

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of February 9, 2026, Meeting

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Mark Johnson, Scott Cody, Shelly Wike

Andrew Kotzur called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Donna Benner seconded, approving minutes from January 9, 2026, 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.)

Mark Johnson was in attendance to ask questions about the open position on the Planning Committee.

Scott Cody was in attendance because he was interested in the open Council position. Moved by Donna Benner, Emily Herr seconded, approved appointing Scott Cody for the current term. Motion passed

Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported on the Floodplain in Howard. She spoke with Ken Roberts about flood insurance. www.Floodsmart.gov is a good resource.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Emily Herr, seconded by Robert Yearick, to approve the January Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–Terry Williams/Fire Tax Agreement, Recycling area, Billie Orndorf/Lindsey Long

Committee Reports

Water- Nothing to report.

Streets – Bobby Yearick and Emily Herr had nothing to report.

Streetlights – Lydia Watters reported that she will do an assessment of the streetlights in the coming week.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley had no report.

Property- Donna Benner thanked the borough employees for the snow removal.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth had nothing to report.

Old Business

New Business

Moved by Lydia Watters seconded by Donna Benner, to approve a .5 mil increase for the fire company.
Motion Passed.

Lydia Watters would like PennDot's Yellow Dot program to be available to residents as a needed resource.

Moved by Lydia Watters to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer