

# Howard Borough Council

## Minutes of August 12, 2024, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met August 12, 2024.

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

Council members absent: John Gribble,

Guests present: Zach Worth, Cody Strouse, Anita Masden, Josh Collins, Colin Alterio

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Andy Kotzur seconded, approving minutes from the July 9, 2024, 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.)

Anita Masden was in attendance for approval for the Halloween parade to be held in the borough on October 31, 2024, at 5:00 pm and Trick or Treat from 6-8:00 pm. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the parade and Trick or Treat on October 31, 2024. Motion Passed.

Anita Masden was also in attendance for the Variance Committee. They held a variance meeting for Josh Collins in which neighbors have shown concern. The committee felt they cannot make a proper decision without current property lines being confirmed.

Josh Collins was in attendance to explain the property lines and intentions. Council and neighbors have concerns with a business being conducted on the property and it is not zoned commercial. Josh was asked to apply for a Home Occupancy Permit. When that is received then the matter will be looked at again.

### Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported that paper alleys should be cleared up. Deb followed up with Howard Elementary school about the traffic issue. They are working with Howard Christian Church for a solution. Deb, Phil, Donna and Lydia met with Madra Clay from Harrisburg and discussed grants for the Borough Hall and pathways in Howard. Her suggestion was to get together with different organizations like SEDA CoG that help communities with planning and funding. She will meet with Troy to coordinate a meeting. Deb received a letter asking for Howard Borough to participate in proclaiming September 10, 2024, as Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve Howard Borough's participation in proclaiming September 10, 2024, as Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day. Motion Passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Moved by Lydia Watters seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the July Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

### Correspondences

Outgoing –476 Walnut Street/Garbage Letter

Incoming –Terry Williams/Dog Ordinance, moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watter, to approve the Dog Ordinance with Terry's suggestions. Motion Passed. Terry Williams/Army Corp Lease,

Tax Collector letter, Parsons Tree Service letter, Pa Game Commission/boundary survey, CC Multi Module Project, Recycling report.

### Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that Water is good. The new air conditioner was installed in the pump house.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported that the no parking signs on the turn onto Mill Street needs to be replaced and lined.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse– Autumn reported that she called twice to come pick up.

Property- No report

Zoning Officer – Zach reported that he received a Home Occupancy application from Mike Barnes. Approval is contingent on parking.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Zach Worth reported that everything is in good shape. He replaced the air compressor. A cable snapped on the garage door, and he is looking at bids for replacement.

### Old Business

### New Business

A resignation letter was received from John Gribble. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to accept the resignation of John Gribble, Councilman. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer