

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
Luzerne County
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:30 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	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 April 16, 2019 Public Work Session and Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Vice President Hogan.**

Fred Lubnow, Princeton Hydro, provided an update on progress with grants being worked on at Harveys Lake, including projects involving stormwater at Sunset Terrace, and nutrient criteria thresholds. Information will be provided to the Borough and EAC to address hydrilla beginning in mid-June. Paperwork must also be submitted to the state. Also, a single permit will be awarded involving Grotto and Kirpatrick. Hydrilla treatment will encompass 240 total acres, covering the entire shoreline.

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:

President Blaine noted that garbage containers should be placed on the curb no earlier than 6

a.m. on pick-up day, and asked that residents please be reminded to remove them from the roadways that evening.

Diane Dwyer, 2nd St., stated that the “Rainwater Tax” signs are inaccurate. This is NOT a tax. She also inquired as to what has been done about the waiver. President Blaine explained that a letter was sent. Councilmember Boice suggested that the Borough should receive that same waiver as Lehman. Dwyer paid because she doesn’t want a lien.

Carol Culver, Westpoint Ave., explained that in 2007 there was an ordinance passed to pump septic tanks every three years, and she complied. Baffle inspections can be done by the pumper/installer. Three years ago residents were told to get a receipt from the pumper. She received the recent certified final notice letter from SEO Belles, but never received the initial letter. When the former SEO did the inspections there was no fee, but now it costs her \$500 for two properties, plus pumping. Her pumper never heard of this. Another municipality, Arrowhead Lake, charges \$75.

Belles explained that the fee schedule was established due to a state mandate – it must be pumping and inspection. Resident Dwyer asked if there is a resolution passed annually, and it should be revisited. She asked who set the fee. President Blaine explained that this is a DEP mandate, and part of Act 537. The Borough paid originally. Councilmember Kehler stated that those on the public sewer were paying the fees – GMAHL helped to set the fee.

Belles further explained that DEP requires a report for the Borough’s 5-10 year plan.

Resident Rebecca Miers asked why the Borough is paying more than other municipalities. GMAHL Chairwoman Spaguolo asked if the residents will received notice again in three years; Belles responded that the next mailing will be three months out from the next cycle. Spagnuolo asked if everyone is on the same schedule; Belles responded that the letters are staggered due to a limited time period, spring to fall.

Resident Bob Prescott, May Ave., attempted to point out that there are problems with WVSA relative to a pipe that flows into the river, which will be costly to fix. He invited Council to inspect the pipe.

Resident W. James Pall, Lakeside Dr., spoke at length about matters relating to the stormwater fees, and noted that he sent money to join the movement in Lehman. He inquired about the Borough’s charter, and how Council cannot act unilaterally to enter into an agreement with WVSA.

Paul Rollman, First St., asked how the Borough plans to address water problems involving an artesian well that is pumping a lot of water into basements. He has attempted to put the water back into the ground. Vice President Hogan looked at the issue with Roadmaster Hogan and someone from PennDOT. PennDOT will address “when they have time”. HLPD Chief Musial said that the Borough is also waiting for them to address other issues, including issues with Lakeside Drive. Hogan said that the Borough will put pressure on PennDOT.

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 April, the Borough received \$24,338.87 from Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Police: Mayor Samson reported that there were 275 total calls to the HLPD during the month of April, including 57 traffic-related, 16 medical emergencies and 10 civil matters.

Roads: No report.

Finance: No report.

Zoning: Vice President Hogan's report included that in the 17 days she worked in April 2019, the zoning officer issued 67 permits, including 20 zoning, 16 building and 31 burn permits; spoke to 293 persons, and received 9 complaints, of which 8 were resolved.

Grants: Councilmember Flack stated that there was nothing additional to add to the Princeton Hydro report.

BMCP: No report.

Sewer: No report.

EAC: Councilmember Boice thanked those who helped with EAC's Litter Clean-up.

HL Rec Committee: No report.

President Blaine stated that the Borough's first responders are "top notch", thanking Charlie West and David Davis for helping his grandson during his recent bicycle accident.

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

NEW BUSINESS

****Council member Kehler made a Motion to accept the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates for the facilitation of MS4-related documents and processes, seconded by Councilmember Flack. Motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kelly made a Motion to pay the bills and payroll in the amount of \$99,952.40, seconded by Councilmember Flack. Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice President Hogan announced that there will be a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27th at 10 a.m., at the Idetown Fire Hall, where a veterans' honor roll memorial was recently placed.

The next Regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 7:30pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Elizabeth A. Martin, Borough Secretary-Treasurer