

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 23, 2025**

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors held a public meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Present were:

James S. Pennington	-	Chairman	Steve Mills	-	for Gary Asteak, Solicitor
Martin J. Boucher	-	Vice-Chairman	Justin Coyle	-	Engineer
Stephen A Brown	-	Supervisor	Lori A. Stauffer	-	Manager
Amy L. Templeton	-	Supervisor	Tammi Dravecz	-	Secretary/Treasurer

**The Board met in an executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss legal matters. No action was taken **

Agenda Amendment and Approval

M. Boucher made a motion to approve the agenda. N. Teague seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of April 9th were submitted for review and approval. S. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. A. Templeton seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Reports

The Financial Report for March was presented and will be available for review on the website.

Supervisor's Comments

Open Space Preservation – S. Brown reported that the EAC met last week and is continuing property evaluations and is preparing a detailed plan for the Board.

S. Brown also noted that it is Administrative Professionals Day and thanked the Township Staff for their hard work.

Parks and Recreation – A. Templeton reported that the Recreation Committee met earlier today to discuss the Egg Hunt and noted that it was the best Egg Hunt yet...they gave out almost 400 chocolate bunnies!

A. Templeton also noted that registration is open for the Summer Park Program and there are 15 spots remaining.

Library News – N. Teague provided an update on the HVAC replacement at the library; noting that it should be ready for June.

CRPC – M. Boucher stated their monthly meeting is coming up and he will have a report at our next meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Georgetown Manor Sewer District Ordinance #255-04-25 – M. Boucher made a motion to adopt ordinance #255-04-25. N. Teague seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Bourneuf Appeal – M. Boucher made a motion to authorize Solicitor Asteak to intervene in the appeal. N. Teague seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Nazareth Area School District Presentation

Members of the Nazareth Area School Board along with school district staff and the district's engineer gave a presentation on their proposal for a new elementary school.

Linda Stubits, President of the School Board opened the presentation discussing the need to form a partnership between the School District Representatives and Township Board Members.

School District Engineer, Arif Fazil from CHA Consulting, reviewed numerous power point slides discussing project progress, district growth and the need for a new school:

- Work done in the district from August 2021 to now
- Timeline for this project with a target opening date of 2029
- School District growth - current student population, residential development, and future growth
- Functional Capacity of Existing Schools – Grade level structure and school size
- Need for a 4th elementary school

Lower Nazareth Elementary School Principal, Michael Santos shared his passion for working with the students and wanting to provide a positive environment for learning.

Arif Fazil continued his presentation with discussion on possible sites for the new school:

- Locations schools are permitted in the different municipalities within Nazareth Area School District
- Why a new school on the existing LNES site does not meet their needs
- Numerous parcels considered and why they do not work
- The proposed property located at Hecktown and Country Club Roads

President Stubits closed the presentation saying a committee of School District Representatives and Township Representatives needs to work out the details and develop a solution that serves the needs of both the District and the Township.

The Board opened the floor to questions from the audience.

Guy Wagner, 207 Field Drive, questioned placing the new school in the far corner of the Township. He also expressed concerns about using septic and traffic impacts.

David Haltzman, 4065 Hecktown Road, noted he has land for sale that could be used for this development. He also suggested building the new school near the new homes so kids could walk to school.

Robert Hoyer, 365 Country Club Road, questioned the location of the school versus the development of new homes, expressed traffic concerns, and if they factored inflation into their budgeting. Mr. Hoyer also inquired if the district would be willing to place a conservation easement on the undeveloped portion of the property.

Brandon Faust, 453 Dogwood Lane, inquired which students from Upper Nazareth are currently bused to Lower Nazareth Elementary School.

The Board of Supervisors all provided comments on the project and its proposed location:

- J. Pennington inquired if they were purchasing the entire 43 acres. He noted that this affects everyone, so we need to work together.
- S. Brown expressed concerns about traffic impacts and splitting the township's kids into two different schools. He also recommended the conservation easement, especially as this property is next to the park
- N. Teague supports a 4th school but is concerned that a zoning change may put our warehouse cases in jeopardy. She also has traffic concerns and the financial impact to the Township. N. Teague also noted that she takes her job seriously; it is to protect the residents.
- A. Templeton agreed with N. Teague and noted that zoning weighs heavily on their minds. She inquired if they have contacted Northampton County to get their opinion on a school being developed on that site. She inquired how a 4th school will affect enrollment counts at the other schools. A. Templeton also asked about rumors that they intend to build a new high school on the same property.
- M. Boucher noted that the Board spent a lot of time on rezoning. He requested they take another look at the property at 523 Nazareth Pike as he feels it is a better fit and has access from both Route 946 and Route 191.

