

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

November 21, 2023

President Kehler welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked that anyone with a recording device let council know. Mike Rush and Manny Santayana were audio recording.

Roll Call:

Mayor Rush - <u>present</u>	Councilmember Harris - <u>present</u>
President Kehler - <u>present</u>	Councilmember Delaney - <u>absent</u>
Vice President Boice – <u>present</u>	Councilmember Hogan - <u>present</u>
Councilmember Hilburt - <u>present</u>	Solicitor Watt - <u>present</u>
Councilmember Kelly - <u>present</u>	Quorum was established

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Brandon Harris to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 19, 2023. Michell’e Boice seconded the motion and it passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Manny Santayana talked about the ethics commission and the misfiled forms. He requested dismissal of the zoning officer and called the council a “do-nothing council. He also cited ChatGPT which has detrimental things to say about Harveys Lake. (*Duke University says “ChatGPT is not an option to form trustworthy conclusions from, and it’s risky for businesses to blindly trust its outputs. ChatGPT produces incorrect answers 52 percent of the time but perhaps the most troubling part of the platform is its tendency to fabricate evidence and present it in a convincing way”*).
- Councilwoman Boice responded that she is proud of her service to the community as she is finishing her 3rd consecutive 4 year term. She objected to their being called a “do-nothing council”. She also said that Manny degraded the council and as a newcomer, is unaware of all that this council has done.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

POLICE: Dave Delaney gave the report of mileage and calls. **ROADS COMMITTEE:** Dave Delaney Michell’e Boice, Mike Rush gave the report and Brandon Harris reported that the Police Taurus sold at auction.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tom Kehler, Michell’e Boice, Bill Hilburt – Tom gave the report.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Dave Delaney Michell’e Boice, Bill Hilburt - Tom gave the report.

ZONING COMMITTEE: Bill Hilburt, Brandon, Harris, Ed Kelly – Bill gave the report.

GARBAGE COMMITTEE: Michell’e Boice, Clarence Hogan, Ed Kelly – Michell’e gave the report.

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Dave Delaney, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan – Clarence gave report.

SEWER COMMITTEE: Dave Delaney, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly – Brandon Harris gave the report.

BMCP: Clarence Hogan, Irene Sankey (Alternate) – Irene gave the report.

EAC: Michell’e Boice, Dave Delaney, Brandon Harris – Michell’e gave the report

Motion to Accept Reports; Bill Hilburt made a motion to accept the reports, Clarence Hogan seconded it and it passed

OLD BUSINESS

Salt Shed Resolution – Atty. Watt read the resolution. Bill Hilburt made the motion to adopt the resolution and Clarence Hogan seconded it. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage Contract – 2 contracts were received.

Mascaro -

One (1) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/24 \$ 875,460.00

Two (2) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/25 \$ 1,750,920.00

Three (3) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/26 \$ 2,626,380.00

Casella -

One (1) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/24 \$ 665,587.80

Two (2) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/25 \$ 1,331,175.60

Three (3) Year Contract 1/1/2024 -12/31/26 \$ 1,996,763.40

Atty. Watt read the contracts and reported that they were in order and that he would examine them further after the meeting. Bill Hilburt made a motion to go with Casella for three years so that it doesn't increase. Michell'e Boice seconded the motion. A Roll-Call Vote showed a unanimous aye vote.

Proposed 2024 Budget – Atty. Watt read the proposed budget. A final budget will be provided next month. Bill Hilburt made a motion to accept the 2024 proposed budget and Clarence Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donation to Back Mountain Library - Michell'e Boice made a motion to donate \$500 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and Brandon Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed

Component 3 Resolutions: Kaminski, Barbacci and Brandt – Atty Watt read each resolution.

Bill Hilburt made a motion to adopt the Brandt Boathouse sewer tap-in Resolution. Brandon Harris seconded it and the motion passed.

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Brandon Harris made a motion to adopt the Kimberly Barbacci Boathouse sewer tap-in Resolution. Bill Hilburt seconded it and the motion passed.

Change of time for December 19 Council Meeting – Bill Hilburt made a motion to change the time of the December 19, 2023 Council Meeting to 5:00 PM for the work session and 5:30 PM for the Council Meeting. Michell'e Boice seconded it and the motion passed.

Pay the Bills and Payroll for October - Clarence Hogan made a Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for October. Brandon Harris seconded it and the motion passed.

\$ 89,201.36	Bills
<u>\$ 48,247.63</u>	Payroll
\$137,448.99	Total

Motion to adjourn this meeting: Brandon Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM pm.

Next Meeting December 19, 2023. Work session at 5:30pm and Meeting at 6:00 pm