**Harveys Lake Borough, Luzerne County**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024,at 7:00 p.m. in the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

President Delaney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Delaney announced the meeting was being recorded and if anyone in the audience has a recorder, advise Council at this time. No response

Roll Call

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| Mike Rush | Mayor | Present |  |
| David A. Delaney | President | Present |  |
| Clarence Hogan | Vice President | Present |  |
| Lewis Evans | Council Member | Not Present |  |
| Brandon Harris | Council Member | Present |  |
| Robinn Mikalic | Council Member | Present |  |
| Robert Prescott | Council Member | Present |  |
| Charles West | Council Member | Present |  |
| William Watt | Solicitor | Present |  |

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting(s)

First by Council Member Hogan and Second by Council Member Harris

Open the floor to residents to express concerns

Irene Sankey asked the council to reconsider the Recreational Committee. She stated that Denise Sult and Joan Hilbert are employees of the borough and can be signatures on the bank account. She also stated that this committee was not part of the borough and that the funds were not included in the borough’s audit. Allyson spoke up and stated that on the report for Prociak and Associates the Recreational Committee was part of the audit and that it was noted that the bank account was closed and then reopened without any minutes.

Jayne Lynn member of the recreational committee stated that the committee was still active. She stated that many well-known people donated to the committee. She is sending letters to the donors regarding the committee. Council Member Mikalic asked why the previous members and the current members could not work together and come to a compromise.

Alice Collins spoke regarding High St and First St. There are refuse totes that are left along the roadside all year long. There is an ordinance that they should be removed. Council Member West will address the issue with the residents. Alice also questioned who enforces the ordinances in the borough.

David Bass the Director of the Back Mountain Triathalon asked if the council would support a Harveys Lake Run. It would be one loop around the lake, he would complete all the necessary paperwork. He would like to have it the weekend before Memorial Day.

Edward Murphy asked the council if they are going to hire anyone to assist in the borough office. He also questioned if spills from the garbage truck is hydraulic oil and if the trash and recycling are in fact separated. Council Member West spoke and stated that the spills are mineral oil and that they separate the trash and recycling when dumping the totes.

Reports from appointed officials and special committees

Police Report: Police Chief Charlie Musial

There were 144 calls for September.

Roads Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan

The brush was cleared from Halowich Rd, Pine St, and Maple St. 111 gallons of fuel were used. Lakeview Terrace was patched.

Finance Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan

$141,581.36 in the General fund. $466,218.07 is the balance in the accounts, this does not include the Recreational Committee account.

Zoning Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan, Robert Prescott

Harveys Lake Borough received $7543 for permits.

Garbage Committee: \*Charles West, Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris

No Report

Grants Committee: \*Clarence Hogan, Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris

There will be a meeting with Reilly Associates regarding the grants the borough received for the buildings.

Sewer Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Charles West

Block heaters were replaced, and maintenance continues

Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP): \*Clarence Hogan, Charlie Musial, Allyson Barcheski

The meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC): \*Lewis Evans, Robert Prescott, Charles West

No Report

Rain Tax/Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) Committee: \*Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris, Charles West

No Report

Motion to Accept Reports First by Council Member West Second by Council Member Harris

Meeting Items

Motion to approve a Resolution of the Borough of Harveys Lake, in the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and revising the schedule of fees associated with Borough services, permits, and licenses effective January 1, 2025.

The road close permit fee will be removed from the resolution.

First by Council Member Harris Second by Council Member Hogan

Roll Call Vote

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| David A. Delaney | Yes |
| Clarence Hogan | Yes |
| Brandon Harris | Yes |
| Robinn Mikalic | Yes |
| Robert Prescott | Yes |
| Charles West | Yes |
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Motion to approve PMRS Police Retirement Program Resolution 1015 and authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute the accompanying Plan Amendment setting the police member contributions at Zero (0%) Percent for calendar years 2024 and 2025.

First by Council Member Mikalic and Second by Council Member Harris

Motion to approve 2025 Employee Benefits from Creative Benefits.

First by Council Member Mikalic and Second by Council Member Harris

Motion directing Solicitor Watt to prepare an Addendum to the Harveys Lake Borough Police Contract (2024 – 2025) to establish the rank of Sargeant and Promote Brian Casper to the Harveys Lake Police Department to the rank of Sargeant upon execution of the Addendum. The Sargeant position shall receive the same salary and benefits of the current officers and shall be subject to the job duties as agreed upon in the Addendum.

First by Council Member West and Second by Council Member Harris.

Roll Call Vote

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| David A. Delaney | Yes |
| Clarence Hogan | Yes |
| Brandon Harris | Yes |
| Robinn Mikalic | Yes |
| Robert Prescott | No |
| Charles West | Yes |
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Motion to approve a Resolution to submit a Local Share Account grant application in the amount of $133,221.41 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to use for the 2024 Harveys Lake Borough Public Works Structure Project (Road department) designating Council President to execute all necessary documents.

First by Council Member Hogan Second by Council Member West

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for August.

There was a correction to the month listed. It should be September. First by Council Member Mikalic Second by Council Member Hogan

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| $45,813.78  |  Payroll  |
|  $130,186.88  |  Bills  |
|  $176,000.66  |  Total  |

Motion to Adjourn

First by Council Member Harris and Second by Council Member West at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully,

Allyson Barcheski, Borough Secretary