embassy Bank to our existing Park PLGIT Account.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Carl A. Fischl seconded a motion to approve a Real Estate tax refund of \$973.64 to Thomas J. Stanish of 354 East Prospect Street due to his acquisition of a Disabled Veteran exemption

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to certify the deposit of \$140,000 into the Liquid Fuels State Fund in our Borough's PLGIT account on August 25, 2026 at a rate of 3.75%.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve municipal sponsorship of a Pennsylvania State Fire Marshall loan for the Nazareth Regional Ambulance Corps in the amount of \$220,000 for the purchase of a new Type III ambulance. Terms of the loan are 2%..15 years.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Corpora moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the renewal of Borough Health Insurance with Highmark Blue Shield in the PPO 500 Plan for the period December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2027. The renewal includes an 8.5% price increase from the preceding year and the following rates will apply to the renewal...Family Plan \$32,452 per year(\$2,704.35 monthly), Husband/Wife Plan \$25,178 per year (\$2,098.20 monthly), Parent/Child Plan \$23,500 per year (\$1,958.32 monthly) and Single Coverage Plan at \$11,190 per year (\$932.54 monthly). Laureen Pellegrino asked if we question employees about whether they have other eligible insurance coverage through their spouse's plans.

The motion passed unanimously.

Police: Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the tentative terms and conditions of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement as negotiated between the Police Association and the Council negotiating team. Final approval will occur following the

solicitor's preparation of the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement and review by Council and the NBPA.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Ryan Smith. Smith's last day of service was August 3, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Carl R. Strye Jr. seconded a motion to hire Garrett Deboer as a part time police officer pending passage of all background checks and the presentation of all other pertinent information.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Cindy Corpora seconded a motion to accept the high bid of \$1,250.00 submitted by Jeremy Kahle for purchase of the 2014 Ford Police vehicle. Three (3) sealed bids were opened at the September 3, 2026 Borough Workshop Meeting and the Jeremy Kahle bid was the highest bid received.

The motion passed unanimously.

Fire: Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the 2026 Fire Prevention Week.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Vigilance Hose Fire Company to help with costs associated with the annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 17, 2026. A Council comment by Vice President Carl R. Strye Jr. followed and addressed the lack of any Council presence with marching in the Halloween Parade. Strye asked why very few on Council march in the Borough's best parade.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Kayla Green seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Reports for the months of July 2026 and August 2026

The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Pellegrino moved and Michael Kopach seconded a motion to "table" an advertised motion to approve the 2027 Adult Soap Box Derby to be held on June 5, 2027 on West Prospect Street. The Lehigh Valley Council of Churches has already filed the required Event Registration Form and Certificate of Insurance plus their refundable deposit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Law: Michael Kopach moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to vote on an ordinance amending the Borough's motor vehicle code to permit the modification of a "No Parking" area located on the west side of N. Green Street. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote followed. Voting "Yes" for passage were Councilpersons Strye, Corpora, Fischl, Pellegrino, Kopach, DelNero, Green, Crook and Chiavaroli. Nine (9) voting "Yes" and Ordinance #909 is adopted into the Borough Code of Ordinances.

Environmental Steering & Lighting: Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Environmental Steering monthly report of activity for August 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the August 2026 monthly report of the Environmental Specialist.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carl A. Fischl moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the new rates for dumpsters in the Borough...effective January 1, 2027 as follows. .2 Yard Dumpster - \$611.00 per quarter, 3 Yard Dumpster - \$736.00 per quarter, 4 Yard Dumpster - \$786.00 per quarter and 5 Yard Dumpster - \$861.00 per quarter.

The motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Robert DelNero moved and Christopher D. Crook seconded a motion to approve the Zoning and Code Enforcement Reports for August 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Christopher D. Crook moved and Laureen Pellegrino seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Report of activity for the month of August 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor: Mayor Colondo presented the Police Report for August 2026. The Mayor then congratulated and thanked the Public Property Committee for another great and profitable Pool season.

Solicitor: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Old Business: Christopher D. Crook approached the issue of the planning and engineering firm who was performing work on the planned new Recycling Center. Crook asked for a standing of how much the Borough had already invested in design and permit fees for the proposed project and how many invoices were still outstanding.

New Business: Kayla Green reported on a recent national controversy involving Flock Cameras. Green told those in attendance that our Borough, outside of certain facilities and buildings like the municipal offices, the Firehouse, the Public Works Garage and grounds and the Police Department and parking lot, only has LPR's (license plate readers) type cameras which do nothing other than scan and record the license plates of vehicles as they enter and leave our Borough Park. There are no Flock Cameras in our Borough.

There being no further business at 7:25 pm, on a motion by Carl A. Fischl, seconded by Kayla Green, the Meeting was adjourned.

Paul A. Kokolus, Secretary

Daniel Chiavaroli, President