

# NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING JULY 5, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal office by Council President Michaela Markovich

Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed

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

Others present: Amanda Datsko, John Tanish, Mike Warmus, Richard Brown. Craig Cunningham, Paul Hancharick, Jim Campbell, Bryant Greene, Brody Lawrence, Dave Hessler, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to approve the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Stock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to accept the June 8 and 22, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

John Tanish informed council that he was here to complain about the trees again. He noted that the borough had come up and cut trees and trimmed branches back along the borough's right of way. He asked who would be liable if a tree falls on someone walking on the alley. The property owner where the trees were would be. Wargo will check with the solicitor to see if the road crew could trim the branches over the right of way. Mr. Tanish also commented that the Zienko property near him has high grass and the roof isn't in good condition. The person living there had recently passed away. Wargo took down the information

Craig Cunningham commented that he had heard of the vacancy on council and had put in his letter of interest. He noted that he had run in the last election and had won on the republican side of the ticket. The rest of the public are firemen who support Mr. Cunningham's interest in being on council.

Jim Campbell asked who had submitted letters of interest for the position. Letters of interest were received from Craig Cunningham, David DiPaolo, and William Dunchuck.

Council noted that they would discuss the candidates for the vacant position in executive and make any motions in public session.

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to go into executive session for personnel at 5:45 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to exit executive session at 6:06 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Stock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Markovich to appoint William Dunchuck to the unexpired term of our friend Steve Szymusiak. Roll Call Vote: Markovich: yes, Holby: yes, Stock: yes, Edwards: no, Lytle: no. Motion carried 3 yes, 2 no.

No motion was made for appointing David DiPaolo

MOTION: Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to appoint Craig Cunningham. Roll Call Vote: Markovich: no, Holby: no, Stock: no, Edwards: yes, Lytle: yes. Motion failed

At this point Mayor Ray got up and heatedly commented that they would have to find a new mayor since he was tired of nothing getting done or changing in the borough. Lytle commented that he was out. Holby responded that she couldn't believe he would say that with all the things the council has done. Mayor Ray spoke to the reporter and asked her to make sure this was made public and told her to come talk to him and he would tell her all about what goes on in the borough. He, Edwards and Lytle all stood up and left the meeting at this point.

Jim Campbell commented that he knows the borough is always begging for volunteers and couldn't understand why, when someone was interested that they wouldn't accept his help. He noted that Mr. Cunningham had ran in the election and gotten votes. Holby answered that there were three people interested in the position and council voted on who they felt would be the best asset to the town. Mr. Dunchuck has a strong background and experience with grants and that was the deciding factor for her. Mr. Campbell agreed that Mr. Dunchuck was a good man and the borough needs grants. Stock spoke to Mr. Cunningham and said she has heard nothing but good things about him. He responded that he appreciated that and that there were no hard feelings.

Campbell commented that the reason the firemen were here was in support of Cunningham and he would have done well for the town. Campbell noted that we are all here to work together for the same town. Markovich commented that the council is here if the firemen needed anything.

Cunningham informed them that he works for PennDOT and Markovich commented that they should talk to him about getting flashing lights at the trail crossing. Cunningham and Stock discussed the issues with the need for lights and markings for the Ghost Town Trail crossing.

Bryant Greene talked about the Emergency management coordinator paperwork with Markovich. All three municipalities have to approve and sign. He will make sure the paperwork will be done. He also asked that the borough not paint the crosswalks in front of the firehall because it has to be done to PennDOT standards and he didn't want to see the borough get in trouble. He recommended to get the engineer involved for the trail crossing to apply for grants

Markovich noted that with the other two council members leaving there wasn't a quorum to continue the meeting and this was all just public comment.

Holby asked if the meeting had been adjourned and made a motion to adjourn.