

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of January 9, 2023, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met January 9, 2023.

Council Members Present: Philip Winchell, Bobby Yearick, Donna Benner, Andrew Kotzur, Diana Goodyear, Lydia Watters, John Gribble, Mayor Deb Simoncek

Council members absent:

Guests present: Cody Strouse, Louise Lose, Craig Rose, Lana Sutton, Zach Worth

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Diana Goodyear seconded, approving minutes from the December 12, 2022, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Citizens and guest 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.)

Craig Rose was in attendance because he is attending a class that requires, he attend a meeting.

Lana Sutton/Civic Club was in attendance to get approval for a Sip and Paint at the Fire Hall in March. This will be a BYOB.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek-Deb Simoncek reported she talked to the Postmaster about parking around the post office. Parking cannot be restricted with the exception of the 15 minute parking. She also talked to PA State Police and will invite someone to a meeting to talk about issues in town.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondences

Outgoing – Howard Sewer Authority/letter for truck purchase

Incoming –CC recycling/Nov report, CC Election Office/May Primary, Faulkner and Foster/purchase of land, Keller Williams/purchase of land

Committee Reports

Water- Andy reported a sensor was replaced. Bobby Yearick had a question about the HFC bill.

Streets –Bobby Yearick asked if an alley could be used in case of a blocked street. John spoke to Mary Crago at the elementary school about school pick up cards. Teachers will park at the ballfield for special

events. John also reported that the Mill Street Bridge project is slow but steady and a possible start date of 2024.

Streetlights –Lydia had nothing to report.

Refuse–Diana Goodyear reported there is a new assistant reinforcement officer.

Property- Donna Benner reported Brian Rippey would seal the basketball court for free. He will get hold of Deb. The salt spreader is in. Thank you to Andy for all the help and work he has been doing.

Zoning Officer – Nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported he worked on a sewer valve.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council.
President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Old Business

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

New Business

Moved by Andrew Kotzur, seconded by Lydia to appoint the 2023 Standing Committees. (attached)
Motion passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Donna Benner, to hire Zachary Worth with an annual salary of \$54,040.00/\$26.00 an hour. Motion Passed.

Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Lydia Watters, to give Cody Strouse a raise to \$21.58/hour.
Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the 2023 Vacancy Committee. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer