

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING AUGUST 1, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:39 PM at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal office by Council President Michaela Markovich

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

Council members present: Michael Markovich, Diane Holby, William Dunchuck, Lynne Stock. Chris Lytle entered the meeting at 6:14 PM

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara Amanda Datsko, John Deskevich, Jayson Evans, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

Attorney Carbonara asked council to make motions adding a resolution to appoint William Dunchuck to council and adding the EMS resolution received today to the agenda

MOTION: Markovich, 2nd Holby to add a resolution to appoint William Dunchuck to council to the agenda. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to add a resolution approving the Cambria County EMS resolution to the agenda. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the July 5, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to accept the workshop notes from July 27, 2022. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

John Deskevich informed council that he is having a dispute with his neighbor over where his neighbor's fence is being installed. He has already spoken to Wargo about if the neighbor had gotten a permit and if the fence was going to be three feet off the property line like the borough's ordinance requires. Wargo said that the neighbor had gotten a permit from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. Deskevich felt that the fence was installed on the boundary and was concerned that the good side of the fence would not be on the outside. Attorney Carbonara asked Mr. Deskevich if he had his property surveyed and he said no, he doesn't feel he should have to pay for a survey. Without knowing where the boundary is there isn't a way to tell if the neighbor's fence is in compliance with the ordinance. Atty. Carbonara commented that someone will have to get a survey done. Wargo noted that Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency had said that if the fence isn't three feet from the property line, they will make the neighbor take the fence down. Mr. Deskevich thanked council for the information and added that he thought Mr. Dunchuck will make a good addition to council.

Jayson Evans asked council what was going on with the property beside his father's house on 3rd Street since it is still sitting vacant. Council explained that they had bid the property out but the bid requirements were not met

Attorney Carbonara had reached out to the Bill Ray and Chris Lytle concerning their intentions about their positions. He has not gotten a response from Bill Ray but he is performing Mayor duties and Lytle has stated that he doesn't want to resign. Holby commented that she felt that the way they were spoken to was uncalled for at the July meeting. Atty. Carbonara responded that while he could

appreciate that, the council should work together and Mr. Dunchuck is a respected member of the community and was property appointed to the position.

Although Mayor Ray wasn't present, information for the police department was given.

The camera systems for the cruisers have been delivered and will be installed

A letter from the part-time officers requesting council consider raising their pay rate was received. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

The full-time police contract will be up in December. Copies of the proposed agreement were received by Markovich, Ray and Wargo.

The National Night Out event will be held tomorrow evening.

Wargo gave the Manager's report:

Eight letters were sent out for property maintenance violations. Four will be going to a hearing with the magistrate, two properties have been cleaned up and two more will receive citations.

The utility building is down. A motion will be needed to advertise for bids one more time.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to advertise for bids for the utility building. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck asked if someone is going out after and checking the properties after they have received a violation letter or fines. He recommended that should be done possibly a month after.

Holby noted that there are dogs running at large. A resident had approached Holby and told her that she has seen them close to her property to the point that she is afraid to go outside. There is not a dog officer. Wargo will contact someone he knows from Somerset about their dog officer. Atty. Carbonara commented that if a dog bites someone it can be reported as a dangerous dog.

The borough was able to get workers compensation coverage through a company called Encova at a slightly higher cost.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the July treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Markovich to approve the August treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to ratify paying the July bills totaling \$14,597.56. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to pay the August bills totaling \$30,740.27. All ayes motion carried

Lytle asked if the borough is getting a discount at BP? Wargo will follow up with this

The road crew has been working on catch basins, cutting grass and whatever else needs to be done as it comes up. Rod Walk has been cut back to three days a week and starting next week he will only be called in on an as-needed basis.

Having a movie night at the gazebo park by the library through the Downtown Events committee was discussed. the committee will need to set a date if they have it.

Council members will meet with the American Legion about the Veteran's Park project next Wednesday. They are considering ways to raise funds

The sluice gate should be in this or next week and will be stored at the shed until it can be installed. The borough is still waiting to hear if we are awarded a grant for the project so have to wait to see if anything we do before then can be reimbursed. Holby will touch base with Representative Burns

The electricity prices were reviewed. The current contract will expire August 15th and August 19th with the billing cycles

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to get the three-year contract from Engie to review at .08502 and contingent upon the solicitor's review to deem the contract acceptable. All Ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to pass Resolution 2022-7 appointing William Dunchuck to council. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to accept William Dunchuck's resignation from the zoning hearing board. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to appoint David DiPaolo to the zoning hearing board to fill William Dunchuck's remaining term. All ayes motion carried

There were no applications received for the borough's ad for a grant writer. PSAB and the engineering firm may be able to help with grant applications. Lytle will check with someone he knows from St. Francis University. Dunchuck commented that he could possibly apply for small grants but the council will have to make a priority list of items they would like to do first.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to pass the resolution removing Steve Szymusiak, who passed away, as an authorized signer on the borough's bank accounts with AmeriServ, First Commonwealth and PennCrest Banks and adding William Dunchuck as an authorized signer to those accounts along with the rest of the current council members. All ayes motion carried

Wargo is working with Tom Chernisky on trail crossing signs for route 271.

Holby would like to plant trees or shrubs at the trail head behind the fire hall. She thinks the cost will be between \$200 – 300.00 and will check the best time for planting.

Parking issues were discussed. the winter parking ordinance will need to enforced more this year.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to donate the \$1,000.00 budgeted to the beautification Committee to help defray the cost of additional Christmas lighting. All ayes motion carried

The Beautification Committee also requested that the road crew remove the dead trees behind the gazebo across from the borough office. Council will hold off on asking the road crew. Council will talk with the beautification committee members first

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to pass the Cambria County EMS plan resolution. All ayes motion carried

Steve Szymusiak's family sent a thank you card and responded that a memorial bench would be a wonderful idea. They are also asking if the borough could look into the taxes for the property they donated to the borough. They received a tax bill. Attorney Carbonara will look into the tax issue

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to approve Wargo to get a valuation of the Third Street property at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to enter executive session for legal and personnel reasons. All ayes motion carried. Executive session entered at 7:27 PM

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to exit executive session at 7:54 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Stock, 2nd Lytle to increase all the part time police officers wage from \$15.50 to \$16.50 per hour. All ayes motion carried

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