

Howard Borough Council Minutes of April 14, 2025, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on April 14, 2025.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Bill Nearhoof, Chris Aikens,

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Autumn Hanley seconded, approving minutes from March 10, 2025, 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.)

Bill Nearhoof was in attendance to get an update on The Fire Protection and Funding Agreement. (Terry is still reviewing)

Bill Nearhoof was in attendance for an update for Josh Collins about the Café parking sign. (The sign will be removed) Also the water pooling at the entrance of the Fire Hall where the new asphalt was placed.

Mayor

Deb Simoncek was in attendance to update council on the maintenance plan she sent to Andy Hoffman. She will need to provide some additional reports.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the March Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–Penndot/Bridge rehabilitation questionnaire, Ironman/approval Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve Ironman 70.3. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that a float in the tank was not able to be installed. Another company is being looked at. He reported that water usage was good and floats were added. The recycling area needs reground since the area is filling up. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve contacting a company to do the grinding. Motion Passed.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported that the borough guys will be getting bids for paving and patching projects. He also reported that he has not talked to anyone at the school since school will be ending soon. Things go well during the day but still some issues in the evenings.

Streetlights – Lydia Watter reported that there is a light out and West Penn was contacted but not fixed yet. She will do an inventory of the other lights that evening and report any issues.

Refuse– Autumn reported that the recycling bins are good. The clean up day was cancelled and was rescheduled for April 19 from 9:00-10:30 am. Autumn will post it on facebook.

Property- Donna reported that the fence in the community park was hit. An estimate will be sent to make a claim.

Zoning Officer – Zac Worth reported that a new garage may be built on Grove/Hogan Street. It will have to obtain a variance first.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported grass mowing will start soon. They will also be painting lines and replacing water meters.

Old Business

Autumn asked if the council reviewed the application and information for Birdtown. She attended the Howard Township meeting to see if they were interested in joining with the borough and splitting costs. They are interested if DCNR and the Game Commission signed off on it.

New Business

A motion was made by Donna Benner and seconded by Autumn Hanley to add Andy Kotzur as a Technical Representative on the CCMPO. Motion passed.

Connie Davis was proposed as an additional borough auditor. Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, appointing Connie Davis for borough auditor. Motion Passed.

Phil asked about building updates and the path for that. He asked Deb Simoncek, Donna Benner and Emily Herr to come up with a plan.

A motion was made by Donna Benner and seconded by Linda Hanley to add Andy Kotzur as a signer on all accounts at Kish Bank. Motion passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer