

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING JUNE 5, 2023

Meeting opened at 5:29 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, Diane Holby, Bill Dunchuck, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Joel Romagna, Breanne Berkebille, Paula Stanton, Linda Seice, Dana Croyle, Jeffrey Fochler, Valarie Swartz, Chris Swartz, Joni Phillips, Paul Phillips, Brian Brown, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to accept the workshop notes of May 10, 2023. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the workshop notes of May 24, 2023. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

Paula Stanton commented that she, Linda, Dana, and the others present were all from First Student Bussing and had heard about the complaint from the borough about buses parking in the borough. Her son owns property in town and had given her permission to park her bus there. She got permission from her son's neighbor to park on his property temporarily while her son is installing a driveway. The situation escalated when the borough sent a letter to the school district about the buses and Dunchuck contacted First Student directly. There is currently not an ordinance about parking on private property. Attorney Carbonara noted that the council would need to decide if they want to regulate that.

Chris Swartz commented that he makes a living by driving bus and parking it on his property makes his job easier, especially in winter. First Student has policies in place concerning parking a bus on private property. The bus must be on gravel or cement and can not be impeding traffic and pictures must be taken then reviewed and permission given by First Student for the bus to be parked there. Dunchuck commented that the letter sent to the school district was not a complaint, just a request for information and he was glad that everyone showed up to air out the issue.

Joni Phillips had a complaint about vandalism at the gazebos where lights were pulled out and flags removed. They also broke flags and the coal miner statue at the Miners Park. Checking any nearby cameras was mentioned and the police will be asked to patrol those areas more

Council discussed parking issues on private property and an incident when a resident cut the curbing to create a driveway on his property was brought up as well. Attorney Carbonara has several sample ordinances he can send to the borough.

The letter that Wargo sent to the school district was read. There was no complaint in the letter, just a request for information.

Romagna gave an update on the reservoir repair project. After giving a brief history of the project, he commented that once Merlo had been able to drain down the reservoir it was discovered that there was not a 10-inch pipe as expected. Water had been leaving the reservoir through a previous repair

that involved filling in the old pump house, plugging up a 6-inch pipe and another drain pipe was also concreted over. The previous repairs means that the sluice gate could not be used. The sluice gate from Kappe Associates is a custom order but Romagna will reach out to them to see if it can be returned. The sluice gate will need to be taken out of the project with a change order. The change order would show a decrease of \$22,314.00 which could be used to shotcrete the reservoir to provide additional stabilization. He recommended using the second grant to do additional stabilization at the reservoir. He will investigate using costars and checking prevailing wage information to satisfy DCED. Romagna presented change order #1 decreasing the amount by \$22,314.00.

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to approve change order #1. All ayes motion carried

The council authorized the engineer to make sure it is okay to sell the sluice gate and to prepare a change order for the second grant.

Mayor Ray gave his report:

The borough's goose harassment is working so far, the big test will be in August. He listed some of the complaints the police have handled. \$1,022.95 in fines was collected.

Markovich asked the Mayor to have the police check for property maintenance violations and report them to the borough manager

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the police contract. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to open a reservoir grant account at AmeriServ and transfer the funds from Penncrest Bank. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to authorize transferring the automatic payments from the Commonwealth and Berkheimer to AmeriServ accounts. All ayes motion carried

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

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried

Mike Bowser from PennDOT came out and looked at the roads for a paving project. The streets approved to be paved were listed. Mr. Bowser also suggested considering tar and chipping other roads. He confirmed that the borough could use a combination of Liquid Fuels and American Rescue Funds for the paving project.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to advertise for paving bids. All ayes motion carried

Lytle provided quotes from Berry Solutions for two Dell Latitude 7220 police computers that are FirstNet ready for \$3,335.54.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to purchase two Dell 7220 computers for the police department. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to enroll in FirstNet for \$36.99 per month each for a total of \$73.98 for two plans. All ayes motion carried

Holby suggested having the bench dedication and proclamation for Steve Szymusiak during Community Days. She will reach out to his family

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to hire Justin Fleck as a full-time road crew pending background clearances. All ayes motion carried

Printer quotes were reviewed.

MOTION: Markovich, 2nd Lytle to purchase a 330 series for \$1,348.00 plus \$250.00 a year service contract from Henry Hall. All other printers are to be removed. All ayes motion carried

Flood insurance for the shed was reviewed.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to purchase option B with increased coverage for flood insurance. All ayes motion carried

More discussion is needed for the community garden project. An information packet from Windber's farmers market will be looked at also

Brian Brown gave council and update on the Park & Pool

He requested that the returning lifeguards be given a \$0.25 per hour raise and new lifeguards start at \$8.50 an hour.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to give returning lifeguards a \$0.25 per hour raise and to start new lifeguards at \$8.50 per hour. All ayes motion carried

Mary Swope will be returning as the pool manager on Friday or Saturday.

The baby pool liner needs to be replaced. It has been patched numerous times. The current liner was donated by the Polish Club. A new commercial liner is estimated to cost \$8,000.00.

There is a water leak that needs to be located. Holby informed him that the water authority employees had already found and fixed one by the concession stand and they were still looking in case of other leaks.

The pool was opened on Memorial Day with nice crowds. Brown commented that there is a lot to do including pavilions and campsites and they could really use volunteers. Their meetings during the summer are held at the pool on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Lytle suggested that the Municipal Authority contact St. Francis University about their volunteer programs.

Brown brought up the steel building at the ballfield which is just sitting there. The Grid Iron club had installed it but it is now just rotting away. There are no water or drain connections in the building and it needs to be sealed. The borough has the building insured.

Four organizations have been talking about going in together to replace the current concession stand and move it over by the scoreboard.

A grant application was submitted for \$75000.00 towards a new truck for the road crew. The price for a new truck through costars is \$105,000.00. Council thanked Holby for her work on it.

Work is scheduled to begin on the clinic next month.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to adjourn.