

**Harveys Lake Borough, Luzerne County**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2025**

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The Regular Council Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Noxen Elementary School, 135 West Point Ave, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

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**Call to Order**

President Delaney called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked everyone to join in the pledge of the flag.

President Delaney announced that the meeting was being recorded and requested names of all public members with a recording device. WBRE, Arnie Hardman, Diane Monjeski, Emily Jenderewski responded

**Roll Call**

Mike Rush	Mayor	Present
David A. Delaney	President	Present
Clarence Hogan	Vice President	Present
Lewis Evans	Council Member	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

**Public Comment**

Several residents spoke expressing their concerns

Budget concerns - allocation of funds, police department

Raising taxes

Refuse collection fees and unpaid bills

Water issues are Harveys Lake Beach Club/Water testing

Docks and ordinance

Jim Hufford spoke during the meeting. He showed his badge and explained that he is an investigator for PA State Parol. He stated that he is aware of Council Members intimating other members of the council that voted no for the tax increase. He has advised that this has been reported to the Attorney General.

**Reports from appointed officials and special committees**

Police Report: Police Chief Charlie Musial – Chief Musial reported on the number of calls the police department has responded to throughout the years.

Roads Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan – Daily checks are performed on roads. The department has worked hard to keep the roads plowed with the recent storms.

Finance Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan – Payroll \$50,631.34 Bills \$20,994.39 Total \$71,625.73

Zoning Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan, Robert Prescott – Zoning Permit fees the borough received \$60.00 Building permit fees the borough received \$2,186.15

Garbage Committee: \*Charles West, Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris – Working on issues

Grants Committee: \*Clarence Hogan, Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris – Currently 3 grants – Police Station, Road Department, Back Mountain Community Partnership

Sewer Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Charles West - Maintenance continues on the stations

Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP): \*Clarence Hogan, Charlie Musial, Allyson Barcheski – No report

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC): \*Lewis Evans, Robert Prescott, Charles West – Ensure residents are not using any pollutants that can be contaminating, raise funds and questioned how many stormwater drains were replaced

Rain Tax/Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) Committee: \*Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris, Charles West – Roughly 30 stormwater basins replaced. Council member Prescott again discussed the borough getting out of the WVSA contract.

Recreation Committee: \* Clarence Hogan, Mike Rush – The Christmas Party was a success and they are currently working on an event for Easter.

Motion to Accept Reports

Motion made by Council Member Harris second by Council Member Evans

Old Business

Motion to Adopt the 2025 Budget as published.

Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

President Delaney requested a roll call vote

David A. Delaney	President	Yes
Clarence Hogan	Vice President	Yes
Lewis Evans	Council Member	Yes
Brandon Harris	Council Member	Yes
Robinn Mikalic	Council Member	Yes
Robert Prescott	Council Member	No
Charles West	Council Member	No

Motion to Adopt the 2025 Real Estate Tax Levy Ordinance fixing the tax rate

Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Harris

President Delaney requested a roll call vote

David A. Delaney	President	Yes
Clarence Hogan	Vice President	Yes
Lewis Evans	Council Member	Yes
Brandon Harris	Council Member	Yes
Robinn Mikalic	Council Member	Yes
Robert Prescott	Council Member	No
Charles West	Council Member	No

New Business

Sealed bid for 2006 Ford F-550 Dump truck

One (1) bid was received from Corey Konicki for \$7,700. This bid was lower than what was advertised and Council Member Harris advised the council that it was appraised at over \$13,000. The resident spoke up during the meeting that the advertisement was incorrect and did not list the issue with the truck. Motion made by Council Member Harris and second by Council Member Evans to reject the bid.

Sealed bid for 2007 Nissan Pathfinder

One (1) bid was received from Ashley Haddle for \$1,250. This is what the vehicle's fair market value is. Motion made by Council Member Harris and second by Council Member Evans to accept bid.

Motion to approve Component 3 applications

Nicholson Component 3 Resolution 0101

Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Hogan

Gwilliam Component 3 Resolution 0102

Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Hogan

LST Tax Ordinance

Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Mikalic

1% Real Estate Transfer Tax Ordinance

Motion made by Council Member Harris second by Council Member Mikalic

1% Earned Income Tax Ordinance

Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Mikalic

Resolution on Garbage Fees

Motion to table made by Council Member West second by Council Member Harris

Reappoint Allyson Barcheski as Borough Secretary Treasurer

Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc. as Borough Zoning Officer  
Motion made by Council Member Hogan second by Council Member Mikalic

Reappoint Saporito, Falcone & Watt as Borough Solicitor  
Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint John Belles as Sewage Enforcement Officer  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint Prociak & Associates as Borough Auditor  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint Mark Kneeream and Associates, PC as Borough Accountant  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Hogan

Reappoint Reilly Associates as the Borough Engineers  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Hogan

Appointments of Jamie Simonson to Sewer Board  
Motion made by Council Member Hogan second by Council Member Harris

Reappoint Denise Sult Zoning Secretary, \$100 per meeting  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint Denise Sult as Planning Commission Secretary, \$100 per meeting  
Motion made by Council Member Harris second by Council Member Mikalic

Reappoint Denise Sult as EAC Secretary  
Motion made by Council Member Hogan second by Council Member Evans

Reappoint Judy Murphy as Tax Collector Deputy  
Motion made by Council Member West second by Council Member Hogan

Adopt Robert's Rules of Order for 2025  
Motion made by Council Member Mikalic second by Council Member Evans

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for December.  
Motion made by Council Member Hogan second by Council Member Mikalic

\$50,631.34	Payroll
\$20,994.39	Bills
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\$71,625.73	Total

Adjournment  
Motion made by Council Member Hogan second by Council Member Mikalic at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully,

Allyson Barcheski  
Borough Secretary