

NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:30 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.

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Calem Illig, John Tanish, Mike Wurmus, Sam Jabkoski, Linda Barosky, Mike Kuzilla, Richard Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Edwards, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction the Mr. Ellis had requested a handicapped parking sign in front of the American Legion and not his house. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Holby to accept the September 14 and 28, 2022 workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

Mr. Tanish and Mr. Wurmus still want more trees cut down along the alley between Sterling Avenue and Cardiff Road. The borough has already cut and trimmed trees that are on the borough's right of way. The remaining trees are on private property. The property has been up for sheriffs sale but no one has bid on it. It was explained that the borough can not go onto private property even if vacant and cut trees. Mr. Wurmus also commented that a neighbor had put up a car port too close to the property line and he had contacted Laurel Municipal Management Agency about it but hasn't heard if they are going to make them move the car port. Wargo will contact the codes agency

Mr. Jabkoski is requesting the borough put in one or two handicapped parking spaces on Davis Street beside the American Legion building. They have older members and have installed a chair lift inside the building for them but would like handicapped parking spaces for them to park. Markovich asked about them putting handicapped parking on their parking lot beside the building. They are working on that but still want some on the street. The borough does not have a handicapped parking ordinance so can not put in handicapped parking spaces. He was told the name of the sign company the borough uses if he wanted to put signs up in the Legion's parking lot.

Linda Barosky and Mike Kuzilla have been having conflicts with two of their neighbors. The neighbors have been calling the borough and DEP on them because they have three dogs and are disposing of the waste over the embankment across the street. The dog waste is biodegradable according to DEP. The neighbor has also thrown things into Ms. Barosky's swimming pool. They and the neighbors have a hearing at the magistrate's office on Wednesday. Attorney Carbonara asked them what they need from the borough. They want the borough to stop the neighbors from obstructing the sidewalk and to do something about uninspected vehicles. She said that the police don't do anything, she has fallen over the obstruction on the sidewalk and since the borough is aware of it, she could do something legally but doesn't want to and that everyone up there throws grass clippings etc. over the embankment. She wants others cited since the police filed charges on her for the dog feces. She wants the borough to have the charges dropped against her so she doesn't have to go to the magistrates on Wednesday.

Council informed her that they do not have the authority to drop charges. The mayor isn't at the meeting but they will bring the situation up with him since he is in charge of the police department.

Solicitor's report:

Atty. Carbonara passed out an ARPA article with information about buildings. He is not convinced that a utility building for police cruisers only would qualify under ARPA guideline. Other options would be to expand the current municipal building to provide more space for distancing and a hub for dealing with local emergencies which could also double as a council chamber with separate bays for parking. Dunchuck will contact the engineer to discuss the scope of work for a renovation and expansion

The borough can reimburse the general fund from ARPA funds for the tool purchase for the borough shed.

Atty. Carbonara contacted Penelec about the LED street lighting agreement but has not gotten a response yet. He is okay with their form for the most part.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to tentatively approve the LED street lighting agreement with Penelec contingent upon the attorney's approval. All ayes motion carried

Markovich read the mayor's report. There were 64 incidents last month and \$161.00 was collected in fines and fees. The USDA goose harassment agreement will need to be renewed.

Council discussed updating the water fowl ordinance to not only ban feed them but to also include banning anything that would cause them to congregate. Attorney Carbonara will have the ordinance ready for the next meeting

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Edwards to advertise the amended water fowl ordinance. All ayes motion carried

The road crew will be asked which streets will be easier to plow if they were included in the winter parking regulations. The street supervisor will be asked to attend a workshop to give his opinion on the matter. Dunchuck would like to have a notification system set up for the borough to notify residents when the crew will be plowing their street as well as for emergencies

Police contract negotiations were scheduled.

Wargo gave the manager's report:

He is still sending property maintenance letters out.

PennDOT is paving Cardiff Road. He contacted the paving company about doing the low spot on the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and 2nd Street where it gets icy in the winter.

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

Lytle asked about the discounts on gas. The borough does get a volume business rate of up to six cents off with the BP card.

The invoice for Stiffer, McGraw was checked to see if it was part of the reservoir project and if it was for work done after July 1st. If so, it can be included for reimbursement from the grant for the project

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

The downtown events committee has been putting up corn stalks and scarecrows around town for fall

The updated prices for the electricity supply contract were reviewed.

MOTION: Lytle, 2nd Dunchuck to approve the 36-month contract for energy supply with Engie. All ayes motion carried.

The website development is going well, it should be live soon

Dunchuck listed various grants that the borough could apply for. Deadlines for the grants vary. He requested to have Steve Foster from Stiffler, McGraw at one of the borough's workshops to help design site plans

Holby mentioned considering the land donated by the ballfield on McCoy Street as parking for the fields as well as the Ghost Town Trail

She also questioned if there was anything the borough could do to limit group homes in the borough. Atty. Carbonara will check with various state agencies

Trick or Treat night was set for Saturday, October 29th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The Halloween parade sponsored by the Fire Ladies will start at 2:30 PM

The Cambria County Boroughs Association fall dinner meeting will be in October. RSVPs are needed. No one present would be able to attend

Budget worksheets were passed out

Timers for the Christmas lights on the poles could be purchased to help the borough save money. The total cost for 40 timers is \$475.00.

MOTION: Holby, 2nd Edwards to purchase and install the timers. All ayes motion carried

Paving information will be looked over in the workshops. Holby reminded the rest of council that the water project will be starting in February 2023. A list of streets involved in their project will be brought to a workshop.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2nd Lytle to adjourn. All ayes motion carried