

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
Luzerne County
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 19, 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	Absent
Daniel F. Blaine	President	Present
Clarence Hogan	Vice President	Present
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	Absent
Matthew Loftus	Solicitor	Present
Elizabeth A. Martin	Secretary-Treasurer	Present

****Indicates motions made**

****Council member Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes from the February 19th Public Work Session and Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Council member Flack.**

Councilmember Boice asked that the minutes be amended to reflect details relative to President Blaine's involvement with the WVSA.

President Blaine provided a statement for the record that he is not related to anyone working at the WVSA, nor is there anyone in his family being considered for any position with WVSA. He also does not have any financial interest or gain from WVSA.

Fred Lubnow, Princeton Hydro provided Council with an update about grants that are presently being facilitated at Harveys Lake, including a 319 grant with PADEP for Sunset Terrace, for \$192,000, with a property owner donating \$6,000 to the project. Lubnow also talked about grants and advance payment for systemic herbicide that will be used to treat approximately 210 acres of shoreline for hydrilla. A PALMS mini-grant will be used to pay for an additional 32 acres of coverage, beginning in late spring/early summer.

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:

Alice Frantz, Hemlock St., asked 1) if any progress has been made relative to a burned-out home on 2nd St. Can Luzerne County's blighted property program help address this problem? President Blaine noted that Harveys Lake Borough does not qualify for the program, but they are looking for the owner. Frantz said that their roof is caving in, and the door is open. Atty. Loftus noted that condemnation is difficult without the owner. Frantz said that it has been condemned twice, by BIA and BHW. Councilmember Kelly noted that one of the owner's daughters lives at the lake, and he was informed that the owner is in a veteran's facility. 2) Frantz also asked if non-payment of stormwater fees would result in liens on properties. Her husband's security clearance could be at risk.

Bob Prescott, May Ave., asked 1) if the inlets were cleaned since the milling and paving work was done on Lakeside Drive. Also, Old Lake Road should be fixed because it was used as a detour. President Blaine said that he would look into it. 2) Prescott also noted that the contract with WVSA was ratified by resolution and should be repealed. Atty. Loftus said that challenging the contract/agreement would be costly. Prescott asked if anyone read the contract, because WVSA has no plans to do anything for Harveys Lake Borough.

Jack Davis, Lakeside Drive, reiterated about the incomplete minutes from last month's minutes. He would like for Council to respect his opinions, but felt that it doesn't matter what residents have to say.

Carol Starosta, Cliff St., stated that trucks keep driving down the road, and that the cell tower company finally got its way. Zoning Officer Oremus said that another road was considered, but the company inevitably decided to remediate the present road, with water berms and other means of drainage. President Blaine said that the road must be finished, but Starosta noted that there is orange fencing where they need to work.

Paul Adamshick, Rhodes Terrace, said that the minutes need to be posted on the website, and there is nothing new on WVSA's site, either. Billing for businesses is forthcoming. President Blaine stated that the recent WVSA letter would be posted on the Borough website. Adamshick also said that there is little about Lehman Township's waiver. Blaine said that the waiver is for one specific area, and they are waiting for response. Councilmember Boice said that there is no pollution or sediment in Harveys Creek, which comes from the lake. We should also have a waiver.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Due to oversight, the Tax Collector's report was not available on the back table.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that during the month of February the Borough received \$59,629.75 from Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Police: Chief Musial reported that a second speedminder was placed near the Yacht Club, and the Borough is looking for additional sites near straightaways, with clearance for solar power.

Roads: Council member Post's report included the continued checking of roads and basins, post-winter inspection of side streets, and assisting HLPD with speedminder installation.

Finance: No report.

Zoning: Vice President Hogan's report included that in the 12 days she worked in February 2019, the zoning officer issued 13 permits, including 7 zoning, 3 building and 2 burn permits; spoke to 165 persons, and received 1 complaint, which was resolved. She continued to work with residents and cell tower reps, and is working with PA DEP in assessing damage to docks; and is working on the annual LC Tax Assessment Report and Amusement billing.

Grants: Councilmember Flack referred to Princeton's Hydro's report.

BMCP: No report.

Sewer: No report.

EAC: No report.

HL Rec Committee: No report.

Announcements were made about Spring Clean-up on May 6th; and the Community Yard Sale on June 21-23.

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

New Business

****Atty. Loftus read Resolution #3-2019, Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Farm at HL, LLC. Motion was made by Councilmember Boice; seconded by Councilmember Kehler. Motion carried.**

****Council member Kehler made a Motion to accept the change orders by Artistic in the amount of \$44, 417.92; seconded by Councilmember Hogan. Motion carried.**

****Council member Hogan made a Motion to enter in the 2019-20 contract with CoStars for the purchase of rock salt. Motion seconded by Councilmember Flack. Motion carried.**

****Council member Kehler made a motion to advertise for a part-time Road Department employee; seconded by Councilmember Flack. Motion carried.**

****Council member Flack made a Motion to appoint Councilmember Hogan to a vacancy on the General Municipal Authority Board; seconded by Councilmember Post. Roll call vote: Kehler, no; Kelly no; Boice, no; Hogan, abstain; Flack, yes; Post, yes; Flack, yes. *On the Motion, President Blaine asked Atty. Loftus is there is a conflict with any Council member with the GMAHL for this vote. Discussion ensued, and it was determined that both Councilmember Boice and Hogan have conflicts involving their respective relatives employed by the GMAHL and the Road Department.* Motion was inevitably tabled.**

****Council member Flack made a Motion to appoint Larry Radel to a five-year term on the GMAHL Board, replacing Mr. Wolfe; seconded by Vice President Hogan. Roll Call vote: Kehler, no; Kelly, no; Boice, abstain; Hogan, yes; Flack, yes; Post, yes; Blaine, yes. Motion carried.**

****Council member Boice made a Motion to advertise the May meeting to be changed to Wednesday, May 22nd; seconded by Councilmember Kehler. Motion carried.**

****Council member Kelly made a Motion to seek a waiver from WVSA for stormwater fees; seconded by Councilmember Boice. Motion carried.**

****Council member Flack make a Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$90,209.33; seconded by Councilmember Post. Motion carried.**

The next Regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 7:30pm.

****Vice President Hogan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Flack. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Elizabeth A. Martin, Borough Secretary-Treasurer