

# Howard Borough Council

## Minutes of May 12, 2025, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on April 14, 2025.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Chris Aikens

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Autumn Lydia Watters seconded, approving minutes from April 14, 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.)

### Mayor

Deb Simoncek reported that a reply came back from Cheryl Janiszewski/Army Corps of Engineers about the WEP Lease. The Development plan needs to be done. Nancy will send Deb the figures needed for the report.

### Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Robert Yearick, to approve the April Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

### Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–Seven Mountains EMS Council/EMS Week. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve EMC Week May 18-19, 2025. Motion Passed. Terry Williams/Fire Protection and Funding Agreement.

### Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported a gauge in the tank will be replaced in June. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve paying the \$2,000.00 DEP permit bill. Motion Passed.

Streets – Emily Herr reported that a manhole up Hill Crest seems to be sinking. Robert Yearick reported that 2 bids were received for the paving job and expect another tomorrow. At the June meeting the bids will be opened.

Streetlights – Lydia Watter reported that she will have to call again about a light that is still out.

**Refuse**– Autumn reported that the trash pick up was April 19. 5-10 people were in attendance and 3-4 bags of garbage were picked up. She also reported that the recycling bins were filling up quickly. A call was made, and they were emptied.

**Property**- Donna reported that she had a complaint about a car being worked on at 11:00 pm with a light. Emily Herr contacted department heads at the architecture department for help with the borough building upgrade plans.

**Zoning Officer** – No report

**Operations and Maintenance Report** –Cody reported they have been working on storm damage, mowing and sewer inspections. Cody reported that there is a tree on the corner that had limbs that fell during the last storm and needs to come down. Should an inspection be carried out on the trees around the borough? Terry will be contacted to see what the borough is responsible for, if a survey should be done and how to identify borough trees.

### **Old Business**

Autumn Hanley reported that the Game Commission is on board with Birdtown. She is still talking to the Park Manager.

Robert Yearick asked on behalf of the Fire Company where council stands on the water retention in their parking lot by the Kitchen Witch.

### **New Business**

Fire Protection and Funding Agreement. Terry advised against most of the written agreement. The Fire Company will have to propose a new agreement.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer