

# NANTY GLO BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Meeting opened at 5:31 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, Mike Edwards, Chris Lytle, Lynne Stock. Mayor Bill Ray was also present

Others present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Amanda Datsko (by phone), Rich Wargo, Melissa Weekes

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunchuck to approve the August 1, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to accept the August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> workshop notes. All ayes motion carried

Public Comment:

A representative of PennCrest Bank had brought the paperwork necessary to update the authorized signers on the borough's bank accounts with them

Mayor Ray gave his report:

The proposed police contract will need to be reviewed. There are some sections he would like to see redone. The contract can be discussed in executive session later

The camera systems are installed in both cruisers

The geese harassment seems to be working.

There were no incidents reported during the recent Firemen's Convention. The state police handled one noise complaint.

\$758.01 was collected in fines

Attorney Carbonara gave the solicitor's report. He requested an executive session at the end of the meeting for personnel.

An agreement was drawn up with DEP input with the Nanty Glo Moose Lodge for their deck permit. The Moose Lodge agrees to hold the borough harmless and releases the borough from any and all liability concerning the deck on the borough's easement.

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards to approve the Moose Lodge hold harmless agreement for a ramp on the borough's easement/right-of-way. All ayes motion carried

Wargo gave the manager's report:

14 property maintenance letters went out last month. Dunchuck asked about a property near his location. That property has been sent a letter

One bid was received for the utility building rebid. H&L Construction from Woodbury bid \$75,750.00 under prevailing wage rates.

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to table the bid until the solicitor can contact people familiar with the ARP funding use requirements. All ayes motion carried

There were no bids on the Third Street property.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to approve the Treasurer's report for September. All ayes motion carried

Bills were reviewed. Lytle asked if anyone had found out yet if the borough gets a discount at BP on gas. The borough's commercial gas cards have a \$0.06 discount based on volume.

The invoice from Georges Collision Center was the \$1,000.00 deductible due from when another municipality's vehicle hit into the borough's cruiser. Mayor Ray was talking with the other municipality to cover the deductible cost but it still needs to be paid.

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

A tool list for the borough shed was given to council. The total is \$2,458.86. Nanty Glo Auto will offer a discount if the tools are purchased there.

MOTION: Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to authorize the road crew to purchase the tools listed at a cost of \$2,458.86. All ayes motion carried

The Downtown Events committee is interested in doing another Hot Chocolate Crawl around December 10<sup>th</sup>. Bryant Greene would like to get additional vendors involved and hand out flyers advertising the event. Hosting a house decorating competition for Christmas was also suggested. They will start decorating for fall soon with the scarecrows.

The Veteran's Park committee will coordinate with the American Legion to set a date for the first fundraising event

The borough is still waiting to hear back from the PSAB energy contract vendor.

The PennCrest signature cards were signed before the meeting. The council members will need to go to AmeriServ and First Commonwealth to sign new cards for those banks

Dunchuck suggested looking at the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Bank for any future infrastructure loans

The homecoming parade route request was reviewed. They will be asked not to throw candy out during the parade because it is a safety issue as well as a nuisance when leftover candy isn't cleaned up

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards to approve the 2022 Homecoming Parade route with the stipulation that they do not throw candy. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck presented information on updating the streetlights from Sodium Vapor to LED lighting. The Penelec LED lighting contract will be emailed to the attorney for review

A new round of floodplain mitigation grants will be starting September 30<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: Dunchuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to authorize the engineer to apply for floodplain grants. All ayes motion carried

Dunchuck explained the PSAB website program. For \$597.00 a year they will design and host a 5–10-page website for the borough. Seven hours are included in the cost, any additional hours would be at

\$75.00 per hour. Training on WordPress is included in the 7 hours. Lytle commented that seven hours weren't a lot and recommended having a plan in place for the website. Dunchuck asked everyone to check their email and send responses.

Tempers flared and the meeting had to be called back to order

MOTION: Stock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holby to approve getting a website through PSAB. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards to approve the 2023 PMRS MMO. All ayes motion carried

Attorney Carbonara suggested that the borough pay the taxes on the property donated to them from Mrs. Szymusiak and Mr. Eget.

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to pay the taxes on the property donated to the borough. All ayes motion carried

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stock to have the attorney file an assessment appeal. All ayes motion carried

Edwards commented that he had a request from Mr. Ellis for a handicapped parking space in front of The American Legion. The borough does not have a handicapped parking ordinance.

Holby passed around a thank you card to Frank Burns for the reservoir grant for everyone to sign

There is a Judicial Sale coming up in November. Bidders must be registered by October

She also has had complaints about group homes again and asked if it would make a difference if someone was willing to testify about them.

Attorney Carbonara commented that first, any business the council wanted to talk about should be added by motion to the agenda at the start of the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> group homes are not directly a borough issue and third, the borough can't fix everything no matter how much they would like to. If a complaint is received, they can pass it along to the correct authority

The question was asked if the borough wanted to do anything with the judicial sale buildings.

There is a trail breaking ceremony on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM on Beulah Road.

There is a tax seminar on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Duman's Dam Park

Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency is hosting the annual codes dinner on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Cocho's Moonshine Mine. RSVPs are required.

October 6<sup>th</sup> is the Judicial Sale

MOTION: Holby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lytle to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 6:47 PM. All ayes motion carried

Executive session ended at 7:19 PM

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