

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM by Council President Michaela Markovich at the Nanty Glo Borough Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

Council members present: Michaela Markovich, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle, Steve Szymusiak. Lynne Stock entered at 5:39 PM. Mayor William Ray was also present

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Calem Illig, Suzette Shay, James Wood, Joshua Wood, Rosemarie Wood, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Szymusiak to approve the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to accept the workshop notes of March 9, 2002. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Szymusiak, 2nd Markovich to accept the March 23, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

Suzette Shay spoke on behalf of the historical society. They are ready to replace the roof and their contractor will be starting tomorrow. She requested that the borough issue the \$5,000.00 donation for the roof that had been budgeted. She will send the contractor's name and address to the borough. They are also preparing for a walk-through basket party starting on April 30th and ending May 28th. They are still accepting baskets. The borough will share the historical society post on Facebook.

Josh Woods asked council what could be done about a dilapidated house next to his property. The porch has fallen down and rats and mice are coming onto his property from there. Attorney Carbonara asked if the Woods would have enough money to simply purchase the property at a judicial sale and tear it down. They have been taking care of the yard but the sister of the owner put up no trespassing signs. The borough will contact contractors to see how much the demolition of the structure would cost before deciding any next steps. There is an issue with a fence that was put up as well. The Woods were told to contact the codes agency.

Attorney Carbonara gave his report

The deed is ready to transfer the donated property to the borough

He is still working on the Comcast agreement. It does not need to be signed tonight

He will be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow

Mayor Ray gave his report:

The repairs to the 2019 cruiser should be done by April 11th when the parts are in. He is talking with the township that backed into the cruiser to pay the borough's deductible

There were 89 calls and \$167.85 was collected

The cameras should be in within the next four weeks

The officer injured on duty has not yet been cleared to come back to work

The geese issue at the ballfield was discussed. The USDA would require the borough to get permits to harass the geese. They would prefer that the borough goes through them. The decoys already purchased are not considered harassment and are okay. Mayor Ray suggested asking if the borough could allow the levees to have high grass the next time it is inspected. Geese avoid high grass. The USDA has a two year memorandum of agreement to come in and harass the geese with spraying eggs, lasers and loud noises that the borough has the option to accept. The cost is higher than if the borough did it themselves. Spraying the eggs involves using vegetable oil. Mayor Ray asked the council to make a decision now because this is when the geese start laying eggs.

MOTION: Stock, 2nd Lytle to have the USDA Wildlife service come in to handle the geese at the ballfield and to bill monthly at a total cost not to exceed \$5,026.00. all ayes motion carried

The third vest council asked about at the last meeting is in the office. Since they are fitted to the individual officer the borough could offer to sell it to the officer. Szymusiak suggested setting up a policy where if the borough pays for a vest and the officer leaves before a certain amount of time like six months they would reimburse the borough the full cost or possibly prorate the cost if they leave in less than a year. Options will be researched

Wargo gave the Manager's report:

Property maintenance violation letters are being sent out. A property on Lloyd Street has been cited

He will check with contractors for estimates on the cost of demolition on Christoff Street

There is a zoning hearing on April 7th at 6:30

The Local Share grant recipients won't be announced until fall.

The borough will have to advertise for the utility building replacement since the borough will be using ARPA money. Wargo will be working with the engineer for a bid package to advertise.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to start the process of advertising for bids for the utility building. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Szymusiak, 2nd Holby to approve the Treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried

Bills were reviewed. The RPM bill was questioned. The cruiser was taken there because it could be worked on faster than if taken to a local shop. The police will be reminded to take cruisers in to local shops first.

MOTION: Szymusiak, 2nd Lytle to pay bills totaling \$30,916.83. all ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Szymusiak to pay the municipal authority for the Bird B Gone invoice totaling \$664.95 for the coyote decoys and egg spray. All ayes motion carried

Events committee- the fishing derby is set up. Mayor Ray commented that he has a check ready for a donation to the event. Other events happening in the upcoming months are the Good Friday church walk, the Firemen's convention, softball tournament, 4th of July DJ and movie night. Not all events are through the borough downtown events committee.

We are still waiting for the sluice gate for the reservoir project

Szymusiak will set up a meeting with the American Legion about the new veteran's park.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to accept the 2021 audit and financial report. All aye motion carried

The borough's liquid fuels allotment was smaller than expected.

Bank statements were presented for review

The council discussed advertising for a grant writer.

Making Lloyd Street coming off of Shoemaker to Johnson Street one way was brought up. Mayor Ray suggested talking to the fire company for their opinion. He noted that other municipalities were attempting to get rid of one way streets because they cause more confusion and accidents.

MOTION: Szymusiak, 2nd Holby to adjourn. All ayes motion carried