

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of July 14, 2025, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on July 14, 2025.

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

Council members absent: Bobby Yearick, Autumn Hanley

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Michael Roan

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Andy Kotzur seconded, approving minutes from June 9, 2025, 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.)

Michael Roan was in attendance to make council aware of a drain culvert that needs cleaned and replaced.

Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported that she had two complaints. Garbage is piling up at 124 W Main Street and also grass is higher than 6 inches. Certified letters will be sent to the property. A request for a pickleball court was brought to her. Jackie Williams passed away and a tree will be planted in his memory.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the June Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–America250PA/request, CC Planning and Community Office/Mike Charney, CC Suicide Prevention Task Force/Resolution, CC Mitigation Plan/Resolution, Senator Dush/Senate Bill 194.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Donna Benner, to approve a resolution for America250PA. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Donna Benner, to approve September as Suicide Awareness month. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Donna Benner, to approve resolution for CC 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that everything is good.

Streets – Emily Herr had nothing to report.

Streetlights – Lydia Watter had nothing to report.

Refuse– No report.

Property- Emily Herr reported an incident on the Howard Facebook page. Donna Benner reported that The property at 137 Maple Street is being sold. Donna Benner reported that Patti Long would like approval for the Scouts to sell popcorn door to door. DTD Donna Benner reported a child being found and brought back to the parents.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth reported approving a permit for a handicap ramp.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported mowing and working on a catch basin.

Old Business

New Business

Nancy reported of being contacted by the State Police about borough mail being stolen and found. Checks had stop payments put on and accounts are being monitored. First National Bank waived the stop payment fee for each check and charged \$37.00 for each, general and water account.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer