

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING JANUARY 6, 2025

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, William Dunchuck, Dave DiPaolo, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Suzette Shay, Julie Pittman, Richard Drahnak, Chief Michael Freiwald, Melissa Weekes

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the December 9, 2024 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Mr. Drahnak from Keller Engineers informed the council that his firm was working on the Ghost Town Trail extension project for the Cambria Count Conservation and Recreation Authority. There are three locations in the borough that they will need to get temporary easements and highway occupancy permits for to do the project. He requested that the borough apply for the highway occupancy permit. Keller Engineers would complete all the paperwork and submit it on behalf of the borough including a road bond. As part of the project, they will also be repairing the drainage pipe on Cardiff Road and Middle Street.
- Suzette Shay gave council an update on the Museum repairs. She asked if the borough had decided on donating to the Historical Society for the windows and doors. She had sent information on the quotes as requested. Dunchuck requested a copy of their tax reports and financial records. He commented that he would consider sponsoring an LSA grant for them but was not sure about voting for the requested donation without knowing the other municipalities were going to donate as well. Holby thanked Mrs. Shay for all the work the historical society is doing
- Council reviewed the 2025 appointed positions list. Nancy McCreary is not interested in staying on the water authority board. Bernard Shedlock sent a letter of interest in to fill that position.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to fill the appointed positions as listed and updated. All ayes motion carried
- Mayor Ray gave his report: the police department handled 35 total calls and \$1,112.07 was collected in fines and fees. A new job application was received. Chief Freiwald was thanked for his work on an investigation that led to charges in multiple municipalities.
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the treasurer's report with the correction that the deposit from the tax collector reflect the correct category. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to pay bills as presented, Council decided to rejoin the Chamber of Commerce for another year. All ayes motion carried
- There is no update yet on the 3S Chemicals property sale
- 6 properties are being investigated by Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency for property maintenance issues. The police department is handling any winter parking issues. Mayor Ray commented that he would like to do something to eliminate parking along Shoemaker Street
- The attorney and engineer are still working on the updated stormwater ordinance

- The engineer will be contacted about stop signs on Johnson and Vine Streets
- Properties for the Keystone Opportunity Zone were discussed.
- Hiring a part time maintenance worker was tabled
- Stiffler, McGraw had sent an email about the Levee upgrade project
- A new cleaning person/company still needs to be hired
- Lytle gave an update on the upgrade of the police department computer network
- The 2024 truck grant documents were completed and reimbursement should be issued within a month. Council discussed getting the truck ceramic-coated and having the salt controller moved to a better position
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to enter executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 7:14 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to exit executive session at 7:55 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to hire Corey Jones as a part time police officer. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to give the borough secretary a \$1.00/hour raise. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to increase the part time police officer rate to \$21.00/hour. All ayes motion carried
- Meeting adjourned