

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MAY 5, 2025

Council 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, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Julie Pittman, Joel Romagna, Jason Gabor, Jim and Mary Kay Pelipesky, Bailey Lawrence, David Smith, Amanda Manges, Robert McEvoy, Chief Mike Freiwald, Derek Laney, Dan Zarfiratos, Melissa Weekes

- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to approve the April 7, 2025 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Lytle to accept the April 23, 2025 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Jim and Mary Kay Pelipesky had a sump pump installed in their basement to fix a water problem but the water is now flooding their and their neighbor's yard. They are requesting permission to tap into the storm drain. Council discussed the request with Gabor and the engineer. Romagna will review the borough's 2016 street cutting ordinance and help determine the best way to connect to the storm sewer.
- Bailey Lawrence informed council that he is interested in purchasing borough owned property in Jackson Township. He was asked to leave his contact information and the borough would research the property he is interested in.
- Derek Laney approached council about three items. He wanted to know about the borough's ordinance concerning sexually explicit businesses. He would like to bring exotic dancers into his business occasionally to help raise funds for youth groups and his business. Dunchuck commented that council would have their solicitor review the ordinance. His second item was requesting that the fire whistle be put on a timer so it would not go off in the middle of the night for minor calls and wake him up. He noted that the firemen all have other means of being notified of emergencies. Finally, he wanted to know how and when to submit a request for an exemption for noise. He intends to host local bands at his business. It was explained that an exemption would need to be passed at a council meeting so a request could take a month.
- Dan Zarfiratos asked council for information on putting up a business sign on either borough or Cambria County Conservation and Recreation property near the trail. The property owner would need to be determined first.

- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Lytle to accept Lynne Stock's resignation from council with a thank you for her years of service. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Lytle to appoint Robert McEvoy to fill the remainder of Lynne Stock's term on council. All ayes motion carried
- Robert McEvoy was sworn in by Mayor Ray and took his seat on council.
- Romagna gave the engineer's report. A resolution is needed to submit a grant application for phase 2 for flood mitigation. For phase 1, all the approvals have been received and they are working with DEP for a permit. He is also working with PennVest for funding to repair the storm drain issue under Roberts Street. PennVest and/or a line of credit were discussed. If it becomes necessary to do repairs quickly, he can still make the funding work under an emergency permit. The engineers were asked to check on the current condition of the road. The borough's updated storm water ordinance would need to be passed for DEP.
- Mayor Ray gave his report:
- New speed enforcement lines have been painted. there were 68 calls last month. There is a virtual meeting on May 8th to discuss the regionalization study. The goose harassment has been going well this year.
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Holby to approve a timber sale contract between Cameron Lumber Company Inc. and Nanty Glo Borough for the sale of timber from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation project site OSM 11(4371)102.1 above Pearson Street. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve a resolution that the Nanty Glo Borough hereby request a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) grant of \$316,400.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Levee System Improvements-Phase 2. All ayes motion carried.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to approve the Nanty Glo Borough Matching Fund commitment letter for the Flood Mitigation Program Grant- Levee System Improvements-Phase 2, this letter will verify that the requested 15% matching funds, totaling \$58,000.00 will be provided by the Nanty Glo Borough Reserve funds, grant monies will account for \$316,000.00 of the total cost. Total estimated project cost is \$374,400.00. All ayes motion carried
- Dunchuck commented that two property maintenance cases were taken from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency and were turned over to the police department. Chief Freiwald was commended for the police department doing good work. Two other cases are still with Laurel.
- Dunchuck gave an update on the replacement of the street lights with Penelec. Penelec has completed (out of the final listing) the upgrade conversion of 30 streetlights so far, there are still 20 remaining streetlights to be converted, then that will complete the project. (total lights upgraded will be 157). They have been doing this when time allows, the final listing was submitted to Penelec in April 2024.
- The resolution for the KOZ has still not been received.
- The size and style for the Hometown Hero Banner program was decided.
- The Highway Occupancy Permits were approved for the Ghost Town Trail projects.

- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd McEvoy to Authorize Stiffler McGraw Engineers to move forward with the planning, advertising, specifications and permitting for the Roberts Street/White Street piping and culvert replacement project and prepare the necessary documentation for a PENNVEST Loan for the project. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck 2nd Holby to approve the Nanty Glo Borough Audit Report for the year Ending December 31, 2024, and approve the Nanty Glo Borough Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) 2024 Municipal Annual and Financial Report. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Holby to approve the Fire Company' noise ordinance variance request for June 13 and 14, 2025 for Community Days until midnight each night. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd McEvoy to approve the Fire Company's request to use borough property on McCoy Street for a car show on June 14, 2025. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd McEvoy to close McCoy Street from Chestnut Street to the lower entrance of the Lloyd McMullen Ball Field on June 14, 2025, from 7AM until 10PM for a car show. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the Fire Company's noise ordinance variance request for July 26 through August 2, 2025, for the Regional Firefighters Association Convention. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the Fire Company's request to allow camping at the Lloyd McMullen Ball Field for the convention. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to approve closing sections of McCoy Street, Roberts Street, and Lincoln Avenue for the convention during certain times as provided by the Fire Company. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd McEvoy to provide a letter of support for a PADOT Special Events Permit for a parade on August 2, 2025. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to permit the Fire Company to use the Lloyd McMullen Field on Saturday, August 9, 2025, for their sportsman's raffle. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: DiPaolo, 2nd Holby to approve the 2025 Application for County Aid (MS-339) for \$8000.00, the borough intends to apply this reimbursable grant towards the cost of its 2025 storm sewer and drain work. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 7:23 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd McEvoy to exit executive session at 7:45 PM All ayes motion carried
- Meeting adjourned.