

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MAY 6, 2024

- Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Council President Michaela Markovich at the Nanty Glo Borough municipal building
- Pledge of Allegiance given, moment of silence observed
- Council members present: Michaela Markovich, William Dunchuck, Dave DiPaolo, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Ray was also present
- Others present: Julie Pittman, Jeff Sekerak, Andy Shultz, Joe LaMantia Jr, Jim Campbell, Shawn McMullen, Bryant Greene, Rich Brown, Brian Brown, Joni Phillips, Rich Wargo, Melissa Weekes
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to approve the April 1, 2024 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to accept the April 24, 2024 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Joe LaMantia asked council's permission for any firemen on the road crew to respond to fire emergencies during their work hours. He noted that it has been more difficult than ever to get enough responders during regular work hours and if the road crew could even respond long enough for others to get to the emergency site it would be helpful. Council's consensus was to allow the firemen on the road crew to respond during work hours for fire emergencies. Wargo will let the road crew know. Mayor Ray suggested that an official letter be drawn up by the attorney and given to the road crew so they know it is okay to respond. The council members thanked the firemen for all that they do.
- Bryant Greene requested that council approve the firemen's request to close part of McCoy Street down to the Little League field for the car show being held as part of the Community Days events June 8-10th. They are also organizing a community yard sale to be held that Saturday as well. Anyone who wants to be on the list will need to register. The firemen have also decided to cancel the 5k run this year due to low turnout and Camp Cadet being held the same day.
- He also commented that combining the Hot Chocolate Crawl with the tree lighting and carriage rides would need to be discussed further with the various groups. Council suggested that they and the beautification committee come to the next council workshop on May 29th to go over options.
- Rich Brown commented that the Fire Company's fall gun raffle was going to be held at the ballfield. The Municipal Authority is okay with them using the field. He gave some details of the event and noted that if the weather is inclement, they would move it back to the Fire hall.
- Jeff Sekerak from 3S Chemicals presented council with a survey of the property they are interested in obtaining from the borough for their expansion. The minimum needed would be ten feet but fifteen would be better. Dunchuck commented that he would have the survey submitted to the solicitor and engineer.
- Bryant Greene spoke again as the EMS Coordinator. He informed council that the Emergency Operations Plan has been updated with information provided by Jason Gabor and the new radio frequencies have also been added. He will try to keep it updated and work on it more.
- Shawn McMullen gave an update for the Park & Pool. He commented that the reservoir looks good and he is interested in how the fishing derby there goes. He hopes to have the pool open by Memorial Day weekend, if the weather is good enough to do the pool pressure washing and painting. He requested the road crew's assistance with the pressure washing if possible and with moving four new picnic tables if possible. Joni Phillips suggested that McMullen try to get some

work release people to help with the pressure washing. She gave him the name of the contact she has. McMullen also noted that the new kiddie pool liner would cost \$6,300.00. The pool manager and 7 lifeguards will be returning so far. He is hoping to get them started May 11th to help get the pool and buildings ready. Swim lessons have already been scheduled. One issue he has had is the dumping at the Park & Pool. Landscaping companies are using it instead of just residents of the borough. Council discussed the problem and decided to have the road crew put no dumping signs at the Park & Pool. McMullen also requested that council consider giving the returning lifeguards a \$0.25 per hour raise as has been done in the past.

- Markovich asked him if he had considered raising the fees for camping. McMullen commented that the campground is still new, once it gets busier and used more, he would consider a rate increase. There is still one vacant spot on their board after Frank Patrick's retirement
- Shawn McMullen also requested the road crew's help with removing 17 dead pine trees down at the ballfield as well as installing two new flag poles. A tree cutting company would be a safer option to remove the dead trees according to council. McMullen informed council that the school is having the vo-tech come and wire up the metal building before football season. They are also interested in having someone install commodes and stalls. He also asked council if they could give him any tips on setting up a website for the Park & Pool that would allow people to make reservations. Dunchuck commented that the borough's website is through PSAB and he would reach out to them.
- Brian Brown asked if the goose harassment was still happening. Mayor Ray answered yes. Brown commented that he had chased the geese at least three times.
- Holby spoke about the community garden project. They will not be coming in this year.
- Dunchuck noted that pipe repairs need to be done on McCoy Street to handle standing water near the fields.
- Joni Phillips informed council that she was told that pear trees can no longer be planted in Pennsylvania. She is concerned about the vandalism in town.
- There were no solicitor or engineer reports
- Mayor Ray gave his report: there is an ongoing investigation about two stolen vehicles that were both recovered. The officers handling the incidents are doing a good job.
- There were 103 incidents and \$274.64 in fines and fees was collected. Police officers will be scheduled for Community Days. Mayor Ray presented a copy of a burn ordinance from a township in Cambria County that he would like the borough's ordinance to be based on. He would like to see 20' foot setbacks from property lines added in somewhere. He will make revisions and send it to the secretary.
- Wargo gave the Manager's report:
- Seven property maintenance letters were sent out on the 10th. One responded today; a truck has been removed. The rest have 4 more days to respond. It was clarified that if there was no response by the time allotted, then the police department should be notified so citations can be sent
- The levee inspection will be on May 9th. The emergency operations plan has been updated. Wargo was asked to see if the engineer would be available by phone during the inspection
- Street sweeping is continuing
- Dunchuck informed the rest of council that so far 159 street lights have been converted to LED.
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried
- Dunchuck asked about the flood insurance options for the shed. One option is for the same coverage and the other option is for increased coverage. The flood insurance was tabled.

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to pay bills totaling \$42,552.59. All ayes motion carried
- The United Methodist Church subdivision was signed off. Wargo was asked to contact them for a copy for the borough's records.
- Mr. Flick's request for tree cutting was reviewed and the trees are not on borough property. They are on private property.
- The burn ordinance was tabled
- There is no new information on the ordinance recodification
- An email was received from the engineer about water and sewer projects and road bonding. To have roads bonded, a feasibility study needs to be done by the engineer before a road can be posted. The current ordinance and the streets that are posted will be compared.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the resolution for Nanty Glo Borough to apply for the \$8,000.00 allocation of Cambria County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds for the 2024 Nanty Glo Borough Paving Project. All ayes motion carried
- Paving bids were opened:

HRI, Inc	\$163,052.00
Grannas Bros.	\$144,418.55
New Enterprise Stone & Lime	\$146,878.61
Quaker Sales Inc	\$168,338.70

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to award the 2024 Nanty Glo Borough Paving Project (24-11-424-01CA) bid to Grannas Bros. for \$144,418.55 pending the solicitor's review. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Lytle, Dunchuck to authorize the borough engineer Stiffler McGraw to submit a grant application to DCED for Phase 2 of the Flood Mitigation /Levee project. Breakdown as follows- Total Phase 2 Project estimate-\$370,000: Grant amount \$314,500 Borough 15% match \$55,500. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck, to purchase a 2024 Ford F600 Truck from Tri-Star Motors, Blairsville, Pa.15717 through Co-Stars Contract 025-E22-550 in the amount of \$69,240.00 pending the availability of funds. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to bid the following specifications for the Upfitting of the 2024 Ford F600 Truck: Aluminum Body Dump, Central Hydraulics, Salt Dogg Stainless Steel tailgate spreader, Boss stainless steel DXT V snow plow. All ayes motion carried
- The Borough Fishing Derby will be on May 18th at the Park & Pool. The Downtown Events committee will be meeting later this week to coordinate.
- Mayor Ray suggested that with all the improvements at the reservoir that maybe it should be dedicated to someone with a plaque and an image.
- The memorandums were okay and were signed
- The Windber sportsman's Club will be stocking fish at the reservoir for the derby.
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to give a \$500.00 donation to the Windber Sportsman's Club for their assistance. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the Nanty Glo Borough Audit Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023 and approve the Nanty Glo Borough Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) 2023 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report. All ayes motion carried

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 8:00 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to exit executive session at 8:30 PM. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to hire Gavin Pacewicz as a part time police officer at the current rate. All ayes motion carried
- Meeting adjourned.