

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING APRIL 7, 2025

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Council President Michaela Markovich at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal office.

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

Council members present: Michaela Markovich, William Dunchuck, David DiPaolo, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present.

Others present: Julie Pittman, Bryant Greene, Jon Beneroski, Shawn McMullen, Cindy Olstein, Melissa Weekes

- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to approve the minutes of March 3, 2025. All ayes motion carried.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to accept the March 26, 2025 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment: Mr. Beneroski wanted to inform council that silt is gathering and not running off correctly from water run off issues on Clair Street down to Rodgers Street. There used to be a drainage ditch but it is filled with silt. He and a neighbor requested that the borough clean out the drainage ditch so that rain water could flow properly. Council will have the road crew look at the issue and try to resolve it.
- Bryant Greene approached council on behalf of the Fire Company. They will be hosting a firemen's convention from July 26 through August 2, 2025. He is requesting permission from the borough for a noise ordinance exemption, use and closure of borough streets for events, the use of the McMullen memorial field park for camping, and a letter of support for PennDOT from the borough for the parade. He is requesting similar permission for the Community Days events which will be held June 13- 15 2025. Motions will be made in May for the Fire Company's requests. Bryant Greene also commented that the Fire Company would like to use the ballfield for their sportsman's raffle event on August 9th. Additional police coverage would also be appreciated for all the events.
- Shawn McMullen gave council an update on the work the municipal authority is doing at the Park & Pool. Holby asked if Larry Kupchella would be allowed to plant flowers by the reservoir. Shawn commented that there would not be a problem with that at all. He commented that there are a few trees which should be cut down by a professional at the park that could be a hazard after the last storm. They are hoping to open the pool for Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. McMullen agreed to provide council with yearly financial statements. There are a lot of campers using the Park & Pool campsite. He also commented that there are a lot of ATVs using the trail which is prohibited.
- Cindy Olstein commented that she was just there to listen about the Hometown Hero banner program.
- Mayor Ray gave his report: There were 58 calls through dispatch. The numbers have been dropping because the police department is doing a good job. They have stepped up patrols and speed enforcement also. The Goose Harassment program is already started for this spring.

- The regional police survey is still being completed and a committee should be formed. Dunchuck recommended Chris Lytle be on the committee.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. All ayes motion carried
- Holby requested that the borough purchase a fire hydrant to replace the one damaged on Washington Avenue. She commented that the borough always bought the hydrants and water authority maintains them. Council discussed this request and will investigate if the borough has an agreement for this with the water authority.
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Dunchuck to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried
- **Ongoing Business:**
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the sale of 0.147 acres of Borough property to 3S Chemicals, LLC, for \$1750 with closing costs to be paid by the buyer. The 0.147 acres of Borough property to be sold is a portion of Borough property identified as Tax Map Parcel 42-0004.-303.000 and authorize Council and the Borough Secretary to execute the Agreement of Sale and other documents to effectuate the sale upon approval of the Solicitor. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to approve an amendment to Borough traffic ordinance No. 15-213 amending a portion of the ordinance to add stop signs to Johnson Street and Vine Street. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to approve a timber marketing services agreement with American Forestry in the amount of \$600.00 for the current reclamation project. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve a timber marketing services agreement with American Forestry Consultants for future project in the amount of 10% of the project. All ayes motion carried
- The motion to approve a timber sale contract between Cameron Lumber Company Inc. and Nanty Glo Borough for the sale of timber from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation project site OSM 11(4371)102.1 above Pearson Street was tabled until a cost is determined.
- There are five open property maintenance cases.
- The Keystone Opportunity Zone was tabled.
- An email from Stiffler, McGraw & Associates was reviewed about the Levee Improvement and repair project.
- DiPaolo gave an update on the Hometown Hero banner program. He noted that they would need at least ten orders to start. The banner options will need to be decided including size, design, and price. Cindy Olstein said she will be ordering multiple banners. She also let council know that the library may have old photos of veterans in archived newspapers that could be used. Mayor Ray commented that the Vo-Tech might possibly be able to do some photoshopping for the photos to correct for aged documents. A two-sided banner could last between four and eight years depending on use.
- The fishing derby scheduled for May 18th was discussed. The Downtown Events Committee is organizing it.
- A letter of interest in the cleaning position was received from Beverly Zamboni.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 7:02 PM. All ayes motion carried.
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to exit executive session at 7:23 PM. All ayes motion carried

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to hire Beverly Zamboni for the cleaning position at \$30.00 per week with a 90-day probation period. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Dunchuck to hire Terry Croft for the full-time road crew position. All ayes motion carried.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to accept Tyler Collins' resignation from the police department. All ayes motion carried
- Meeting adjourned