

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2023

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, Diane Holby, Bill Dunchuck, Mike Edwards, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Breanne Berkebile, Nan McNinney, Justin Kurtz, Derek Laney, Kristina Holcomb, Angie Edwards, Richard Waro, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to approve the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Stock to accept the September 13 and 27, 2023 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

Nan McNinney gave an update on the community garden project. There is a PA agriculture grant available but the current lot by itself is too small. If the borough would consider adding the lot across Lloyd Street and the lot the gazebo is on to the garden project, they could apply for the grant. Nan knows someone at the Vo-Tech who is knowledgeable about creating a remembrance garden as part of the veteran's park lot. The council members discussed using all three lots. Dunchuck mentioned that the Veteran's Park project was included in the borough's master plan but could be taken out. Holby suggested that they discuss it at the borough's next workshop.

Justin Kurtz also noted that he is in contact with Joe Luther who does "heroscaping" for gardens. The company E.P. Henry could fund the project. Council asked him to see if Mr. Luther would be interested in giving more details at a workshop.

Derek Laney and Kristina Holcomb talked to council about their permit from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. Wargo informed they that he had called the inspection agency and given his okay for the haunted house attraction. A copy of the municipal authorization was reprinted, Wargo signed it and it was faxed. Mr. Laney discussed his business plans for the church building with council. He stated that he had been aware that it was not in a business district when he purchased it. The ideas he shared with council included installing a kitchen and serving food and having an eighties inspired arcade in the basement and possibly having bands and a reception hall in the upstairs portion of the church building. Everything is on hold until it can be determined if he can have a business at the location

Angie Edwards asked council to have stop signs installed at the intersection of 2nd Street and Dispatch Street. She said that she has noticed more vehicles speeding on 2nd Street now and it is a safety concern. There are small children in the area including hers. Mayor Ray noted that the PA Vehicle code covers all installed stop signs even if they are not included in an ordinance. Holby suggested that the Mayor talk with the police department and have them offer suggestions on which streets need to have the stop signs installed. Ms. Edwards also commented that there is a drug issue in her neighborhood.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Lytle to open the agenda to add the following motions as per the engineer's and Mayor's requests All ayes motion carried

MOTION to approve and submit Reimbursement Requisition #1 in the amount of \$84,373.75 to DCED related to Contract C000083535 regarding the Davis Run Reservoir Outlet Project.

MOTION to approve and remit payment for Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$12,190 to Laurel Management Co. under Contract 23-1 related to the Davis Run Reservoir Outlet Project.

MOTION to approve and remit payment for Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$53,750 to National Gunite for repairs related to the Davis Run Reservoir Project

MOTION to approve the USDA Goose harassment agreement.

Attorney Carbonara recommended adding those motions under new business and the payments under bills.

He commented that the board should have a special meeting to approve the upgraded zoning map so that it is available before a zoning hearing.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to advertise a special meeting to be held on October 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM. All ayes motion carried

Changing the intersection at Johnson and Lloyd Streets from a two-way stop to a four-way stop was discussed.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to advertise for updating the traffic ordinance to add the stop signs on Johnson and Lloyd Streets. All ayes motion carried

Mayor Ray gave his report:

Installation of the computers into the cruisers was discussed. Team Force and RPM can both do the installation. 3Echo has not responded. Mayor Ray commented that he wanted to make sure that nothing was done to void any warranties on the cruisers including requiring certified technicians or dealers to do the installation. He wants to wait one more month for quotes.

There were two animal complaints and \$960.55 was collected in fines and fees.

He will check once again with Motorola on the \$1000.00 invoice they sent again.

Wargo gave the manager's report:

Five property maintenance letters were sent out and hearings have been scheduled.

There is no new information on a grant for a new truck yet. Jason Gabor is winterizing the three available trucks. It may be too late in the year to get a new truck this year.

Wargo informed the board that he will be going on vacation

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

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to pay bills and add the Laurel Management and National Gunite invoices for a total of \$111,487.20. All ayes motion carried

The Downtown Events Committee has nothing new

The list from the Municipal Authority has not been received yet

Grannas Brothers will be paid for the paving project once PennDOT inspects the project on October 31st

A quote from them for repairs on Lincoln Avenue and 2nd Street in the amount of \$19,585.00 was received. Dunchuck commented that this can be paid from the American Rescue funds account.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to accept the quote from Grannas Brothers for the Lincoln Avenue repair work. All ayes motion carried

A resignation letter was received from Justin Fleck.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Stock to accept the resignation letter. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to advertise for a road crew position. All ayes motion carried

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MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytel to approve the USDA Goose harassment agreement. All ayes motion carried

The Halloween parade will start at 2:30 PM. Trick or Treat will be from 4 until 6 PM.

Lytle commented that the police department should have their own dedicated email account.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to adjourn