

# NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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 present: Michaela Markovich, Diane Holby, Bill Dunchuck, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock.

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Breeanne Berkebile, John & Kerry Capelli, Rich Wargo.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to approve the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to accept the workshop notes from August 9 and 23, 2023. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

John and Kerry Capelli informed the board that dogs owned by their neighbors has been running loose and has been in their yard. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time that the dogs have attacked people. Dunchuck noted that dogs had also threatened his brother while he was helping on Dunchuck's property. The Department of Agriculture and the police have been contacted about the issue already. The neighbor has a new dog and it has been running in the neighborhood. The Capelli's contacted non-emergency and the Humane Society. Atty. Carbonara has some contacts he will call. Mrs. Capelli also commented about the same neighbor and the condition of their property. The house does not have a door on their basement and there is a broken window covered by a mattress. There was also concern about the conditions the children are living in. The Capellis asked council to do something to help. The borough can cite the neighbors but it goes to the magistrate who decides the fine etc. Wargo was asked to contact the Humane Society and see what the procedure is to handle dogs. Lytle agreed to reach out to the magistrate's office also.

Solicitor report:

The traffic ordinance update was discussed. He suggested that council take the time to review the stop signs and other parts of the ordinance to make sure everything is there.

Someone had contacted the attorney about possibly donating a portion of land to the borough. Once he has something in writing he will let council know.

Mayor's report was read by Markovich. There is a part time part police officer application which will be discussed later. 804.76 in fines were collected.

Wargo sent out 5 property maintenance letters.

Holby contacted representative Burn's office about a grant for a truck. there is still no new information.

Dunchuck wanted to talk about property maintenance again. There was an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the borough for property maintenance and sewage enforcement. They were contacted about a property on Heisley Street and it was inspected and a letter sent to the owner. Dunchuck suggested that they be contacted more often for property maintenance to help the borough manager more.

MOTION: Lytle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunchuck to pass the treasurer's report. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to pay bills as presented. All ayes motion carried

Old Business:

Lytle commented that the police will have to be notified to get fuel before BP closes for the night since Sheetz is temporarily closed

Stock discussed the Community Garden Project. There will be two meetings per month.

There is no new information about the sluice gate right now.

Dunchuck talked to Officer Olsavsky and he had sent the information to 3Echo for a quote on installing the tablets in the cruisers. Lytle will also check

Downtown events committee will be doing pumpkins this year instead of the scarecrows. The pumpkins will be made from wood

There is still no list from the municipal authority

Zoning board position – Atty. Carbonara contacted an attorney he knows and he is willing to be the zoning

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to appoint David A Raho as the zoning hearing board solicitor. All ayes motion carried

Boroughs Association dinner invitation. Let the secretary know for RSVP

The Laurel Inspection Agency annual dinner meeting is being held Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. RSVPs are required

Dunchuck commented about the pre application for the Master plan was submitted in August. SAPDC will be able to provide technical assistance.

Rezoning of the borough business district was discussed. Atty. Carbonara commented that doing a comprehensive rezoning is time extensive but worthwhile. Council discussed different options. Council asked if there was someone who would provide guidance on how to rezone.

The Blacklick Valley Ambulance request was discussed.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 7:10 PM. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to exit executive session at 7:15 PM. All ayes motion carried.

MOTION: Lytle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to hire Michael Szewczyk as a part time police officer. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to adjourn.