

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of January 13, 2025, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on January 13, 2025.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zach Worth, Cody Strouse, Anne Messner, Patti Long, Jonathan Long

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Lydia Watters seconded, approving minutes from December 9, 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.)

Patti Long was in attendance to announce the opening of the Ice Rink. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the Winter Festival to take place on March 8, 2025, with a rain date of March 15, 2025. Motion Passed.

Anne Messner/CCMPO was in attendance to get the answers to the five questions given to the council members on the Long-Range Transportation Plan. This is updated every 5 years.

Jonathan Long was in attendance to report on a very unsafe structure that is being built on Howard Street

Mayor

Deb reported that she received complaints from Randy Lose about a vulgar flag that is hanging at his neighbor's home. There is nothing the Council can do to help. Deb also reported that the Mini-STMP Program was busy this fall but maybe the borough could get on the spring schedule. At this time the council will look for grants themselves. The lease for WEP has still not been received and she will send an email before sending future park plans. Deb expressed a concern for pollutants in the water.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the December Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–PennDot/NWS meetings, CCRRA Nov report, Ben Moyer/dog complaint (a letter will be sent to the English household)

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported a leak on the hill and running into the storm drain. This will be fixed when it is warmer. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the borough employees

attending the water conference on March 24-27, 2025. Motion Passed. There was a leak at the Charney property. Water was turned off and the house is being cleaned up. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve paying Randy Peters \$3,000.00 to hang his water license. Motion Passed.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported he has been going to stop and talk to Skip Pighetti. Skip is no longer at the school. Things are good during the school day but still a problem during other events at the school. Can no parking signs be added?

Streetlights – Lydia Watters reported there are two lights out, one on School Street and one on Spearing Street.

Refuse– Autumn reported that the pickup of the bins was backed up over the holidays. Autumn called.

Property- Donna Benner reported that Bill Davidson would like council to send another letter to 395 Walnut Street and himself about the yard nuisance. Donna reported that Scott Fravel made everyone move their parked cars from the property. He has no authority to do that since the borough owns the property. Zach will verify.

Zoning Officer – Zach reported about the Fravel parking issue.

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