Manager's Report

SALDO Update – L. Stauffer noted that we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000 which will cover 2/3 of the project. The balance will be paid from the Capital Reserve Planning account. S. Brown made a motion to award the project to EPD for \$29,724. A. Templeton seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Payment of the Bills

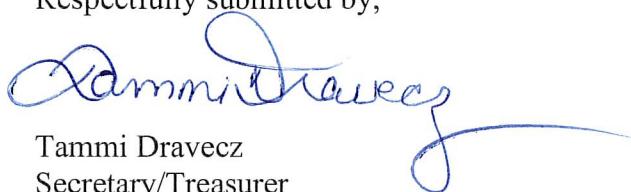
N. Teague made a motion to pay the bills as presented. S. Brown seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Courtesy of the Floor

There were no comments.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Tammi Dravecz
Secretary/Treasurer

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GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
ACH	Flores	Employee Health Benefits	\$ 110.00
ACH	Met-Ed	Traffic Signal / Street Light Electricity	\$ 320.70
ACH	Met-Ed	Park Electricity	\$ 112.10
ACH	Met-Ed	Park Electricity	\$ 69.89
ACH	Flores	Employee Health Benefits	\$ 113.00
ACH	Flores	Employee Health Benefits	\$ 324.57
31492	Suburban Propane	Park Fuel	\$ 338.84
31493	Suburban Propane	Public Works Fuel	\$ 1,071.63
31494	Broughal & DeVito, LLP	Legal Services	\$ 105.00
31495	Security Service Company, Inc.	Splash Park Security System Monitoring	\$ 120.00
31496	Security Service Company, Inc.	Security System Maintenance	\$ 131.00
31497	PPL, Inc.	Traffic Signal/St Light/Municipal/PW/Park	\$ 1,624.29
31498	American Rock Salt Company LLC	Winter Maintenance	\$ 3,859.17
31499	Sam's Club MC/SYNCB	Fire Company Supplies	\$ 1,511.71
31500	Fraser Advanced Info Systems	Fire Company Copier Lease/Maintenance	\$ 95.00
31501	East Lawn Supply Co., Inc.	Fire Company Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 185.46
31502	Versalift East LLC	Fire Company Equipment Maintenance	\$ 108.00
31503	Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	Engineering & Consulting Services	\$ 731.25
31504	Grainger Parts	Public Works Supplies	\$ 15.10
31505	Bergey's, Inc	Public Works Supplies	\$ 155.27
31506	Enter.net	Website Hosting	\$ 192.00
31507	Migu	Spring Newsletter	\$ 6,395.00
31508	R.J. Walker Co.	Park Maintenance	\$ 80.71
31509	Green Pond Nursery, Inc.	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 561.00
31510	The Yurconic Agency	Administrative	\$ 580.00
31511	Interstate Battery of Allentown	Public Works Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 126.95
31512	American Rock Salt Company LLC	Winter Maintenance	\$ 11,260.88
31513	Allstate Septic Systems	Temporary Restrooms	\$ 260.00
31514	Verizon Wireless	Municipal/Public Works Wireless	\$ 541.19
31515	Fraser Advanced Info Systems	Copier Lease/Maintenance	\$ 504.14
31516	City of Bethlehem	Hydrant Assessment	\$ 156.54
31517	Innovative Designs & Publishing, Inc.	Advertisement	\$ 174.40

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Num	Name	Memo	Amount
31518	Sunoco, LLC	Equipment Motor Fuel	\$ 1,119.54
31519	Valley Tire of Nazareth	Public Works Tool & Equipment Repair	\$ 240.00
31520	Ascendance Trucks Pennsylvania, LLC	Public Works Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 474.06
31521	TreeTop Products, LLC	Park Equipment Maintenance	\$ 430.79
		<i>Total General Fund Checking Account ...</i>	<u>\$ 34,199.18</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
	April 18, 2025		<u>\$ 49,582.26</u>

DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTION ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
ACH	Lower Nazareth Township	Zoning Permit	\$ 75.00
3067	Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.	Building Inspection Services	\$ 13,273.00
3068	D S Correll Company, Inc	Building Permit Refund	\$ 100.00
		<i>Total Development & Inspection Account ...</i>	<u>\$ 13,448.00</u>

LNT SEWER ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
2022	PPL, Inc.	Main Meter Electricity	<u>\$ 25.05</u>

MASTER ESCROW ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
ACH	Lower Nazareth Township	Building Permit	\$ 555.00
ACH	Met-Ed	Traffic Signal Electricity	\$ 241.20
4195	Northampton County Recorder of Deeds	Plan Recording	\$ 755.00
4196	County of Northampton	Parcel ID	\$ 20.00
4197	PPL Electric Utilities	Traffic Signal Electricity	\$ 166.19
4198	Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	Engineering & Consulting Services	\$ 1,332.50
4199	Carroll Engineering Corporation	Engineering Services	\$ 2,475.00
		<i>Total Master Escrow Account ...</i>	<u>\$ 5,544.89</u>

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OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
	Dykes Lumber	Park Maintenance	\$ 3,402.78
	Valleywide Electric. Inc.	Park Maintenance	\$ 788.00
		<i>Total Open Space Account ...</i>	<u>\$ 4,190.78</u>