

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Virtual Work Session/Council Meeting Via Teleconference

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown, 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 # 8 of 2022, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke approving the appointment of Gene Nowakowski to the Nanticoke City Municipal Authority for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/2022 to fill the vacant seat left by David Trannell.

Motion to approve Resolution #9 of 2022, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke authorizing and directing the proper City Officials to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$269,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for IBEW Local 163 JATC Advanced Technology Center.

A Motion to approve the use of ARPA money under the Government Services/Lost revenue for a New Canon Image Runner C38351 Advanced DX Copier for the Manager's/Finance office from Golden Business Machines in the amount of \$9,150.00 under Costars-001-047.

A motion to approve the use of ARPA money under the Government Services/Lost revenue for the Patriot Park upgrades to benches and tables, made of recyclable materials, planters and trash and recyclable containers in the amount of \$58,707.00 under Costars-014-011.

A Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Nanticoke and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge NO. 36 City of Nanticoke Police Officers Association.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed the following Executive Orders:

Executive Order #11 of 2022, to re-appoint Nicole Pulju as the City's 504 Officer effective March 2, 2022.

Executive Order #12 of 2022, appointment of Gene Nowakowski to the Nanticoke City Municipal Authority for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/2022 to fill the vacant seat left by David Trannell.

Donna Wall updated Council on the following:

Donna had questions from resident regarding the closing of the W. Nanticoke bridge so to clarify the closing she stated on 3/7/2022 the bridge is closed between 9 am – 3 pm to fix a lighting issue and the bridge will be closed from Tue. 3/8/2022 through Thurs. 3/10/2022 for Bridge inspection. Donna also stated traffic must use Rte. 29 and the expressway to get to W. Nanticoke.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho 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 February 16, 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 \$285,782.18, (Payroll(s) \$114,524.12 and Payables \$171,258.06) was made by Councilmember seconded by Marcella Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Alex McNitt asked what the City's qualifications were to be a 504 Officer and how is the current code officer qualified. Jennifer Polito stated the 504 Officer handles ADA issues and, in the past, it was always the Code Officer. Mr. McNitt asked what the City's policy is for using the code car for personnel use by riding around with a friend during business hours. Attorney Finnegan asked Mr. McNitt to put in a formal complaint into the City Manager if he has one and that personnel issues are not discussed in a Council meeting.

Correspondence-

City Clerk, Jennifer Polito read a Thank You letter from Mrs Hank Marks to the Fire and Polce departments regarding their excellent services responding to an automobile accident that she was involved in on 2/9/2022.

City Clerk, Jennifer Polito read a letter from Sergeant Brian Kivler commending Officer Blake Brown for helping a resident clear snow off her property after putting in a full shift at the City. (Letters attached)

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments for jobs well done. It is refreshing to see departments that work well.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

Councilmember Marcella thank the Officer Blake Brown for assisting a resident in need of help clearing her snow.

Councilmember Nalepa kudos to the fire department and police department especially Officer Blake Brown and their hard work does not go un-noticed.

President Brown had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**Next Meeting, Wed, Mar 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm
via teleconference.**

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City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

To: Our Fire Department.

I will always remember with gratitude all the assistance you had given me during my car accident I had (not my fault) on Market & Church Streets (Feb. 9, 2022)

The compassion & caring that was given me was beyond words!

My little dog, Trixie, was treated so fondly & thanks you too!

You all & your families will be in my thoughts & prayers forever!

With much appreciation,

Marie Markle
Nantivoke

God Bless you All & Keep you in His Care while in the line of Duty!

Just a note to say thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Markle
Nantivoke

To: Nanticoke Police Department

I will always remember with gratitude all the assistance you have given me during my Car Accident I had on Market & Church Street (not my fault) on Feb. 9, 2022.

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Sincerely,
Marie Marks
Nanticoke

God Bless you All & Keep you in His Care while you are in the Line of Duty!



Warmly, sincerely,
and gratefully, too,

this message is coming today,
And along with a thank-you,
it's bringing a wish
that life's happiest things
come your way.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marie Marks
Nanticoke

Nanticoke City Police Department

Sgt. Brian Kivler
Municipal Building 15 East Ridge Street
Nanticoke, PA 18634
570-735-2200 Ext. 213 bkivler@cityofnanticoke-pa.gov

To: Officer Blake BROWN

From: Sergeant Brian Kivler

Date: 02/22/2022

Officer BROWN,

I wanted to take a minute and reflect on what you learn about our partners' every day. In my years here I've seen many kind acts (changing flat tires, paying bus fares, and giving people gas money to just get where they are going). However, what I'm about to describe is far beyond what I have witnessed myself. I'm writing this letter after learning with an extraordinary act of self and compassion, you portrayed yourself, the Department and City. After learning of such an act of great kindness upon a Citizen of this town.

After learning of such I took the opportunity to speak with city resident Donna DOUGHERTY OF 117 West Broad Street, DOUGHERTY recalled the encounter on 01/27/2022. The encounter was with Code Enforcement in reference to a neighbor complaining about snow piled in the alley. DOUGHERTY said that a portion of the said alley was not being used. She said neighbors would pile snow there, thus blocking the alley. DOUGHERTY said not knowing how she or her husband would remove the snow that had iced over; due to their health problems and the fact that her husband had suffered two heart attacks. She was extremely concerned that they would incur a fine as that was stated to them.

They said that Officer BROWN recognizing this attempted to see if the city would use a plow to remove the pile of iced over snow. DOUGHERTY said after that idea fell through, later that day Officer BROWN after fulfilling his duty requirements with the city as a Police Officer arrived at DOUGHERTY's home and began removing the snow and ice. Officer BROWN was not asked or solicited to do so and took it upon his self to perform such an act. Its acts like this that all too often go unnoticed. DOUGHERTY was left with such an emotion afterwards. Its acts like these that make a lasting impression on the residents and community we serve, the Police Department, and City. This is a testament to the Officer BROWN'S true character.

Keep up the integral work.

Sergeant Brian KIVLER.