

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2026

Call to Order: President, Joseph A. Dougherty

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, President, Joseph A. Dougherty, Vice President, John Telencho, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, Lesley Butczynski, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Rachel Finnegan.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to authorize Mayor to exercise option to renew the Lease Agreement with Sanitary Bakery for a period of Twenty-Five years.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

None

A Motion was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember O'Connor 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 February 18, 2026 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$347,883.69** [(Payrolls) \$133,159.89 (Accounts Payable) \$214,723.80] was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to authorize Mayor to exercise option to renew the Lease Agreement with Sanitary Bakery for a period of Twenty-Five years was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Mike Marcella of 240 E. Church Street asked for an update on the sale of the old fire apparatus and Chief Boncal stated the broker called and stated a fire company is looking into purchasing the ladder truck and would like to come out and look at it. Chief Boncal stated the ladder truck was stored at Eclipse for the winter so the Nanticoke Fire Department will be preparing it for sale. Mr. Marcella asked what happens if it does not sell and does the equipment need testing to keep them up to date. Chief Boncal replied if the two pieces of apparatus are not sold by July of this year, they will have pump testing in September 2026. Mr. Marcella asked if there is a fee for storage and a fee for the pump testing and Chief Boncal replied there is no fees for storage and the pump testing costs \$500.00. Chief Boncal stated that Plains Twp has been borrowing the engine because theirs is out of service and they have shown interest in possibly buying our fire engine.

Mr. Tom Williams of NorthPoint Development gave an update on the Tradeport 164 Building 11 Project. Mr. Williams stated they have heard all of the concerns from residents regarding the project and have come up with action plans to resolve the issues at hand. Mr. Williams stated NorthPoint is committed to being good neighbors. Employees of NorthPoint visited some of the residents at their homes and actually walked the area picking up garbage which was a major complaint by the residents. Mr. Williams provided Council with a list of complaints and concerns that Nanticoke residents brought up during the zoning hearing along with action plans on how they plan to resolve these issues. Vice President Telencho asked Mr. Williams about two concerns he had regarding additional traffic now that the bridge is closed and water drainage from paved surfaces and Mr. Williams stated PennDOT and NorthPoint have addressed these topics. Councilmember Butczynski asked Mr. Williams if the issue with the bright light from Safelight has been resolved and Mr. Williams stated that NorthPoint has been in contact with Safelight and is trying to get this issue resolved.

Chief Boncal wanted to commend his firefighters who responded to a house fire and rescued a resident on February 24, 2026. Currently the resident is at the Lehigh Valley Burn Unit. Mr. Boncal stated these firefighters will be recognized at a future date for their efforts in battling the fire and rescuing the resident. Chief Boncal mentioned that on that day the department was fully staffed that helped with this call and he can not stress how important it is to keep the number of paid Firefighters due to the lack of volunteers. Chief Boncal also thanks the other municipalities who assisted Nanticoke with this call. Chief Boncal stated they were able to keep the fire contained to the second-floor bedroom where the fire started and prevented the fire from spreading throughout the home.

Mr. John Krieger commended Chief Roke for installing a speed detection sign on Hanover Street to reduce speeding and it seems to be helping and slowing the traffic down.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho thanked Chief Boncal and the Firefighters and stated we really appreciated you and your guys.

Councilmember James thanked Chief Boncal and the Firefighters and stated God Bless to all of the First Responders.

Councilmember O'Connor thanked Chief Boncal and the Firefighters and stated we really appreciated you and your guys.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked Chief Boncal and the Firefighters and stated we really appreciated you and your guys.

President Dougherty thanked Chief Boncal and the Firefighters and stated we really appreciated you and your guys.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember O'Connor made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Butczynski, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Monday March 18, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito