

# NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETINGS JANUARY 2, 2024

- Reorganization meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Mayor Bill Ray at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal building.
- Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed.
- Council members present: David DiPaolo, William Dunchuck, Diane Holby, Michaela Markovich, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present.
- Others present: Shawn McMullen, Brian Brown, Suzette Shay, Julie Pittman, Richard Wargo
- Nominations for President were opened
- Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunchuck to nominate Michaela Markovich for council president. All ayes motion carried
- Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Markovich to nominate Bill Dunchuck as council vice president. All ayes motion carried
- Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunchuck to nominate Chris Lytle as President Pro Tem. All ayes motion carried.
- The appointment list will be reviewed in executive session at the end of the meeting.
- Regular meeting opened by Council President Michaela Markovich
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to accept the December 13, 2024 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Shawn McMullen and Brian Brown spoke on behalf of the municipal authority. they gave a quick breakdown of the field and pool for 2023. There were 2455 people at the pool this year. They were open for 62 days due to weather. All the money collected was returned to they authority's spending costs including a used zero turn tractor. McMullen commented that the authority is requesting a meeting with the council to discuss the ballfield and the pool operations. Next Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> would be a good time to meet in the evening at 6:00 PM. Dunchuck requested a treasurer's report and wish list for the authority.
- Suzette Shay gave a report on the Historical Society. They have some new, younger board members who are willing to work. A list of the members was given. The Historical Society had wanted to apply for a grant earlier in the year but couldn't get support from any of the communities. They are hoping to get some municipal support for the next round of grant applications. There is a matching grant that they are applying for in March. Dunchuck explained that the reason the borough did not support the grant application in the past was based on the solicitor's opinion since the borough was also applying for the same grant. The Historical Society will continue to hold fundraisers to help raise money for the repairs. Stock commented that the Historical Society has been working very hard and it is commendable. The main repairs are HVAC, windows and doors and bathrooms and drywall. DiPaolo commented that he would like to know the total amount needed. He suggested that the Historical Society consider selling the café building to use the funds to finish restoring the historical building and open it.
- No solicitor's report
- No engineer's report. Wargo informed council that he had received final information on the sluice gate
- Mayor Ray gave his report. He noted that the Hot Chocolate Crawl went well and he can see it expanding. The vandalism issues were discussed Two of the criminal mischief charges are pending. total incidents were 62 and total fines and fees including a \$100.00 donation were \$2,781.22. the number of incidents was down from last year. The Motorola bill is still being disputed and if they do not give a better explanation, he will not recommend paying it. Dunchuck asked if the tablets are installed in the cruisers yet. The cruisers are the list for Team Force. Other upfitters are being checked. The fire chief

would like to help council review the burning ordinance. Since the curfew has been reenacted there have been no violators.

- Wargo gave the manager's report: the property maintenance has been slow this time of year. Mayor Ray asked about the Lloyd Street property that was discussed last month. It looks like all three of the properties on Lloyd Street have been cleaned up somewhat. The commercial property with excess tires has been investigated by DEP and they were given until the end of December to get rid of the tires.
- Dunchuck commented that in April all the accounts were supposed to be transferred over to Ameriserv accounts. The general account has checks outstanding and the Act 13 savings account is still in Penncrest. He would like the remaining Penncrest accounts transferred to Ameriserv. Holby commented that there are still outstanding checks.
- MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to accept the treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried.
- The bill for Wyse was pulled and it should be paid through the insurance company.
- MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to pay bills excluding the Wyse memorial bill. All ayes motion carried
- The Amusement Tax will be left on the agenda until the new solicitor can be appointed
- Stock commented that she has been approached about the 4-way stop on Johnson and Lloyd Streets not working. The stop signs on Johnson Street are a problem especially in winter since it is a hill. Mayor Ray noted that the 4-way stop seems to be the safest option. He asked that those complaining come and address council with their concerns.
- The borough owns quite a bit of property with trees on the property. Dunchuck commented that he would like to have foresters in to check the properties.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to seek proposals for foresters. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to enter executive session for personnel reasons. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: to exit executive session
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to appoint all positions as listed on the appointed positions list with Craig Cunningham appointed to the zoning board.