

## **Howard Borough Council Minutes of August 14, 2023, Meeting**

Howard Borough Council met August 14, 2023.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zach Worth, Louise Lose, Mike Etters, Tammy Etters, Lindsey Covalt, Michael Barnes, Tamela Barnes, Lauren Otto, Collin Alterio, Bill Nearhoof, Steve Kepler, Tyler Penland, Ben Catherman

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Donna seconded, approving minutes from the June 12, 2023 & July 10, 2023, 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.)

Mike and Tammy Barnes were in attendance to obtain a variance for a fence. They were referred to the variance committee.

Ben Catherman was in attendance to give input about the agreement he had with the borough and Scott Fravel traveling across his property before the Etter's purchase of the property. He also reported that he never had any damage to his property.

Louise Lose was in attendance to report on high weeds between her property and her neighbors.

Lindsey Covalt, attorney for Mike and Tammy Etters, was in attendance to ask permission to resolve the access agreement between the two parties. Ms. Colvalt was asked if there is currently an easement onto the Fravel property. (Yes, and the disagreement is on the scope of that easement))

Lauren Otto, attorney for Scott Fravel was in attendance to answer any questions the borough may have. She added that this disagreement was brought to them by the Etter's and their attorney to resolve the current dispute. She said on behalf of her client, Scott Fravel, his intension is to build only his home on the property he owns.

Moved by Lydia Watters seconded by Donna Benner, to not change the current agreement and that it will stand as it exists now. Motion Passed.

Bill Nearhoof, HFC, was in attendance to invite the council to the public meeting to discuss the Fire Tax on August 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Bill distributed the 2022 HFC Profit and Loss report. The question was asked about the \$11,514.21 Emergency Service fee that the borough paid to the fire company last year that is not listed on the report. This fee will be shown in the 2023 report.

Steve Kepler, Howard Township Supervisor, was in attendance to report that PennDot approached the township about putting a blinking light at the intersection of 150. He asked if the borough would

partner with them to share the financial responsibility. Borough taxes cannot be used in another township.

### **Mayor**

**Mayor Simoncek**- Deb Simoncek reported that she will be attending an Army Corp meeting happening in Howard on August 30, 2023.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Correspondences**

**Outgoing** –

**Incoming** –CCRecycling/June & July Report, Terry Williams/Scott R Fravel Easement and Maintenance Agreement and questions.

### **Committee Reports**

**Water**- Andy Kotzur reported that everything is good.

**Streets** – John Gribble reported that Henry's is currently working by the Café'. We did receive updated bids. Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Andy Kotzur, to approve \$3,400.00 in additional costs for work at the Fire Company. Motion Passed.

**Streetlights** –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

**Refuse**– Diane Goodyear reported there is a problem with the bees.

**Property**- Borough employees will look for weed violations. Zach has concerns about the borough building roof. He will obtain bids for the roof for the next meeting.

**Zoning Officer** – Nothing to report.

**Operations and Maintenance Report** - Zach reported that everything is fully functional and that in his down time he is working on the borough building.

### **Old Business**

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

### **New Business**

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer