

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

October 19, 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 Bill Hilburt to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023. Brandon Harris seconded the motion and it passed

Michael Hartshorn of Princeton Hydro gave a brief update on grants: NFWF for nutrient abatement and PADEP Hydrilla Treatment Grant. They will be finalizing a report and HAB plan. They will have a workshop with EAC for testing water quality. They are applying for 2 new grants, a 319 Grant for stormwater implementation and a Growing Greener Grant for Hydrilla treatment.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Diane Dwyer spoke about her belief that she didn't need a permit for building a small deck and 4 steps.
- Danny Long spoke about garbage bids. He doesn't think we need to have garbage picked up on Monday or have the free bulk item pickup once a year.
- Dan Monk spoke on behalf of Alderson Methodist Church to request pothole being fixed on Lakeside Dr. Even though it's a state Highway, he would like the Borough to work with the state to get this fixed.
- Lewis Evans asked whether council abides by any bylaws. Attorney Watt told him that the Pennsylvania Borough Code regulates council in a borough. He next asked whether, once current council members are out of office, would the Borough's insurance cover any lawsuits. Attorney Watt told him yes, they would be covered.
- Manny Santayana told about a new council "Meet and Greet" to be held at Jonathon's, with free food and drink, paid for by himself and Lorraine Alles. He then read the definition of an Executive Session. He said that many executive sessions should have been held and since they are private, council did not answer. His time was then up. Attorney Watt explained that Borough Council did not settle any suits, the insurance company determines how to handle suits.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

POLICE: Dave Delaney gave the report of mileage and calls. He also mentioned the upcoming Toys for Tots Drive and the Kids Halloween Party by the Recreation Committee

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tom Kehler, 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 the report.

SEWER COMMITTEE: Dave Delaney, Tom Kehler, Ed Kelly – Michell'e gave the report.

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

EAC: Michell'e Boice, Dave Delaney, Brandon Harris – Michell'e gave the report and Jason Miller spoke about a training session for testing water quality

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

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Creative Benefits Package - Michell'e Boice said that since there has been no increase in price or change in coverage, she makes a motion to accept the package. Clarence Hogan seconded it and the motion passed.

Establish Fair Market Value of Police Car in order to put it out for bids – Attorney Watt said that according to Borough Code, if the value of a police car is under \$2,000 is may be sold at auction with no advertisement. Bill Hilburt made a motion to determine that the value of the car is under \$2,000. Brandon Harris seconded it, and the motion passed. The vehicle will be taken to auction.

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for September – A motion was made by Bill Hilburt and Brandon Harris seconded it. Motion passed.

\$ 126,842.28	Bills
<u>\$ 56,261.24</u>	Payroll
\$183,103.52	Total

Motion to adjourn this meeting: Bill Hilburt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting November 21, 2023. Work session at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00pm