

Howard Borough Council Minutes of December 12, 2022, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met December 12, 2022.

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

Council members absent: Andrew Kotzur

Guests present: Cody Strouse, David Strandsburg, Louise Lose

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, John Gribble seconded, approving minutes from the November 11, 2022, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Citizens and guest 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.)

David Strandsburg was in attendance to provide permits and pictures of the addition of a garage. Problems have arisen with neighbors over misinformation. Council was satisfied with all information provided.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek-Deb Simoncek reported the lights on the corner pole needs the GFI replaced. Deb has finished her first year as mayor and thanked council for the support.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by John Gribble seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the November Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondences

Outgoing –

Incoming –HFC/Emergency Service Fee bill, Tom Kotzur/meeting set up.

Committee Reports

Water- Donna reported that Cody ordered a laser level.

Streets –John reported that the borough is ready for the impending storm. Bobby Yearick reported a problem on School Street with the elementary school parking. John will make a meeting with the principal about the issue.

Streetlights –Lydia had nothing to report.

Refuse—Diana Goodyear reported she had to write a letter to someone who dumped recycling.

Property- Donna Benner had nothing to report.

Zoning Officer – Nothing to report

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported he helped with putting Christmas lights up.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council.

President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Old Business

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

Moved by Donna Benner, seconded by John Gribble, to adopt 2023 budget. Motion Passed.

Moved by Lydia Watters, seconded by John Gribble to approve the Howard Borough Council to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed. Nancy will contact the Express for advertising of the meetings.

New Business

Moved by John Gribble seconded by Donna Benner, to approve paying of the HFC Emergency Service fee bill with the transfer of the traffic light budget to the ESF category to satisfy the short fall. Motion Passed.

Phil reported after the sewer meeting he spoke with Tom Kotzur about the sewer authority giving towards the purchase of the new truck since large expenses are usually shared. He was told to send a letter. Nancy will send one.

Moved by Lydia Watters, seconded by Donna Benner, to approve a \$3,000.00 bonus for Cody Strouse. Motion Passed.

Moved by Robert Yearick to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer