

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

**February 18, 2021**

**President Hilburt welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 5:06 and led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Samson - present	Michelle Boice – present
President Hilburt - present	Councilmember Flack - present
Vice President Kehler - present	Councilmember Hogan - present
Councilmember Blaine - present	Solicitor Bufalino - present
Councilmember Kelly - present	<b>Quorum established</b>

**It was announced that the meeting was being recorded and everyone joined in the pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Michell’e Boice made a motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Meeting on January 19, 2020, and the Special Meeting on February 1, 2021. Tom Kehler seconded the motion and it passed

**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO BE HEARD** – A resident is asking for forgiveness for his approximately \$3,500 trash bill, as he doesn’t use the service. After discussion, council concluded that since many summer residents pay year-round garbage fees, even though they don’t use the service, it would be a bad precedent to start forgiving people who don’t use the service. Harveys Lake pays per resident whether they use the service or not. A payment plan will be offered. Tom Kehler wants to be sure that we put a lien on the property. No other residents voiced issues.

**REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Reports were given by the following committee chairs:

Fred Lubnow – Princeton Hydro is filing for an extension on a grant to install a rain garden at the Municipal building. State approval has been given on the Sunset Terrace Storm water sampling project. New 319 Grant to treat Hydrilla has been sent to the state.

Police: sent to council

Roads: Bill Hilburt gave report that Road Department has been busy with snow removal this month.

Finance: Tom Kehler – \$50,000 was moved from General Reserve Fund to General Checking Fund in Luzerne Bank to pay bills and payroll.

Zoning: Bill Hilburt gave zoning report.

Motion to Accept Reports was made by Ed Kelly and seconded by Michell’e Boice. **Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill Hilburt reported that the council had an executive session to deal with a personnel issue.

**Paving of Old Lake Road** - Mark Bufalino reported that he and engineer Casey Cawley put together Bid Specs and RFPs for the public notice for hiring an engineer for the project. A motion was made by Tom Kehler and seconded by Michell’e Boice to authorize the advertisement of request for proposals. **Motion Passed**

**Sewer Board Seat** - Bill Hilburt told council that Nancy Wolfe has expressed an interest in filling the seat on the Sewer Board vacated by her late husband, Sam Wolfe. Tom Kehler moved to appoint her to the board and Ed Kelly seconded it A roll call vote was taken.

**Roll Call Vote:** Michell’e Boice abstained

Councilmember Kehler   Aye  

Councilmember Flack   No  

Councilmember Kelly   Aye  

Councilmember Blaine   No  

Councilmember Hogan   No  

President Hilburt   Aye  

Mayor Samson broke the tie with a No vote and the **Motion did not pass.**

Chad Flack made a motion to appoint Dan Blaine to the vacated seat on the Sewer Board and Clarence Hogan seconded it. A roll call vote was taken.

**Roll Call Vote:** Michell'e Boice abstained

Councilmember Kehler   No  

Councilmember Flack   Yes  

Councilmember Kelly   No  

Councilmember Blaine   Yes  

Councilmember Hogan   Yes  

President Hilburt   No  

Mayor Samson broke the tie with a Yes vote and the **Motion passed.**

**Comcast 7 year Franchise Agreement** - Tom Kehler made a motion to adopt the agreement with a gross revenue increase to 5%. Michelle seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Councilmember Boice   Yes  

Councilmember Hogan   Yes  

Councilmember Kehler   Yes  

Councilmember Flack   Yes  

Councilmember Kelly   Yes  

Councilmember Blaine   Yes  

President Hilburt   Yes  

**Motion Passed**

**Request to vacate a paper road** – The Moraldo Family submitted a petition to adopt a paper road that runs through their property. A special meeting would need to be held to vote on it. Michell'e Boice made a motion to authorize the publication of a public hearing notice regarding the Moraldo's request for the vacation of the road. Dan Blaine seconded it and **the motion passed.**

**Luzerne County Resolution Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan.** Dan Blaine made a Motion to adopt the resolution and Tom Kehler seconded it. **Motion passed.**

\$	84,345.53	Bills
\$	45,135.16	Payroll
\$	129,480.69	Total

**Pay the bills** – a motion to pay bills and payroll for February was made by Chad Flack and seconded by Tom Kehler. **Motion passed.**

**Adjournment** - Tom Kehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm. Ed Kelly seconded it and the **motion passed.**

The Next meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 5:00 pm via Zoom