

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

February 15, 2022

President Hilburt welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance He announced that the meeting was being recorded

Roll Call:

Mayor Rush - present	Councilmember Kelly - present	Councilmember Boice - present
President Hilburt - present	Councilmember Harris – present	Councilmember Delaney - present
Vice President Kehler – present	Councilmember Hogan - present	
Solicitor Bufalino – present	Quorum was established	

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – A motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 18, 2021 was made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Ed Kelly. Motion passed.

Reports From Committees:

POLICE COMMITTEE: Bill Hilburt, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly - Mayor Rush reported that there were 137 calls. Residents should move trash cans off road. Mike asked council to look into liability for officers taking part in Luzerne County DUI Roving Patrols.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Bill Hilburt, Michell’e Boice, Dave Delaney - Bill Hilburt reported that the road department has been working on roads and clearing ice from storm basins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tom Kehler, Michell’e Boice, Bill Hilburt - Tom Kehler reported on payroll, expenses for January.

ZONING COMMITTEE: Tom Kehler, Brandon, Harris, Ed Kelly - Bill Hilburt reported 225 zoning permits, 10 job johnnies, 125 building permits and 90 burn permits.

GARBAGE COMMITTEE: Michell’e Boice, Clarence Hogan, Ed Kelly

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Dave Delaney, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan

SEWAR COMMITTEE: Brandon Harris, Dave Delaney, Ed Kelly

BMCP: Clarence Hogan, Irene Sankey (Alternate)

EAC: Michell’e Boice, Dave Delaney – Michell’e Boice reported that this year EAC held a roadside clean-up, well-water testing, fixed the floating island, held a tick seminar, met with PA DEP, working on an old tire removal project, and control for Hydrilla and Knotweed.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

PTO Representative to speak on request for LSA grant for playground renovations – Representatives of the Lake-Noxen PTO, Mindy Grossman, spoke on exploring a grant for playground improvements. They would include in step #1 - replacing swings and improving drainage. In step# 2 - improving shade and adding fitness areas. In step #3- adding walking trails and hand rails to Knoll Road. Because of multiple grants still outstanding, boro cannot pursue this at this time. A meeting will be set to discuss other funding possibilities.

Light Pollution – Jason Miller spoke on the new LED light fixture at the Harveys Lake Post Office. He asked about ordinances regulating lights at Harveys Lake. Council will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Parking Ordinance – On advice of council, Harveys Lake took a vote on NOT creating No-Parking Zones at Harveys Lake. The motion was made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Clarence Hogan. Motion passed.

Damaged Basketball Hoop-On advice of council, Harveys Lake took a vote on NOT reimbursing a resident for a basketball hoop that was in the borough right-of-way, and was damaged by a snowplow. Michell’e Boice made the motion and Ed Kelly seconded it. The motion passed.

Fire Department Liability Insurance – Mike Avery and Fire Chief, Francis Parsons asked about combining their liability and vehicle insurance and having the borough pay the liability amount to them, instead of purchasing the insurance through EMC. They will find out what the figure will be and bring it to council.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of 2010 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser - On advice of council, this issue is tabled until the March meeting where the bids will be available and Brandon Harris will bring paperwork on the starting bid.

Cell Tower – Any decision on releasing the bond will be decided at the March meeting, after the original engineer, Tom Deangelo and the original solicitor, Tom O’Connor, give their opinion.

Street Lights- Chief Musial has brought information on street lights for the darker areas of Lakeside Dr. These lights shine directly down for less light pollution. Brandon Harris made a motion to try out two of these lights. One at Old Lake Road and Lakeside Dr. and One (higher wattage) at the Police Station. Ed Kelly seconded the motion and it passed.

Bills and Payroll for January – A motion to pay the bills and payroll was made by Tom Kehler and Seconded by Ed Kelly. The Motion passed.

\$	76,472.82	Bills
\$	36,672.00	Payroll
\$	113,144.00	Total

The Next meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm at Lake Noxen School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Tom Kehler. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.