

Howard Borough Council Minutes of February 14, 2022, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met February 14, 2022.

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

Council members absent: John Gribble, Diana Goodyear

Guests present: Steve Nyman, Connie Davis, Marissa Undercofler, Patti Long, Lindsey Long, Louise Lose, Tyler Penland, Bobby DeArment, Josh Collins

Lindsey Long, Tax Collector, was sworn into office by Philip Winchell.

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, approving minutes from the January 3, 2021, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Phil reminded Citizens and guest 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.)

Shelly Wikes from First National Bank was in attendance to provide information about the new bank accounts.

Josh Collins presented the Howard Fire Company year-end report.

Bobby DeArment was in attendance to update council on the progress of purchasing new engines. A meeting will be held on February 22 with area municipalities about the purchase and the use of ARP money.

Lindsey Long was in attendance to update council on her transition to tax collector. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the purchase of a three-year data at the cost of \$100.00 and a scanner for \$175.00 from RBA. The scanner will be owned by Howard Borough but will be loaned to tax collectors. Motion Passed.

Patti Long was in attendance to update council on the Winter Festival to be held on March 12, 2022.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek-Deb Simoncek reported that she organized the “mayor’s book” and told some history in the position. Deb also asked what could be done about the monopoly of one owner of properties in Howard.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Lydia Watters seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the January Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondences

Outgoing –

Incoming –Gilbert Shull/constable information, Comcast/contract, CC Government/broadband information, CC Recycling/report

Committee Reports

Water-Andy Kotzur reported there was a leak fixed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve \$325.00 for the employees to attend the Rural Water conference. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve purchase of a new leak detector, \$4,093.05. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve paying \$50.00 for a permit for the water tank anodes certificate of completion. Motion Passed.

Streets –Radar sign will be delivered next week

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse–No report.

Property- Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Andy Kotzur, to approve purchasing a sweeper for \$4,633.33. Motion Passed.

Zoning Officer – Steve Nyman had nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Steve Nyman reported they worked on plowing and salting roads

Old Business

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

New Business

Bobby Yearick will be offered the open council seat to see if he is interested.

CC Borough Association has reorganized and will begin meeting again. Phil Winchel, Andy Kotzur and or Donna Benner will represent Howard Borough.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer