

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2022

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

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Breanna Berkebile, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the October 3, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the October 12 and 26, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

No public present

Attorney Carbonara gave the Solicitor's report

Act 57 was passed to require that extra fees for delinquent real estate taxes be waived under certain criteria.

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Lytle to advertise the Act 57 amended tax ordinance as required. All ayes motion carried

Attorney Carbonara also presented the amended waterfowl ordinance for review.

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Edwards to advertise the amended waterfowl ordinance. All ayes motion carried

He has been working with Penelec on the LED street lighting agreement. He reworked the agreement to define the term terrif. The borough will still need to pick 12 street lights for a trial. Council will pick the street lights at a workshop. Attorney Carbonara recommended that council sign the agreement he wrote.

There is no new information on the Comcast agreement.

Mayor Ray gave his report

There were 46 incidents and \$4,693.20 was collected in fines and fees

He requested that council donate \$150.00 to the Shop with a Cop program which provides at risk local youth to go Christmas shopping with a police officer. Council asked that the donation request be added to the next agenda for voting

The part-time police officers wanted to extend their thanks for the pay increase. Mayor Ray said it has made filling in shifts easier

The USDA goose agreement needs to be renewed

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to authorize the mayor to sign the USDA goose agreement. All ayes motion carried

Mayor Ray passed out cost estimates for new computer systems for the office and cruisers. Stock asked if grants were available. Lytle commented that he will check with his company for a demo for the in-car computer systems. The computers would be a qualifying purchase for the APRA funds

Wargo gave the manager's report

There are four hearings coming up on property maintenance issues.

Building renovations and possibly expanding the building will be discussed at workshops

Dunchuck commented that he had spoken with the engineer about getting a master plan together on all the things the borough needs and would like to do including the building, reservoir and levees. Wargo will be meeting with another contractor tomorrow for the levee. The engineer will help prepare a grant for the levee in spring

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

The \$1.00 bill for water was questioned. It is for the Miner's Park water service. It can be turned off now that winter is starting. Other bills questioned were for Walmart which was for the fuel tank shed, the One Stop Sandwich Shop bill which was for community service workers lunches and the In-Synch invoice which is for police communications.

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

Making Lloyd Street one way from Shoemaker to Johnson Street was discussed.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Dunchuck to direct the attorney to amend the traffic ordinance adding the one-way section of Lloyd Street. All ayes motion carried

More signs will be needed if the borough expands the alternate side winter parking regulations. Council discussed what streets to add based on the road crew recommendations.

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Lytle to authorize the attorney to amend the winter parking ordinance. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to ratify the purchase of back up cameras and lights for the borough trucks. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck will get estimates on repairs for the roller to determine if it is worth fixing

The Downtown Committee will be putting up snowmen again soon

The veteran's park project will be added to the grant list

The borough's website is now live. Council thanked Dunchuck and Weekes

Holby is still working on group homes. She has an agency to call and will get more information. Commissioner Chernesky had contacted her and requested a member of the borough attend the Act 152 Land Bank seminar

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to advertise for a part time as needed road crew position for winter. All ayes motion carried.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to approve paying \$950.00 for the carriage rides to coincide with the annual tree lighting ceremony. All ayes motion carried

Holby discussed the need for restrooms or porta potties on this side of the trail to Twin Rocks. Mayor Ray commented that he would speak with the Fire Company about putting something up at the trail head behind the fire hall. Dunchuck noted that restrooms could be included in the borough building renovations.

Lytle commented that the sidewalk along Lloyd Street beside the gazebo park was in bad condition. The sidewalk is next to the borough's property so would be the borough's responsibility. This will be added to the grant writing list

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to enter executive session for contract negotiations and personnel at 7:03 PM. All ayes motion carried.

MOTION: Markovich, 2nd Holby to come out of executive session at 7:25 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Markovich, 2nd Lytle to decline giving the employees hazard pay because of the COVID pandemic. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Lytle to adjourn.