Harveys Lake Borough, Luzerne County

Regular Council Meeting Agenda

September 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

President Delaney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Delaney announced the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone in the audience was recording, to advise Council at this time.   Speed Hound Landing advised they were recording.

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| Mike Rush | Mayor | Present |  |
| David A. Delaney | President | Present |  |
| Clarence Hogan | Vice President | Present |  |
| Lewis Evans | Council Member | Present |  |
| Brandon Harris | Council Member | Present |  |
| Robinn Mikalic | Council Member | Present |  |
| Robert Prescott | Council Member | Present |  |
| Charles West | Council Member | Present |  |
| William Watt | Solicitor | Present |  |

Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. Motion made to approve minutes by Council Member Harris, Second by Council Member Evans.

The floor was opened to residents to express concerns.

Affordable Construction spoke with concerns regarding BHW and obtaining permits. They are not forthcoming with advising what permits are needed and it also takes up to 2 weeks to obtain permits.

Kevin Lynn, Irene Sankey, Maureen Oremus – Spoke regarding the Recreational Committee and the funds associated with the committee. They are still active and events are planned. President Delaney explained that the funds were still in the account. No money has been used. Solicitor Watt advised that the funds and account are currently under Harveys Lake Borough’s Tax ID and that the signors on the account were no longer employees of the Borough. If anything were to happen regarding the funds in the account, the Borough is liable for this. He advised that the Chairman Clarence Hogan, and Co-Chairman Mike Rush meet regarding the Recreational Committee and work together.

Jason Miller asked if EAC can participate in the Tire Recycling on October 12, 2024. He asked if something could be sent to the residents regarding recycling to educate everyone since on most of the totes the decals are faded. He questioned the hydraulic oil that leaks on the streets from the garbage trucks. Lastly, he asked if an ordinance could be passed for lighting for street lights. The LED lights are extremely bright.

Morgan Jones has Affordable Construction completing work on his property. He verified that BHW takes an extremely long time to issue permits.

Tom Kehler was previously on the council and stated that Solicitor Buffalino stated to the Recreational Committee that they could continue to use the Borough’s Tax ID. He asked that this be looked into.

Bruce Hanson requested that a recycling flyer be sent to the residents to help identify what can and cannot be recycled. He also stated it is 40 years since Hanson’s Amusement Park closed. He and his wife have a replica and items from Hanson’s Amusement Park. Anyone interested in seeing it please contact them.

Dale Neuhard spoke about a Right to Know request he submitted and never received a response. He is owed one. Solicitor Watt stated that Mr. Neuhard filed an appeal and that the borough cannot release anything since he was advised not to.

Open the floor to residents to express concerns

Reports from appointed officials and special committees

Police Report: Police Chief Charlie Musial - 155 calls for August

Roads Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan - Catch basin on Orchard St was repaired, trees were removed from Grandview Ave

Finance Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan – Expenses $52,330.55, Checking Balance $142,401.22, This balance does not include any funds from the Recreational Committee. There will be an increase in the benefits offered to the employees next year.

Zoning Committee: \*Brandon Harris, Clarence Hogan, Robert Prescott – August permit fees $1,294.05. BHW’s portion $1,941.08.

Garbage Committee: \*Charles West, Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris – Recycling will be researched further by Council Member West. Council Member West stated he was advised that mineral oil spills from the trucks.  He will also find out about replacement stickers for the totes.

Grants Committee: \*Clarence Hogan, Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris – No report

Sewer Committee: \*Robinn Mikalic, Brandon Harris, Charles West – Maintenance continues on pumps. The workers continue to assist the road department with anything they need especially paving projects. There are 15 dates reported for assisting the road department. The garage was painted.  President Delaney thanked the employees for helping and also Jason B. for assisting in helping Allyson with anything needed in the office.

Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP): \*Clarence Hogan – Meeting will be held September 17.

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC): \*Lewis Evans, Robert Prescott, Charles West – No Report

Rain Tax/Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) Committee: \*Robert Prescott, Brandon Harris, Charles West – Council Member Prescott is looking for information on certification of the boxes out at the lake. He cannot get answers from WVSA.

Motion to Accept Reports   First Council Member West Second Council Member Harris

New Business

Realty Transfer Tax

Can not move forward. Motion to remove from the agenda with no action taken. First Council Member Evans second Council Member Harris

Codification of Borough legislation

This will be tabled until further notice. First Council Member West Second Council Member Evans

Motion to approve Component 3’s

Vaughan Component 3 Resolution 901 - First Council Member Hogan Second Council Member Evans

Fuhr Component 3 Resolution 902 – First Council Member Hogan Second Council Member Evans

Hardman Component 3 Resolution 903 – First Council Member Hogan Second Council Member Evans

Shaw Component 3 Resolution 904 – First Council Member Hogan Second Council Member Evans

Motion to approve PMRS Police Retirement Program Resolution 9-2024

This will be tabled until next month. First Council Member Harris Second Council Member West

Motion to approve 2025 Employee Benefits from Creative Benefits

This will be tabled until next month for further research. First Council Member Harris Second Council Member Hogan

Motion to approve a Resolution to submit a Local Share Account grant application for $400,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to purchase and install a new generator at one of the Borough's primary pump stations for the General Municipal Authority of Harveys Lake and designating Council President to execute all necessary documents

First Council Member Harris Second Council Member West

Motion to pay the Bills and Payroll for August.   First Council Member Harris Second Council Member Hogan

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| $59,023.42 | Payroll |
| $52,330.55 | Bills |
| $111,353.97 | Total |

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 7:45 p.m. First Council Member West Second Council Member Harris

Respectfully,

Allyson Barcheski

Borough Secretary