

## **Howard Borough Council Minutes of March 10, 2025, Meeting**

Howard Borough Council met on March 10, 2025.

Council Members Present: Philip Winchell, Andrew Kotzur, Autumn Hanley, Emily Herr, Lydia Watters

Council members absent: Donna Benner, Bobby Yearick, Mayor Deb Simoncek,

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Josh Collins, Bill Nearhoof, Chris Aikens, Anita Masden

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Autumn Hanley seconded, approving minutes from February 10, 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.)

Anita Masden was in attendance to get approval for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025, with a rain date of April 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm. Moved by Andy Kotzur, Lydia Watters seconded, approving the Easter Egg Hunt for April 13, 2025. Motion passed.

Lindsey Long through a message to the secretary. She asked the council if the speed limit flashing sign could be moved periodically? She wouldn't mind having it by her house heading down the road.

Patti Long through a message to the secretary. She wanted the council to know that the rink will be taken down March 11, 2025.

Bill Nearhoof and Josh Collins were in attendance to present The Fire Protection and Funding Agreement. This will be sent to Terry to look at.

Josh Collins was in attendance to present the Fire Company equipment list.

Josh Collins was in attendance to report that a Café parking sign was put up against the garage on the left, which is Fire Company property. Rodney Weller rents two spots for the apartments. The borough put the sign up. Josh will talk to Donna but wanted to bring it to the council's attention.

### **Mayor**

Deb reported through a message to the secretary. 1. Clearwater Conservancy Clean Up Day was April 12 last year. Howard participated last year cleaning up WEP. She would like to work towards the bridge by the lake edge but needs to do so before the water level is raised. Anyone know when this is planned? (April 5). 2. Complaint about the speed "bump" on the alley by the ballfields is getting bigger. 3. A kid tripped and fell on the sidewalk in Central Parklet during the Winter Fest. There is an inch gap in the sidewalk by the tree between the pump house and paved bench area. (Borough guys will look at the sidewalk)

### Treasurer's Report

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

### Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–Army Corp/Question on a water easement lease

### Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported 2 water leaks were fixed. A cable broke on the water tank. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the purchase of a \$11,330.00 replacement. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the purchase of a Diaphragm Pump Motor at \$2,049.95. Motion Passed.

Streets – Emily Herr reported there are no complaints.

Streetlights – Lydia Watter reported that all lights are good.

Refuse– Autumn reported that the recycling bins are good. Autumn handed out applications for Birdtown and explained the benefits of becoming a member of Birdtown.

Property- No report.

Zoning Officer – No Report.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported that they continue to put water meters in, fixed two water leaks and are cleaning streets.

### Old Business

### New Business

A motion was made by Autumn Hanley and seconded by Emily Herr to add Andy Kotzur as a Technical Representative on the CCMPO. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Andy Kotzur and seconded by Lydia Watters to pay for two porta potties at the ballfield. Motion passed.

Andy Kotzur asked if a spreadsheet could be obtained for the winter festival.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer

