

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 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, Diane Holby, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock.

Others present: Julie Pittman, Chief Mike Freiwald, Bryant Greene, Mary Ann Banfield, Chuck Szymala, Dan Szymala, Suzette Shay, Melissa Weekes

- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to approve the October 7, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the October 30, 2024 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried
- Public Comment:
- Bryant Greene spoke on behalf of the Fire Company. They are applying for an LSA grant and need the borough to pass a resolution for the grant. The grant will be used for replacing the roof and the concrete apron in front of the fire hall. Approving the grant resolution is on the agenda under new business
- He also gave council an update on the 4th Annual Hot Chocolate Crawl. The Downtown Events Committee will be participating. He requested that council keep him informed about the Tree Lighting Ceremony and if they would need assistance with closing the streets near the gazebo.
- Suzette Shay presented information to council concerning the Liberty Museum building. The historical society is requesting donations from four municipalities to help install new windows and doors on the lower floor. The cost of the installation was divided into equal portions and the donation requested is \$6,680.00 each. Mr. Sebetich is asking local clubs for donations to replace the windows in the upstairs area. It is too late to apply for an LSA grant this year, but the historical society has joined the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies. Lytle asked to see the quote for the doors and windows. DiPaolo also suggested getting additional quotes. Council will discuss the request.
- Mary Ann Banfield informed council that there are issues with the trees along Upper Christoff Street. Acorns and branches from the trees are coming down and damaging her vehicle. The leaves are also clogging gutters. In the past, the borough has come up and trimmed back the trees over the roadway. Bryant Greene commented that even if the trees are not on borough owned property, the borough has the right to trim them back over the roadway. Ms. Banfield stated that she had gone to the courthouse and the borough owns the property where the trees are. Council will research the issue and have the road crew investigate as well. She also commented that there were two sinkholes in the roadway that were just paved over that she would like to be checked as well.
- A phone call from Mr. Kuzilla occurred during the meeting. He complained about uninspected vehicles on his street. Chief Freiwald noted that one of them is now inspected.
- Chief Freiwald gave the police report: Three letters to former police officers were sent and two badges were returned. There was no other contact. One of the officers is willing to come back,

but due to the amount of time that has passed he would need to be considered a new hire if he passed the array of tests required

- The police department has firearms from the 1033 program that will belong to the borough soon. They are outdated and should be replaced. The department should also consider purchasing at least two more badges.
- Total fines and fees collected was \$195.44 and 42 calls were handled in October
- Chief Freiwald, council and Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency are keeping in contact about property maintenance issues.
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd DiPaolo to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried.
- MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried
- There is no update on the 3S Chemicals property sale
- Two complaints were filed with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency for property maintenance by Dunchuck
- There is no new information on the stormwater management ordinance update or the stop signs requested on Johnson and Vine Streets
- More time is needed to research borough owned properties for the Keystone Opportunity Zone program
- There is no new information for the levee improvement and repair project
- Council discussed the procedure for municipal authorization dealing with building permits. The solicitor is talking with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency to clarify some issues.
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to approve the Local Share Account (LSA) grant resolution authorizing Borough Engineer Stiffler McGraw to prepare and submit the grant application (Web Application #10394101) in the amount of \$758,720.00 for the Roberts Street Surface Improvements Project. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the Nanty Glo Borough applying for a Local Share Account (LSA) grant on behalf of the Nanty Glo Fire Department and approving the LSA grant resolution that has been completed by the Nanty Glo Fire Department. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd DiPaolo to not renew the Certificate of Deposit at Penncrest Bank and transfer the money into the borough's Capital Reserve fund at a better interest rate. All ayes motion carried
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd DiPaolo to donate \$300.00 to the Shop with a Cop program. All ayes motion carried
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on November 30th at 6:00 PM. There is still no word if Diamond Lane Farms will be able to provide carriage rides this year.
- Council discussed the 2025 solvency fee and continuing with the PSAB unemployment compensation program. They will continue for 2025 and investigate it more for the next year.
- There were no findings on the borough's liquid fuels audit.
- MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to adjourn.