

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of March 9, 2026, Meeting

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strous, Anita Thompson, Garrett Allison, Todd Dissinger, Leslie Dissinger, Bill Nearhoff

Andrew Kotzur called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Scott Cody seconded, approving minutes from February 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.)*

Anita Masden was in attendance to get approval for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Moved by Autumn Hanley, Donna Benner seconded, approving the Easter Egg Hunt for April 4, 2026. Motion passed.

Bill Nearhoff was in attendance to present the Fire Service Agreement. He will make the changes needed and present it back to counsel for approval.

Garrett Allison was in attendance representing Centre PA United. A meeting will be held on May 16, 2026, at the firehall.

Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported she received a complaint about three dogs barking at 357 Walnut Street. Deb presented a photo of the new LED sign for the fire hall for ideas on design. There is some interest in Hometown Hero banners. Deb reported that she talked to GT Thompson about the 25-year lease. He will make it a priority and check into it. And will also look into having the Army Corp gifting the land to the borough.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Scott Cody, seconded by Robert Yearick, to approve the February Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–PA Dept of L & I/LSA fund, prevailing wages, Traffic Signal Agreement, Ironman email Moved by Lydia Watters, Bobby Yearick seconded, approving the Ironman for June 14, 2026. Motion passed, Terry Williams/Fire Service Agreement, Terry Williams/Fire tax Millage increase.

Committee Reports

Water- Nothing to report.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported on the paving on School Street. Zac Worth reported that a catch basin will need to be added on Howard Street

Streetlights – Lydia Watters reported that five streetlights were out last month and two are still out. She will call to report them.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley reported that she is preparing for spring. Clearwater will be at WEP on April 18, 2026, for trash pick up.

Property- Donna Benner reported that the ice rink is cleaned up. Andy reported that the new skid steer was delivered.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth had nothing to report on zoning. Zac is working with Keystone inspection on a RTK. It may be a scam.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Zac reported that the John Deere is being painted and held onto for a while. The water conference is the last week in March. Zac received his water license in the mail.

Old Business

New Business

Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Scott Cody, to approve adding Mark Johnson to the Planning Committee. Motion Passed.

Andy will order porta potties for the ballfields.

Bobby Yearick and Emily Herr report that there are vehicles that are unregistered in the borough. The employees will make the spring junk car list for letters to be sent out.

Moved by Lydia Watters to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer