

# Howard Borough Council

## Minutes of December 11, 2023, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met December 11, 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, Cody Strouse, Louise Lose, Bill Nearhoff

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving minutes from the December 11, 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.)

### Mayor

**Mayor Simoncek**- Deb Simoncek asked if Phil had heard anything about the Army Corp lease. He had not. Deb will send an email and copy Phil and Nancy on it. Deb worked on some pet ordinances and passed out a sample for the council to look at. A letter will be sent to Jeff Lomison inviting the Historical Society members to the February meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

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

### Correspondences

**Outgoing** –

**Incoming** –Ron Mapes/information on veteran’s memorial, CC Recycling/report, CC Elections Office/correction, CCMPO/committees

### Committee Reports

**Water**- Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve repairs as needed for well pump. Motion Passed.

**Streets** – John Gribble had nothing to report.

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

**Refuse**– Diane Goodyear reported that more stone is needed by the recycling bins.

**Property**-Donna Benner reported that Patti Long asked about permission for the Winter Festival on March 9 with a rain date of March 16. First week in January the ice rink will be set up.

**Zoning Officer** – Zach Worth had nothing to report.

**Operations and Maintenance Report** - Zach reported they are working on the water inventory.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Lydia Watters, to adopt 2024 budget. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Donna Benner to approve the Howard Borough Council to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in 2024 with the exception of the January Reorganizational meeting which will be held on January 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed. Nancy will contact the Express for advertising the meetings.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve Ordinance 04-023, increasing Fire tax Millage to 1.5%. Motion Passed.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss bonuses for employees.

President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Diane Goodyear, to approve a \$2,000.00 bonus for Cody Strouse and Zach Worth to be paid from the water account. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to adopt a resolution #1-2023. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer