

# HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

Luzerne County

## REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 15, 2019

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm. in the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

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

Outgoing President Hogan announced that the meeting was being tape-recorded, and if anyone in the audience had a recorder to please advise Council at this time. There was no response.

Outgoing President Hogan asked for a Motion to appoint Elizabeth Martin as temporary Borough Secretary-Treasurer. Motion made by Council Member Blaine; seconded by Council Member Flack. Motion carried.

### Roll call:

Carole Samson	Mayor	Absent (7:45 p.m.)
Clarence Hogan	Council Member	Present
Daniel F. Blaine	Council Member	Present
Michell'e Boice	Council Member	Present
Chad Flack	Council Member	Present
Thomas Kehler	Council Member	Present
Ed Kelly	Council Member	Present
Wayde Post	Council Member	Present
Matthew Loftus	Solicitor	Present
Elizabeth A. Martin	Secretary-Treasurer	Present

**Council Member Hogan opened the floor for nominations for Council President; Council Member Hogan nominated Council Member Blaine; Blaine accepted the nomination. Nay votes from Kehler and Boice. The floor was turned over to Council President Blaine.**

**Council Member Post nominated Council Member Hogan for Council Vice President; seconded by Council Member Flack; Hogan accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous.**

**Vice President Hogan nominated Council Member Post for President Pro Tem ; seconded by Council Member Flack. Vote was unanimous.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Kehler to appoint Elizabeth Martin as Borough Secretary-Treasurer; seconded by Council Member Post. Roll Call vote was unanimous.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Boice to re-appoint Atty. Matthew Loftus as Borough Solicitor; seconded by Council Member Flack; Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Kehler to reappoint John Belles as Sewage Enforcement Officer; seconded by Council Member Flack. Roll Call vote was unanimous.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Post to reappoint President Blaine as the Back Mt. Community Partnership voting representative, with Council Member Flack as alternate; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Roll call vote: Kehler, no; Kelly, no; Boice, no; Blaine, yes; Flack, yes; Post, yes; Hogan, yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Flack to appoint Madelon Varleta as Assistant Secretary, to work 10-15 hrs. per week as needed; seconded by Council Member Post. Roll Call vote: Kehler, no (because position was not advertised); Kelly, no; Boice, no (because position was not advertised); Blaine, yes; Flack, yes; Post, yes; Hogan, yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Post to reappoint Thomas Gallagher as the Vacancy Board Chairman; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Roll Call vote was unanimous.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Flack to reappoint Prociak & Associates as independent auditors; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Roll Call vote was unanimous.**

**At Council Member Kelly's request, Motion was made by Vice President Hogan to advertise Council Work Sessions for 2019 to take place at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Boice. Roll Call vote: Kehler, no; Kelly, yes; Boice, yes; Blaine, yes; Flack, yes; Post, yes; Hogan, yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Boice to reappoint Zoning Officer Maureen Oremus at 22-25 hrs. per week; seconded by Council Member Kelly. Roll Call vote: Kehler, yes; Kelly, yes; Bloice, yes; Blaine, yes; Flack, yes; Post, no; Hogan, yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Post to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for 2019; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Roll Call vote was unanimous.**

## **Continuation with Harveys Lake Borough Council Regular Meeting**

### **Roll Call:**

Mayor	Samson	Present
President	Blaine	Present
Vice President	Hogan	Present
Council Member	Boice	Present
Council Member	Flack	Present
Council Member	Kelly	Present
Council Member	Kehler	Present
Council Member	Post	Present
Solicitor	Loftus	Present

**\*\*Indicates motions made**

**\*\*Council Member Flack made the Motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 public Work Session and Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Post. Motion carried.**

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Prior to the meeting, a sign-up sheet for those wishing to speak at the meeting was available to residents wishing to speak at the meeting:

Resident Kevin Carty talked about his two properties relative to the WVSA Stormwater Fee. He inquired how a boat house could be considered as impervious, as well as the extent of credits for rain barrels, etc.

Zoning Officer Oremus thanked cancel for her reappointment, and provided a year-end report that included related income of \$23,779.

Resident Andrew Marco, Hallowich Road, wished to express that his property is considered rural; and asked who set the WVSA Stormwater Fee for Tier 3.

Property owner Jerry Brown talked about sediment and offered possible solutions for its removal, and voiced concern for the replacement of numerous catch basins.

Resident Mike Adamchick noted his concerns about, and flaws in the WVSA Stormwater Program.

Resident Paul Adamchick asked why vacant lots were involved in the WVSA Stormwater Fee bills; and expressed concern that the program was implemented poorly.

Resident Judi Spanuolo noted that the GMAHL was not involved in the decision to join WVSA, and asked why the pump stations are being billed.

Resident Bill Hilburt noted that the Lake was and is in compliance; and pointed out that mapping software is almost ready, per a grant through the Back Mt. Community Partnership.

Resident Carol Culver thanked Council for Zoning Officer Oremus' reappointment.

Resident Alice Frantz inquired about work that was started to alleviate flooding issues; and asked about a blighted property on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Council addressed some of the residents' concerns.

## **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The Tax Collector's report was available on the back table.

The Borough Secretary reported that during the month of July the Borough received \$18,697.53 from Berkheimer.

### **REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Police:** No report.

**Roads:** Council member Post's report included that the road department regularly checks all roads and basins; and WWSA pumped out some of the basins. The Borough also received the new pick-up that was ordered in 2018.

**Finance:** Council member Blaine gave a report including that the available cash is \$403,255.67 and restricted cash is \$106,104.25 for a total of \$509,359.92.

**Zoning:** Council member Post's report included that in the 9 days she worked, the zoning officer issued 8 permits, including 2 building, and 6 burn permits; spoke to 124 persons, and received 4 complaints, with 3 resolved and 1 pending. The report also included a request from Luzerne County Children & Youth for a site visit.

**Grants:** No report.

**Sewer:** GMAHL board member Kopko noted that 11 of the 13 pumps have been replaced with non-clog pumps; the others are working efficiently.

**EAC:** Council member Kelly noted that there was a meeting with Sunset Terrace residents.

**BMCP:** Council member Blaine explained that this year's LSA grant with the BMCP is focused on infrastructure.

**\*\*Councilmember Flack made the motion to accept the reports from Special Committees, Elected and Appointed Officials; seconded by Councilmember Post. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

**\*\*Solicitor Loftus read Resolution #1-2019: Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Mark & Molly Davies. Council Member Post made a Motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Motion carried.**

**\*\*Council Member Flack made a Motion to advertise the 2007 F-350 Pick-up, with a sealed minimum bid of \$10,000; seconded by Council Member Kehler. Motion carried.**

**\*\*Council Member Boice made a Motion to withdraw from WWSA; seconded by Council Member Kehler. Roll Call vote: Kehler, yes; Kelly, yes; Boice, yes; Blaine, no; Post, no; Flack, no; Hogan, no. Motion denied.**

**\*\*Council member Flack made a motion to pay the bills and payroll in the amount of**

**\$95,514.20; seconded by Council member Post. Motion carried.**

The next meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm.

**\*\*Council Member Flack made a Motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth A. Martin, Borough Secretary-Treasurer