



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

### WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

**Call to Order:** President, William Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**The following were present:** Council Members, William Brown, Joseph Nalepa, Joseph Dougherty, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Rachel Finnegan.

Excused: Council Member Kenneth James.

#### **WORK SESSION:**

**The Month of April is Fair Housing Month in Nanticoke** - Jennifer Polito announced that the month of April is Fair Housing month at the City of Nanticoke and read a Fair Housing statement explaining the Fair Housing Act.

The Mayor had a Proclamation regarding the Fair Housing Act to be read by the President of Council, William Brown.

#### **New Business: (action Items)**

**A Motion to approve Resolution # 8 of 2024**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, confirming the appointment of **Christina L. Josefowicz** by Mayor Kevin Coughlin to the General Municipal Authority of Nanticoke to fill the seat vacated by Dave Kaskel on 3/26/2024.

**A Motion to award** the College Street Sewer Lining Project to **MR Rehab LLC** in the amount of \$112,905.00 (Lowest Bidder). See attached Bid Sheet.

**A Motion to award** the Hanover Street Sewer Improvements Project to **RLE Enterprises** in the amount of \$279,057.50 (Lowest Bidder). See attached Bid Sheet.

**A Motion** to name Swift Kennedy, the broker of record and Tom Mooney, the agent of record, for Aflac and Mutual of Omaha.

**A motion to purchase** an "edraulic" battery operated rescue tool for the fire engine from MES in the amount of \$12,500.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:**

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin** has submitted the **March 2024 Department Reports** for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at [www.nanticokecity.com](http://www.nanticokecity.com).

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order # 11 of 2024**, appointing Christina L. Josefowicz to the General Municipal Authority of Nanticoke pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.01 of the City of Nanticoke's Home Rule Charter.

**City Manager, Donna Wall had the following updates for Council:**

- Donna introduced Olivia Dougherty who was an intern at the City today helping Donna Wall and Jennifer Polito with various tasks and Donna stated it was a pleasure to have her as an intern.
- RLE will be done with all water line replacement work by April 19, 2024.
- Base restoration on the streets by Stafursky is almost complete with two streets remaining.
- Stafursky started the ADA Ramps on 4-17-2024.
- Milling and Overlay is scheduled to start on 4-18-2024, weather permitting.
- The Main Street "Street Scape Project" is moving forward and is running ahead of schedule .
- Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10 am to 2 pm, NEPA Rogi will be having their Grand Opening celebration with various events held in Patriot Park and a Ribbon Cutting at 12 noon.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**    Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A Motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting** was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion to approve** the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$497,687.61, (Payroll) \$130,123.67 and (Accounts Payable) \$367,563.94** was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Nalepa. Motion carried unanimously.

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#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

Julianna Zarzycki of Seneca Drive (Hanover Section) commented on the residents that did not move their vehicles so the street sweeper could get closer to the curb and the sweeper left debris in the street. She wants to know why no one tells them to move. President Brown stated the Police Department was out issuing many tickets.

#### **Correspondence-**

None

#### **Announcements-**

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Volunteers needed to assist the Nanticoke Conservation Club and the City of Nanticoke for a City-Wide Earth Day Clean Up. Volunteers can meet at the LCCC parking lot on Access Road by Weiss Markets at 8:00 am. Gloves, bags, vests and refreshments will be provided to each volunteer.

The Spring City Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024 (Rain Date is Sunday, June 2, 2024). Anyone interested in being on the list of addresses participating in the yard sale provided by the city, please call 570-735-2800 ext. 101 by Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The list will be available for pick up at City Hall on Friday, May 31, 2024 and posted on the City's Facebook page.

#### **Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Nalepa** commented on the proposed housing project in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke stating that he was not impressed by their lack of knowledge and organization at the zoning meeting. Mr. Nalepa felt that the people representing Housing Visions were not prepared to answer questions regarding the presented proposals. Mayor Coughlin agreed with Mr. Nalepa on Housing Visions not being prepared to answer questions at the zoning meeting. Mr. Nalepa wanted to put on the record that he is not for this project and would vote no.

Mr. Nalepa congratulated Christina Josefowicz on being appointed as a member of the General Municipal Authority of Nanticoke.

**Councilmember Dougherty** agrees with Councilmember Nalepa's comments.

**Councilmember O'Connor** congratulated Christina Josefowicz on being appointed as a member of the General Municipal Authority of Nanticoke.

**President Brown** congratulated Christina Josefowicz on being appointed as a member of the General Municipal Authority of Nanticoke.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.**

**Next Meeting:**

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
@ 6:00 pm.

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**