

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of February 10, 2025, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on February 10, 2025.

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

Council members absent: Lydia Watters

Guests present: Zach Worth, Cody Strouse, Josh Collins, Bill Nearhoof

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Autumn Hanley seconded, approving minutes from January 13, 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 give an update on the new QRS. He also reported that there is a water rescue class on Saturday at WEP.

Josh Collins was in attendance to present the 2024 HFC Report. The house on Jacksonville Road bought for the upgrade of Route 26 will be used as fire training on March 29, 2025. Jacksonville Road will be closed from 7 am-3:00 pm.

Mayor

Deb reported that Terri Cunkle from the STMP program was invited to the meeting, but there may have been miscommunication, and she was not in attendance. Deb reached out to Andy Hoffman from the Army Corp about the outdated WEP lease. A new person is now in control. Nancy will send Andy a copy of the lease. Deb will send Andy the Annual Operation and Maintenance Plan 2025.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the January Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –English household/dog complaint, 395 Walnut Street household and Davidson/junk complaints

Incoming–CC Planning and Community Development/Waters Edge rentals

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported the borough guys replaced 80-100 water meters last month. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the purchase of additional water meters conditional on moving money from the MM. Motion Passed.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported all is good. He has not talked to the school or neighbors about No Parking signs. Bobby asked about the snow ordinance. Deb will put a reminder on Facebook about snow removal in a timely manner.

Streetlights – No Report.

Refuse– Autumn reported that the recycling bins were ok. Autumn asked about a spring pick up at WEP on April 5, 2025.

Property- Donna Benner reported that letters were sent to 395 Walnut Street. She also reported that a car drove up the bike path. She has pictures. Zach reported talking to Rich Hampton about the unsafe structure being built in Howard. Rich is not able to help but suggested contacting our solicitor.

Zoning Officer – No Report.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported that they are keeping the roads cleared and installing water meters.

Old Business

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer