Howard Borough Council
Minutes of May 11, 2026, Meeting

Council Members Present: Andrew Kotzur, Emily Herr, Donna Benner, Autumn Hanley, Lydia Watters, Scott Cody

Council members absent: Mayor Deb Simoncek, Bobby Yearick

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse

Andrew Kotzur called the meeting to order.

Moved by Donna Benner, Lydia Watters seconded, approving minutes from April 13, 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.)

Mayor

Deb Simoncek was not in attendance but sent her report via email. Deb contacted Jim from GP Cabinets about the fire. She attended the BEA School Board Meeting about the closing of the elementary schools.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Autumn Hanley seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the March Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –Alexis Moses/complaint letter, Scott Fravel/parking complaint, Josh Collins/delivery complaint
Incoming–

Committee Reports

Water- Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Scott Cody, to approve paying $2,000.00 for the annual fee. Motion Passed.

Moved by Autumn Hanley seconded by Lydia Watter, to approve Resolution 1-2026. Motion Passed.

Howard Borough Resolution
Resolution No. 1-2026

A resolution by Howard Borough Council to raise the Water Tariff shut off and turn on fees to $100.00

Streets –

Paving bids
Jeff Tate 14678 $21,150.00
14757 $11,800.00
$7,680.00
$4,785.00
$2,050.00
$1,365.00
Hawbaker $38,948.00
$4,500.00
$6,000.00
$14,760.00
$4,860.00
$10,620.00
RC Bowman $33,551.00
$3,716.00
$12,341.00
$6,426.00
$5,604.00
$3,383.25

Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Scott Cody, to accept the Jeff Tate bid for $27,680.00. Motion Passed.

Moved by Scott Cody seconded by Autumn Hanley, to accept the Jeff Tate bid for $21,150.00 for maintenance shed paving. Motion Passed.

Streetlights – Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley reported that new recycling bins were delivered and have bees. 82 pounds of trash was picked up at WEP.

Property- Donna Benner asked on behalf of the Lion's Club if a picture can be hung at the borough building. (yes) Donna received 4 complaints about the garbage at the old Yarrison property. There is a shed on the alleyway, fire access.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth had nothing to report on zoning.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Zac Worth reported that they have been mowing grass.

Old Business
New Business

Moved by Autumn Hanley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer