

Howard Borough Council Minutes of April 11, 2022, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met April 11, 2022.

Council Members Present: Philip Winchell, Andrew Kotzur, John Gribble, Bobby Yearick, Lydia Watters, Mayor Deb Simoncek

Council members absent: Donna Benner, Diana Goodyear

Guests present: Cody Strouse, Steve Nyman, Connie Davis, Bobby DeArment, Jane Bartley, Chuck Gambone, Lindsey Long, Justin Bartley, Collin Alterio, Donna Davison, Karen Mayes, Kathy Zelensky

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Bobby Yearick seconded, approving minutes from the March 14, 2022, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watter, to accept Steve Nyman's resignation letter. Motion Passed.

Citizen/Guests

Phil reminded Citizens and guest about the time limit on comments.
(TIME LIMIT OF 4 MINUTES-Citizens present at any Borough Council Meeting or Committee Meetings have the option to speak at this time unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer.)

Bobby DeArment was in attendance to thank the council for their support in the purchase of the new truck.

Justin Bartley, Jane Bartley, Chuck Gambone were in attendance to ask for a zoning change from R2 to Commercial for the property at 133 East Main Street, the former Lighthouse Reform Church to be used for a store. The solicitor will be contacted.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John, to pass Resolution 2022-1. Motion Passed.

Resolution No. 2022-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HOWARD, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ESTABLISHING SERVICE FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE
HOWARD BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SAID FEES.

Be it enacted and ordained by the authority of the council of Howard Borough, Centre County,
Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

Section One: The Council of the Howard Borough hereby establishes a schedule of service fees to be paid by each person, firm, or corporation etc, requesting the following services from the Howard Borough Tax Collector.

- A. Written certification as to the payment status of real estate taxes for a tax parcel \$15.00.
- B. Fee for returned checks for any reason \$20.00 plus bank fees.
- C. Requests for duplicate bills \$2.00 each.
- D. Copies \$.25 each.
- E. Hourly rate requiring research of taxes \$20.00.

Section Two: The Howard Borough Tax Collector shall be authorized to collect and retain the fees, set forth by this resolution directly, for the requester.

Section Three: In the event any person, firm, or corporation etc. fails to pay the statement for the service authorized by this resolution, the Howard Borough Tax Collector is hereby authorized to commence Civil Action in order to effectuate a recovery of the same and may utilize the offices of the District Magistrate or Civil Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pennsylvania. In order to effectuate a recovery of these service fees together with court costs.

Enacted and ordained as a resolution of Howard Borough, this 11th day of the month of April in the year 2022.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek-Deb Simoncek reported that ordinance letter sent with the water bills has gotten positive comments. Deb would like to send a list of contractors for sidewalk repairs in the next water bills. The Lowes Hometown Grant was applied for. Deb is also going to purchase a pine tree for in the park.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve the February Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondences

Outgoing –

Incoming –GSA Reality/zoning change, Terry Williams/ARPA Rule, George Demchek/resignation letter

Committee Reports

Water-Andy Kotzur reported all is good.

Streets –John Gribble reported all is good.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse–No report.

Property-John reported that the playground has been mulched, working in the recycling area.

Zoning Officer – Steve Nyman reported there was a zoning permit given to Scott Bowes.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Steve reported that the streets are swept. WEP bathrooms are opened. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve \$155.00 to purchase metal to fix the bottom of the dumpster. Motion Passed

Old Business

(Nancy reported that the credit card issue is now at Terry William's office being reviewed.)

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watter, to accept George Demchek's resignation letter.
Motion Passed.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council.
President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer