



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Virtual Work Session/Council Meeting Via Teleconference

Call to Order: Vice President of Council, John Telencho

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski via telephone, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan via telephone.

WORK SESSION

Motion to approve Resolution # 3 of 2022, a resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke approving the appointment of Xavier Berzanski to the Nanticoke City Municipal Authority for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2025 to fill the vacant seat left by Dr. Jacqueline F. Cain.

Motion to approve Resolution #4 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, re-appointing Jennifer W. Polito as the City's Fair Housing Officer.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed the following Executive Order:

Executive Order #9 of 2022, appointment of Xavier Berzanski to the Nanticoke City Municipal Authority for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2025 to fill the vacant seat left by Dr. Jacqueline F. Cain.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin submitted the December 2021 Department reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted the reports on the City's website.

Donna Wall updated Council on the following:

A traffic study will be done to possibly make Park Street one-way and College Street one-way from W. Main Street to Green Street.

City resident, Joe John commended the DPW Department for an excellent job with the snow removal during last week's storm.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

No comments from the public.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the January 3, 2022 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$317,970.98, (Payroll(s) \$126,092.58 and Payables \$191,878.40) was made by Councilmember seconded by Nalepa Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 3 of 2022, a resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke approving the appointment of Xavier Berzanski to the Nanticoke City Municipal Authority for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2025 to fill the vacant seat left by Dr. Jacqueline F. Cain was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution #4 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, re-appointing Jennifer W. Polito as the City's Fair Housing Officer was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mrs. Ann Marie Coughlin expressed her concerns on going forward with the second phase of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program since the Bucket Truck purchase was not approved. Mrs. Coughlin stated we promised over 50 people that they would have banners this Spring and she is not calling all these people, she stated Council will have to call them and tell them the program will not be extended. Vice President Telencho said he spoke to Plymouth and they will lend us their bucket truck and Mrs. Coughlin said the Mayor spoke to Plymouth too and they did not know we needed the truck for weeks, so we cannot borrow it. Vice President Telencho instructed Mrs. Coughlin and City Manager, Donna Wall to order the banners and hopefully we will have a bucket truck by then or the city will have to rent one. Councilmember, Joseph Nalepa asked how many more flags need to be ordered and Mrs. Coughlin responded approximately 50. Councilmember, Joseph Nalepa asked how many did we put up so far and Donna Wall responded over 175. Mrs. Coughlin stated she does not understand why the city will not purchase a bucket truck when the city has the money versus wasting money renting

one. Councilmember, Joseph Nalepa stated Council needs to discuss this purchase and be more transparent. Vice President Telencho stated we are not against purchasing a bucket truck just not the 2011 for \$65,141.00. Vice President Telencho said to order the banners and we should have the issue resolved by May. Councilmember, Lesley Butczynski asked “what if we don’t” and Vice President Telencho stated we should have the issue resolved by May. Councilmember Marcella stated we need to have a meeting just to discuss the purchase of a bucket truck. Vice President Telencho stated the 550 is too big and too much money just to be used twice a year. Mayor Coughlin replied that they are not going to just use it for putting up and taking down snowflakes and banners, we hope to trim trees in the parks and alleys. Councilmember, Lesley Butczynski stated there is more than enough money in the Highway Aid Fund and told Vice President Telencho and Councilmember Marcella they just want what they want not what the DPW Department needs.

Correspondence-

A letter from Lieutenant Robert Kordas of the Nutley Police Department to Chief Michael Roke was read by Vice President Telencho. See attached to these minutes.

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Councilmember Nalepa kudos to the DPW department for a great job with the snow removal.

Councilmember Marcella had no further comments.

Councilmember Butczynski kudos to the DPW department for a great job with the snow removal.

Vice President Telencho commended the DPW department for a great job with the snow removal.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Nalepa made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Marcella, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

**Next Meeting, Mon, Feb 2, 2022, 2022 at 7:00 pm
via teleconference.**

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City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito