

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of February 12, 2024, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met February 12, 2024.

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

Council members absent: Bobby Yearick

Guests present: Anita Masden, Jeff Lomison, Jacob Rhymespine, Justin Jones, Louise Lose, Zach Worth

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was taken for Leon Marshall and Rich Kelley. Trees will be bought and planted in their memory in the borough.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Autumn Hanley seconded, approving minutes from the January 2, 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 to get approval for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, with a rain date of March 30, 2024, at 2:00 pm. Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving the Easter Egg Hunt for March 24, 2024. Motion passed.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Andy Kotzur seconded, approving \$300.00 given to Park and Rec for the easter Egg Hunt. Motion passed.

Trooper Jacob Rhymespine and Trooper Justin Jones were in attendance to update the council on crime in the borough. The borough is pretty safe compared to surrounding municipalities.

Louise Lose was in attendance to talk to council about a letter she wrote for a grant through GT Thompson's office.

Three bids were received for the roof. This will be put back out for bid with bids to be opened at the April meeting.

Jeff Lomison/Historical Society was in attendance to update council on the museum.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek- Deb Simoncek reported that she and Autumn Hanley will be attending a grant writing workshop on Friday.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondences

Outgoing –

Incoming –Bellefonte Building Supply/new application, CCRA/January report, Colonia Land Holding land purchase, Penndot/Bald Eagle RR

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that the meter was fixed in the park. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve the borough employees to send the water conference in March. Motion Passed.

Streets – John Gribble thanked Andy Kotzur for use of his truck to take down Christmas decorations.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters reported there are a couple of lights out.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley reported that she had to call in mid-January to have the big bin emptied. She checks the bins every Friday. She invited Ed Hicks from CCRA to the March meeting.

Property- Moved by John Gribble seconded by Andy Kotzur, to approve a \$400.00 repair on the tractor. Motion Passed.

Zoning Officer – No report.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Zach Worth reported that they are preparing for the upcoming storm.

Old Business

New Business

Betsy Snyder was proposed as an additional 6-year borough auditor. Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, appointing Betsy Snyder for 6-year borough auditor. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer