

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING JUNE 3, 2024

- 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 members present: Michaela Markovich William Dunchuck, Dave DiPaolo, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present
- Others present: Jeff and Brooke Hoskins, Francis, Joyce and Christian Ridilla, William Yewcic, Dan Zafiratos, Wayne Hoyer, Julie Pittman, Rich Wargo, Melissa Weekes
- MOTION: Stock, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the May 6, 2024 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck ,2nd Lytle to accept the May 29, 2024 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Christian Ridella and his parents requested that the borough petition the county to take over the 1340 Burns Street property beside his house. Council agreed that the property is in very bad condition and have tried to find the heirs of the property to have them do something with it. One of the council members commented that the sewer authority is planning to do an upgrade and may need that property. Weekes was asked what the time table was for obtaining the property. Currently the sewer authority is in the very preliminary stages of any upgrade.
- Jeff and Brooke Hoskins made a complaint about 1240 Rodgers Street. The grass has been cut in front but whoever is cleaning the property is also throwing bags of garbage out in the back and they haven't been picked up. There is no water, sewer, or electrical service at the property. A letter will be sent to the owner listed on the GIS website.
- Pat Yewcic asked council how the names of owners were obtained for property maintenance letters. He received a letter at his home address for a property he owns on Sterling Avenue but addressed to someone who had passed away years ago. He admitted that the grass had been high and it was cut but he was unhappy about the incorrect name on the letter. Dunchuck apologized for the mistake and will look into it.
- Dan Zarfiratos informed council that he is opening a gun shop at the former Heroes Tavern and requested that council paint the yellow curbing in front of the shop red. There have been people parking where there are no parking signs. Mayor Ray will research the laws on fire lanes and talk it over with the solicitor. The borough currently does not have any ordinances for fire lanes.
- Mayor Ray gave his report: The police are still working on the stolen vehicles. They will have coverage for the upcoming Community Days event. \$795.63 in fines and fees was collected. After reading the letter from a resident concerning closing the brush dump at the Park & Pool, he suggested that a letter be sent inviting the resident to the next council meeting.
- The USDA is still working on getting rid of the geese. He would like residents to be warned that the geese can be dangerous. They have been seen along the trail more since they are being chased off the ball fields.
- Wargo sent out 11 property maintenance letters and 8 people were cited. 10 more letters were sent last week and they have until the 7th of June to respond. Dunchuck requested that Wargo send letters to the owners of the two properties discussed during public comment
- There is no new information about the levee phases.

- 3S chemicals has been in contact with the borough engineer concerning the property they need for their expansion
- The paving project will be done sometime in June. Grannas Bros. will give the borough a week notice before beginning
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the treasurer’s report. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to pay bills totaling \$29,791.38. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to authorize the solicitor to update the current Burning Ordinance, and to proceed to prepare a draft ordinance for advertising. All ayes motion carried
- There was some concern that the Phase 1 numbers from the engineer for the levee improvements were different. Wargo will reach out to him.
- General Code should be done recodifying the borough’s ordinances by the end of June.
- Dunchuck read a letter he had received from the forester recommending the borough hold off on timbering unless the DEP mine reclamation project occurs. Wargo noted that the mine reclamation project will be happening but not for three to five years.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to increase the flood insurance policy coverage to #31,000.00 at a cost of \$1,049.00. All ayes motion carried
- Bids were opened for the upfitting of the new truck.
- Hercules bid three separate options:

A 9 foot 2 inch	10 foot boss plow	\$39,150.00
A 9 foot 6 inch	With a snowx plow	\$37,800.00
A 9 foot 2 inch	With a boss plow	\$37,400.00

- Samco bid \$37,550.00 according to the bid specifications.
- Mr. Hoyer representing Hercules Truck Equipment explained his three separate bid options and the lack of a warranty on the truck upfit as specified. DiPaolo was asked to review the options and check with the other bidder for a warranty
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to table awarding the truck upfit until warranties could be confirmed. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Stock to approve the Nanty Glo Borough entering into a grant agreement (project number PA-21713) in the amount of \$15,500 (Borough 50% match \$15,500.00) with the Appalachian Regional Commission and authorizing the Nanty Glo Borough representatives to execute the agreement. All ayes motion carried
- The purpose of the ARC grant is to hire a consulting firm to develop a master plan.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 7:09 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to exit executive session at 8:15 PM. All ayes motion carried
- Meeting adjourned.