

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH, LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January, 2023

President Kehler welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked that anyone with a recording device let council know. Manny Santayana was video-taping the meeting. Before the meeting an executive session on personnel matters was held.

Roll Call:

Mayor Rush - <u>present</u>	Councilmember Harris - <u>present</u>
President Kehler - <u>present</u>	Councilmember Delaney - <u>present</u>
Vice President Boice - <u>present</u>	Councilmember Hogan - <u>present</u>
Councilmember Hilburt - <u>present</u>	Solicitor Watt - <u>present</u>
Councilmember Kelly - <u>present</u>	Quorum was established

President Kehler called an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – A motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 20, 2022 was made by Dave Delaney and seconded by Brandon Harris. Motion passed.

Appointment of Solicitor - Bill Hilburt made the motion for William Watt to be the Borough solicitor and Michelle Boice seconded it. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS:

Manny Santayana spoke about being unhappy with zoning hearing board decision. He disagrees that Bruce Hanson should have been given a permit to put up a fence. He was told that if the fence is in the wrong spot, it is a civil issue.

Resolution to allow liquor license to be moved from Wilkes-Barre to Harveys Lake – Tom Kehler read the resolution. Bill Hilburt made the motion to adopt the resolution and Dave Delaney seconded it. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Reports given by the following committee chairs:

MAYORS REPORT: **Mike Rush** gave the police report and announced upcoming events.

POLICE COMMITTEE: **Bill Hilburt**, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Tom Kehler**, Michell'e Boice, Bill Hilburt -Tom Kehler gave the finance report.

ROADS COMMITTEE: **Dave Delaney**, Michell'e Boice, Bill Hilburt, Bill Hilburt gave the road report.

ZONING COMMITTEE: **Bill Hilburt**, Brandon, Harris, Ed Kelly – Tom Kehler gave the zoning report.

GARBAGE COMMITTEE: **Michell'e Boice**, Clarence Hogan, Ed Kelly – No report this month

GRANTS COMMITTEE: **Dave Delaney**, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan. No report this month

SEWAR COMMITTEE: **Dave Delaney**, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly; Judy Spagnola, Chair of the Sewer Board, reported that new hook-ups were granted by DEP, Denise Sult is retiring and Terry Volpe will be the new GMAHL secretary. A new engineer, Chris McCue, from Borton -Lawson will be working with the Sewer Department. An application was made for a grant in conjunction with DAMA for a new holding tank.

BMCP: **Clarence Hogan**, Irene Sankey, Alternate. Clarence reported that there is an upcoming meeting this month.

EAC COMMITTEE: **Michell'e Boice**, Dave Delaney; Michelle spoke about an upcoming triathlon that would like to donate to EAC, if acceptable.

Motion to accept reports was made by Dave Delaney and it was seconded by Bill Hilburt. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments for 2023

A motion to reappoint Sid Halsor and Mike Dailey to EAC Board was made by Michell'e Boice and seconded by Dave Delaney. Motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Mike Garrity to the zoning board was made by Dave Delaney and seconded by Brandon Harris. Motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Hank Zelinski and Lauren Wolfe to the planning board was made by Dave Delaney and seconded by Bill Hilburt. Motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Lauren Wolfe to the Sewer Authority Board was made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Dave Delaney, Michell'e Boice abstained from voting. Motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Denise Sult as EAC, Planning and Zoning Secretary was made by Bill Hilburt and seconded by Clarence Hogan. Motion passed.

Reenactment of Ordinances, Taxes and Fees (all unchanged)

A motion to reenact the LST tax of \$10 per year was made by Michell'e Boice and seconded by Bill Hilburt. Motion passed.

A motion to reenact the Real Estate Transfer tax of 1 % was made by Bill Hilburt and seconded by Michell'e Boice. Motion passed.

A motion to renew the Garbage Fees of 250.00 per year was made by Michell'e Boice and seconded by Bill Hilburt. Motion passed.

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A motion to renew the Zoning Fee Schedule was made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Bill Hilburt. Motion passed.

A motion to reenact the tax ordinance of .804 mills was made by Bill Hilburt and seconded by Ed Kelly. Motion passed.

Police Department Transfers – Brandon Harris made a motion that Greg Johnson become a full-time police officer. Clarence Hogan seconded it and the motion passed. Brandon Harris made a motion that Nick Lugin become the SRO and Michell'e Boice seconded it. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Remove Harveys Lake Borough from Leaf Truck and Vactor Truck Partnership with BMCP – A motion contingent on their agreement, was made by Bill Hilburt and seconded by Brandon Harris. Motion passed.

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for December – Ed Kelly made a motion to pay the bills for December and Brandon Harris seconded it. Motion passed.

\$	56,068.25	Bills
\$	<u>63,123.83</u>	Payroll
\$	119,192.08	Total

Michell'e Boice asked for five minutes to make remarks. She reminded council that the previous secretary who had six months of training, left many unopened, unpaid bills. Irene Sankey came in without any available Borough Business training because of covid and is learning on-the-job which has left her running behind on many duties. She also remarked that the previous council had many meetings behind closed doors and joined Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority and put a down payment on the Strive Building without any notice. She brought this up because of a letter sent to council accusing some council members of meeting behind closed doors and threatening to use the Sunshine Act to find out information on the renovation project that is not completely finished and of which all the bills are not yet in. She asked the council to considering hiring an assistant secretary.

**The Next meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Mitchell'e Boice and the meeting ended at 7:44 PM.