

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
Luzerne County
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:35 pm. in the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA.

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

President Blaine 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.

Roll call:

Carole Samson	Mayor	Present
Daniel F. Blaine	President	Present
Clarence Hogan	Vice President	Absent
Michell'e Boice	Council Member	Present
Chad Flack	Council Member	Present
Edward Kelly	Council Member	Present
Thomas Kehler	Council Member	Present
Wayde Post	Council Member	Present
Matthew Loftus	Solicitor	Present
Elizabeth A. Martin	Secretary-Treasurer	Present

****Indicates motions made**

****Council member Flack made the motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes from the May 22, 2019 Public Work Session and Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Council member Post.**

Fred Lubnow, Princeton Hydro, provided an update on progress with grants being worked on at Harveys Lake, including projects involving stormwater at Sunset Terrace, Growing Greener Grant for Hydrilla treatment, and PALMS mini-grant for pre-purchase of Hydrilla treatment. He also shared with residents that a crew from Princeton Hydro was on the Lake today, and while here took samples of what appears to be a blue-green algae bloom. He believes that the bloom is weather-related, and was hopeful that the Lake would take care of the bloom naturally. He also suggested that lawn care who work at the Lake use phosphate-free fertilizers, which could help to alleviate some of the problem, as well as to lime their yards to combat the PH levels.

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:

Carol Starosta, Cliff St., asked Council for an update on the cell tower project, and showed photos taken of damage that has been done. She spoke with a representative from the cell tower company who was looking at jack hammering, which was denied by the Zoning Hearing Board. Atty. Loftus noted that the project is at a standstill since there has been no follow through to the Borough's request for a bond. President Blaine stated that Council discusses the project every month.

Carlos Candelario, Lakeside Drive, addressed Council and provided photos relative to stormwater run-off issues that result in water flowing from a neighboring property onto his, and questioned if it is legal to do so. Atty. Loftus responded that according to PA case law his neighbor can legally divert water onto his property without permission. Zoning Officer Oremus pointed out that the water inevitably runs into a nearby creek. Loftus noted that Mr. Candelario's next step would be litigation.

Bob Prescott, May Lane, reiterated about a previous comment questioning the validity of the Borough's agreement with Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA). Atty. Loftus responded that what he submitted was inapplicable, and not relevant since it is a regional agreement. President Blaine added that the Borough is involved with WVSA because it is best for the community, and the least expensive option to address the federal mandate.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Copies of the Tax Collector's report were placed on the back table.

President Blaine reported that during the month of May, the Borough received \$68,933.29 in local tax revenue.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Police: Mayor Samson reported that there were 282 total calls to the Harveys Lake Police Department during the month of May.

Roads: Council member Post provided a report from the Road Department, including that WVSA rebuilt catch basins at Hemlock Gardens, Maple/Cliff Streets, and Apple/Cedar Streets; and cleaned the box at Sandy Beach and flushed the pipes open.

Finance: Council member Flack announced that, for the month of May, there is \$661,123.67 available cash, and \$122,832.30 restricted cash, for a total of \$783,955.97.

Zoning: Vice President Hogan's report included that in the 13 days she worked in May 2019, the zoning officer issued 50 permits, including 14 zoning, 9 building, 26 burn permits, and 1 job johnny permit; spoke to 201 persons, and received 10 complaints, of which 6 were resolved.

Grants: Councilmember Flack stated that there was nothing additional to add to the Princeton Hydro report and Community Development Block Grant for the paving of Old Lake Road.

BMCP: No report.

Sewer: No report.

EAC: No report.

HL Rec Committee: Mayor Samson announced that the Harveys Lake Borough Community Yard Sale will take place June 21-23.

President Blaine announced that there will be a fireworks display on July 4th at the Harveys Lake Yacht Club.

****Council member Kelly made the motion to accept the reports from Special Committees, Elected Officials and Appointed Officials, seconded by Council member Flack. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

****Council member Kehler made a Motion to accept a bid of \$6,000 for the 2007 F-350 pick-up w/plow, from Ken Wentzel; seconded by Council member Flack. Motion carried.**

****Council member Post made a Motion to provide notice at this meeting that the Borough will accept sealed bids, for ten days, for a dismantled carport (\$300 estimated value) that is presently being stored at the Borough garage; seconded by Council member Kehler. Motion carried.**

****Council member Kehler made a Motion to confirm the hiring of two seasonal summer road department employees: Jack Symeon and Colby Karnes; seconded by Flack. Motion carried.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a Motion to pay the bills and payroll in the amount of \$122,489.14, seconded by Councilmember Flack. Motion carried.**

The next Regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 7:30pm.

****Council member Kelly made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Council member Post. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Elizabeth A. Martin, Borough Secretary-Treasurer