

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

March 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 February 15, 2022 made by Brandon Harris and seconded by Ed Kelly. Motion passed.

Comments from Residents: Residents spoke on the ice damage on Harveys Lake’s boathouses and docks. It was decided that they will form a citizen’s committee to study the possible solutions to the problem.

A resident spoke about dead trees threatening to fall on her property and Solicitor Bufalino told her it is a civil issue and the borough has no jurisdiction over that matter.

Judy Spagnuola, Chair of the GMAHL. Asked about more street lights being placed at the lake. She was told that only two were planned at this time. She also asked why a GMAHL employee was told borough vehicles could not be moved to the police parking lot. Chief Musial said that they would obstruct vision of police vehicles. She said it was done in a bullying manner and if it happens again she would file a formal complaint. The mayor will look into it.

Jason Miller spoke about the light pollution coming from the HLPO. He will contact postmaster’s superior to see if anything can be done. He also spoke about the area around the creek between the Fish Commission boat launch and the Harveys Lake Beach Club. He wants to clean out the stream, as it floods much more often and water spills onto the beach club property. DEP would have to give a permit for any cleaning out of waterway. Jason will contact DEP.

Reports From Committees:

POLICE COMMITTEE: **Bill Hilburt**, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly - Mayor Rush reported that there were 174 calls. New radios have been installed in cars. Residents should move trash cans off road after trash pick-up and lock doors and cars.

ROADS COMMITTEE: **Bill Hilburt**, Michell’e Boice, Dave Delaney - Bill Hilburt reported that the road department has been working on roads, plowing, salting, cindering and clearing storm basins. They also met with WWSA on repairing storm basins. They also helped maintain borough vehicles including police vehicles.

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

ZONING COMMITTEE: **Tom Kehler**, Brandon, Harris, Ed Kelly – Tom Kehler gave the zoning report. Special Events application for Habitat for Humanity Bike Ride on May 17, 2022 and the American Legion Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2022. Tom made a motion to approve both events and Ed Kelly seconded it. Motion passed.

GARBAGE COMMITTEE: **Michell’e Boice**, Clarence Hogan, Ed Kelly – Some private roads that are not plowed have been missed.

GRANTS COMMITTEE: **Dave Delaney**, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan. Dave Delaney reported that after meeting with the PTO, they spoke with Karen Bobak about getting a grant for the playground renovations but because of the short window to get the application in on time, they will have to pursue a grant at another time.

SEWAR COMMITTEE: **Brandon Harris**, Dave Delaney, Ed Kelly. Brandon Harris reported that they are still waiting to get started on Act 537. A new hire has been decided upon and will start in the next couple of weeks. Pumping stations are being maintained.

BMCP: **Clarence Hogan**, Irene Sankey (Alternate) Next meeting April 21, 2022.

EAC: **Michell'e Boice**, Dave Delaney – Michell'e Boice reported that this year EAC will hold a roadside clean-up on April 24. Hydrilla Treatment will start in May or June. Cost is \$158,000. We are looking at a hydrilla grant that will entail the borough to pay 50% down, which will eventually be reimbursed to the borough.

Ed Kelly made a motion to accept the reports and Dave Delaney seconded it. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopting the Standard Allowance for the American Rescue Plan Expenditures – After attending a webinar on the American Rescue Funds Reporting and on advice of our council and engineer, Michell'e Boice made a motion to adopt the Standard Allowance. Tom Kehler seconded it and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of 2010 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser – The high bid was made by Victor Vega. Michell'e Boice made a motion to accept the high bid and seconded by Brnadon Harris. Motion passed. We will transfer the charger to him as soon as the title is received from PennDot.

Cell Tower Release of Bond – A final site inspection was done in December 2021. **Reports showed** After receiving reports from the original engineer on the project, a motion was made to release the bond on the cell tower. A motion was made by Michell'e Boice to release the bond and Brandon Harris seconded it. Motion passed.

Update on Renovation Project and Transfer Finances for Grants – Tom Kehler gave a report on the renovation project. Finances were transferred temporarily to pay grants out front (The money will be returned to when cancelled checks are sent to Harrisburg).

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for February?

\$	66,697.23	Bills
\$	28,384.85	Payroll
\$	95,082.08	Total

Tom Kehler made the motion to pay the bills for February, and Michell'e Boice seconded it. Motion passed.

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 Tom Kehler and seconded by Dave Delaney. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

