

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023

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

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

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

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to approve the December 19, 2022 special meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the December 14, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

The appointment list was reviewed

Questions asked were what the vacancy board is, on the engineering firm and if Holby had to recuse herself for her appointment to the Nanty Glo Water Authority board. The appointments were put on hold until later in the meeting

Attorney Carbonara gave the Solicitor's report:

He has the amended winter parking ordinance and the one-way street update ordinance ready for advertising. Nothing was changed for fines, just the list of streets added to each.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to advertise the amended winter parking ordinance. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to advertise the updated one-way street ordinance. All ayes motion carried

Holby asked how the borough could let people know about the changes. Lytle suggested printing cards to put on vehicles as a warning first before ticketing

The Comcast agreement is ready for council to either review or approve tonight

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to accept the Comcast Franchise Agreement. All ayes motion carried

Mayor Ray gave his report: He will talk about the police contract negotiations in executive session later.

The goose harassment agreement with the USDA is in place. The new goose ordinance gives the police better opportunities to enforce it.

The Shop with a Cop program was a huge success. He is happy that the borough participated.

There were 64 incidents and a total of \$700.00 in fines and fees collected

He is aware of the speeding on Cardiff Road and officers will be enforcing the speed limit. The winter parking ordinance will also be enforced. Wargo will contact Ebensburg Borough to see how they announce when winter parking is enforced.

Mayor Ray asked council to allow an officer to attend a funeral for a police officer who was killed in the line of duty. Council's answer was absolutely, yes.

He is interested in getting in car computer systems. Dunchuck noted that he will watch for grants for that if the mayor could provide a ballpark price. Lytle suggested looking at Durabooks since they are less expensive than the Toughbook but just as good and are compatible with the police specific software.

Wargo gave the manager's report:

There are four hearings coming up. No new letters have been sent

The architect from Stiffler, McGraw will be coming tomorrow to look over the borough building and give more information on updating the building or potentially adding onto it.

There were at least 26 animal complaints last year. Wargo received a copy of an agreement with Cambria County Humane Society to do animal enforcement in the borough. The cost would be \$2,100.00 and they would come out to handle animal complaints. Mayor Ray commented that he would look into it

There were no bids for the pipe repair at the reservoir. The bid request would need to be readvertised and two items added to the bid package.

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

Dunchuck asked what the \$4,900.00 bill from the Cambria County Treasurer's office was for. They provided new portable and vehicle radios that meet the new standards. Mayor Ray noted that by going through the county, the police were able to get the correct radios at a very low cost.

The Motorola bill was questioned. The statement showed a charge of \$1,000.00 but the borough does not have an invoice. The bill will be investigated and information sent to the mayor for his review.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to pay all bills except Motorola. All ayes motion carried

The road crew are busy with snow removal

There is nothing to report for the downtown events committee right now

The Fire Ladies Auxiliary would like to donate \$200.00 to the Veteran's Park project. Dunchuck is waiting to hear about grants for the project

Holby informed the council what she had learned about the group home issue. She will be meeting with Representative Burns soon as well

Dunchuck commented that he had received a complaint about parking on Lincoln Avenue. There are cars and a camper that are blocking the view of people trying to pull out of their garages.

Two new addresses were assigned by 911 in the borough.

The borough's distress score is zero.

Edwards asked why the borough doesn't allow chickens. The reason was because of disease. The borough's animal ordinance was given to him

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to reappoint Michael Carbonara as Solicitor, Stiffler, McGraw as engineer, Richard Wargo as borough manager, Melissa Weekes as Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Wargo and Mike Edwards as codes delegate and 1st Commonwealth, PennCrest and Ameriserv Banks as depositories. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to appoint Bill Dunchuck as street liaison. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to reappoint Connie Smalley and Brian Brown to the Nanty Glo Borough Municipal Authority, Greg Schilling to the zoning board, Karen Lytle to the vacancy board and Diane Holby to the Nanty Glo Water Authority Board. All ayes motion carried

The appointment to the Nanty Glo Sanitary Sewer Authority was tabled until the current board member can let council know if he wants to be reappointed.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to go into executive session for personnel and CBA negotiations. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to come out of executive session. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to adjourn.