

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:29 PM by Council President Michaela Markovich at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal building

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

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

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Breanna Berkebile, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Holby to open and amend the agenda to include advertising for bids for the reservoir project. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to approve the November 7, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to accept the November 9 and 30, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Attorney Carbonara informed council that he should have a finalized Comcast agreement for the council's consideration by the end of December.

He will also send Captain Oyaski an email concerning the police contract under the council's directive

The LED lighting agreement with Penelec was signed and the hiccup with the list of trial LED lights was resolved

Mayor Ray gave his report:

\$1,078.03 was collected in fines and fees

He had nothing to follow up on with the Shop with a Cop program and information on the police contract negotiations would be discussed later in executive session

Wargo gave the Manager's report

Six more property maintenance letters were sent out and there were four hearings in November with another three in December.

He has talked with the engineer and an architect will be stopping down to look over the municipal building and see what we can do for renovations.

Additional snow removal parking signs were ordered

The final information needed for the bid package for the reservoir was received from the engineer today. It is ready to be put out to bid

The Journal building should be down by the end of December, weather permitting.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to advertise the bid package for the reservoir. All ayes motion carried.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holy to accept the treasurer's report for December. All ayes motion carried

The quantity to get the discount for gas at BP was questioned.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to request bid proposals for gasoline purchases. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to advertise the tentative budgets. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to advertise a special meeting to adopt the 2023 budgets and other business. All ayes motion carried

Fifty additional signs were ordered for the alternate side winter parking. The cost is \$1,055.00 plus shipping. Lytle requested that older signs be relocated in areas where there are more signs than necessary. Attorney Carbonara is working on the ordinances adding the additional streets for alternate side winter parking and making Lloyd Street one way from Shoemaker to Johnson Streets

Dunchuck got designs and quotes for new Welcome to Nanty Glo signs from Janes Signs and from Cooper Signs.

MOTION: Stock, 2nd Edwards to order five Welcome to Nanty Glo signs from Janes Signs for \$250.00 each. All ayes motion carried

Holby gave the Downtown Committee update. The scarecrows are down and the snowmen decorations are up. The committee will be providing s'mores during the Hot Chocolate Crawl. She also commented that the Beautification Committee wanted to publicly thank the road crew for all their hard work putting up the Christmas decorations.

The Fireladies are considering donating to the Veteran's Park project. The project is on hold while grants are researched. A new line item in the budget will be added for the Veteran's Park

Holby informed the rest of council that she has spoken with a state agency and they can come in and talk to the residents to make sure they are being taken care of correctly. The possibility of creating a borough ordinance limiting group homes was discussed. The attorney noted that it is difficult to regulate and if an ordinance is not written correctly the borough could be sued. Holby will reach out to Representative Burns for more information

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to adopt the Act 57 Ordinance. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby 2nd Edwards to adopt the amended Waterfowl Ordinance. All ayes motion carried

An interview will be scheduled with the one applicant who applied for road crew

There is no new information on grants at this time

The police pension resolution was discussed. The annual state aid would not be enough to cover the 2023 cost based on Mockenhaupt estimates.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to not reduce the employee required contribution to 4% and leave it at the 5%. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to advertise council meetings on the first Monday of each month except for January and September which will be held on the first Tuesday due to holidays at 6:00 PM at the borough municipal office and to have workshops on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:00 PM. All ayes motion carried

Christmas bonuses will be discussed in executive session

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to donate \$125.00 to the Blacklick Valley Christmas Treats Association. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck informed the rest of council about two loan programs, The PA Infrastructure Bank and the Local Government Capital Improvement loan program. Both have options that could be more efficient than local bank loans for paving and improvements

Officer Kinkopf sent a letter requesting reimbursement for charges on his credit card that he set up for security camera monitoring which the borough didn't use. Mayor Ray noted that Kinkopf had the borough purchase and installed the security cameras but then set up an account for monitoring the cameras without direct authorization and the camera system was removed and not in use after only a month or so.

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Holby to deny Karl Kinkopf's request for reimbursement because the expense was not approved. All ayes motion carried

Council will be sending a condolence card with personal donations to former employee Rod Walk due to his wife's passing.

Mayor Ray commented that OIC Oyaski and Officer Grossman have volunteered to do the Shop with a Cop program. The D.A.'s office is taking care of the donations; it is \$150.00 per child. He will find out tomorrow if any of the children are from the Nanty Glo area. He is requesting a \$300.00 donation be made to the program

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Lytle to donate \$300.00 to the Shop with a Cop program. All ayes motion carried. Mayor Ray will let Weekes know who to make the donation to.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to go into executive session for personnel and contract negotiations at 6:38 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Markovich to come out of executive session at 7:20 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to give Melissa Weekes a \$0.50 an hour raise starting in January 2023. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to increase Rich Wargo's Borough Manager salary from \$20,000.00 to \$21,000.00 annually. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Edwards to adjourn.