

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING AUGUST 7, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

Council present: Michaela Markovich, Diane Holby, Bill Dunchuck, Mike Edwards, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Breanne Berkebile, Brian Brown, Ben Schultz, Rich Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to approve the July 3, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the workshop notes of July 12 and 26 2023. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

Brian Brown spoke on behalf of the Nanty Glo Borough Municipal Authority. He requested that the borough consider budgeting for the cost of a new liner for the baby pool next year. The current one was purchased through a donation by one of the local clubs years ago but now needs to be replaced. The cost is \$4,799.99 for the liner and \$2,700.00 for the labor to install it. He commented that the municipal authority is also seeking donations for the cost but the big pool also needs some repairs. Dunchuck asked for the authority's financial reports and Brown explained that they do not have recent reports ready. Brown also commented that he had requested help from the borough for cleaning the ball field bathrooms two months ago. If the borough can not help, the bathrooms will have to be locked up to prevent vandalism. The football stadium lights on the levee side are twisted and need to be straightened. Also. The municipal authority purchased a new pool bottom cleaner 'dolphin'.

Ben Schultz from 3S Chemicals approached council about an expansion they want to do. The expansion would extend onto borough property and he requested an easement eight and a half feet onto borough property at most or buying it if necessary. Attorney Carbonara asked if survey stakes were still there and Mr. Schultz replied that the last survey was done in 2009 and he was not sure if the stakes were still there. Attorney Carbonara or Wargo will reach out to the borough's engineer and have him contact 3S for plans and specifications. A digital copy of the plans will be sent to Wargo.

Attorney Carbonara had nothing to report in open session.

Stiffler, McGraw & Associates submitted an email report. The request for prevailing wage rates for the remaining portion of the reservoir project has been done. There is also a new round of funding through the State Local Share Act coming up.

Mayor Ray gave his report

The National Night Out event went well and he wanted to thank all the contributors. Council asked him to have the police collect the remaining NNO signs that are still up. The incident report was read.

Wargo gave the Manager's report:

The flooding on Middle Street was not a PennDOT problem. It was on a parallel road and will need to be addressed by the borough. There is new clear cutting above the problem area and that caused the flooding issue. The forester that met with the borough before has not reached out to Jason Gabor yet. Wargo will try to contact

him again. He suggested having the engineer check out Middle Street for suggestions. Five new violation letters were sent and seven citations were issued.

Purchasing a new truck was tabled again until Holby can find out more about a grant for it.

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

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to pay bills totaling \$29,145.08. All ayes motion carried

Catch basin repairs are being done.

Old Business:

Larry Pelipsky has agreed to be involved with the community garden project. Community meeting dates at the fire hall for the project are August 23rd and 28th at 6:00

There was no update on the new printer. Dunchuck will check on it.

There is no new information for the sluice gate right now

Stiffler, McGraw & Associates applied for a \$431,000.00 grant for levee embankment stabilization through a flood mitigation grant on behalf of the borough. Grant awards will be announced in September or October.

Grannas Brothers should be in at the end of August or the first week of September to do the paving project.

Nothing has been received yet from the school district on the borough's right to know request.

Council did not want to replace the welcome sign that was taken from Beulah Road because a plastic sign would cost as much as the metal ones.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to approve the animal control agreement with the Humane Society of Cambria County. All ayes motion carried.

Mayor Ray commented that there might be an issue with using JNET

Holby informed council that she had received complaints about the intersection between Johnson and Lloyd Streets. The police had suggested installing a 4 way stop. Markovich noted that another option would be to put no parking signs 25 feet from the intersection to allow better visibility. Most of council thought a 4 way stop intersection was the better option.

The request for a rotary drill hammer was discussed. Lytle thought it could be purchased at a lower price, possibly through COSTARs instead of Home Depot.

The request to allow a food truck to park on and use borough owned property was discussed. The biggest concern was liability issues. More research is needed.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to decline the request at this time and after research, revisit the request next year. All ayes motion carried

A letter of resignation as the zoning board solicitor was received from Attorney Beyer. He has been appointed to a position that conflicts with him holding another office.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to accept Attorney Beyer's resignation letter. All ayes motion carried

Attorney Carbonara will reach out to another attorney about the position.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to contract with General Code 360 to update and recodify the borough's ordinance book for \$14,500.00. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck will have more information about the new round of SLSA grants for the next meeting as well as ideas on what to apply for.

Wargo will talk with Gabor about what type of rotary drill hammer is needed and have him check COSTARs.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 7:20 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Markovich to exit executive session at 7:50 PM. All ayes motion carried

Meeting adjourned.