Howard Borough Council
Minutes of April 13, 2026, Meeting

Council Members Present: Andrew Kotzur, Emily Herr, Donna Benner, Bobby Yearick, Autumn Hanley, Lydia Watters, Scott Cody, Mayor Deb Simoncek

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strous, Kim Bumgarner, Linda Young, Linda Hanley, Paul Clark, Mark Johnson

Andrew Kotzur called the meeting to order.

Moved by Donna Benner, Autumn Hanley seconded, approving minutes from March 9, 2026, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Citizens and guests were reminded 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.)

Citizens were in attendance to complain about 124 Main Street. The occupants have moved and left trash and cats behind.

Paul Clark was in attendance to present a painting he painted and donated to the borough. A spot will be found in town to have it hung.

Linda Hanley reported that she had a set back with the digital sign with the electricity.

Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported the Lakeside Mennonite Church helped to clean up the volleyball court.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by , Robert Yearick seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the February Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –Junk car letters, Ironman approval letter, Walnut street/barking dogs
Incoming–Complaint letter/Scott Fravel parking, Bellefonte Borough/letter of support request, Gabby Lauder/Safe Streets, PA Department of Transportation/Fund payment

Committee Reports

Water- Donna Benner reported receiving questions about the annual required letter of the Lead Status from PA DEP.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported that bids will be coming in in the next few weeks for the paving project.

Streetlights – Lydia Watters reported that fall the street lights have been repaired.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley reported that the recycling bins are all ok and warns that the wasps are out.

Property- No report.

<u>Zoning Officer</u> – Zach Worth had nothing to report on zoning.

<u>Operations and Maintenance Report</u> –Cody reported that they have been mowing and cleaning ditches. They are fixing the sidewalk at West End Park.

<u>Old Business</u>

<u>New Business</u>

Moved by Lydia Watters, seconded by Scott Cody, to approve Ordinance 04-026, increasing Fire tax Millage to 2.0%. Motion Passed.

Moved by Autumn Hanley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer