

## Howard Borough Council Minutes of May 9, 2022, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met May 9, 2022.

Council Members Present: Philip Winchell, Andrew Kotzur, John Gribble, Bobby Yearick, Lydia Watters, Donna Benner, Diana Goodyear, Mayor Deb Simoncek

Council members absent:

Guests present: Steve Nyman, Jane Bartley, Chuck Gambone, Joyce Shufelt, Cathy Nyman

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, approving minutes from the April 11, 2022, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

### Citizen/Guests

Phil reminded Citizens and guest 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.)

Chuck Gambone was in attendance to ask for a zoning change from R2 to Commercial for the property at 133 East Main Street, the former Lighthouse Reform Church to be used for a store. Jane Bartley explained that there is a plan for a possible daycare, kitchen, and grocery store.

Moved by John Gribble seconded by Donna Benner, to approve changing the zoning for the church to commercial. Motion Passed

Roll call vote

Philip Winchell-no Zoning change	Lydia Watters-no Zoning change
Andrew Kotzur-no Zoning change	Donna Benner-no Zoning change
John Gribble-yes to Zoning change	Diana Goodyear-yes to Zoning change
Bobby Yearick- yes to Zoning change	

Vote was 4-3 to not change the zoning for the building. The next step is for the party to request a meeting with the Zoning Hearing Board. This option was encouraged greatly.

### Mayor

**Mayor Simoncek**-Deb Simoncek reported that she did purchase a tree and that the borough employees picked it up.

### Treasurer's Report

Moved by Donna Benner seconded by John Gribble, to approve the April Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

## Correspondences

**Outgoing** – Bobby DeArment/letter of intent, Tax Collector resolution

**Incoming** –PA Game Commission/contract, Seven Mountains EMS/proclamation

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the EMS week, May 15-21, 2022. Motion Passed.

## Committee Reports

**Water**-Andy Kotzur reported that a third apartment was put in at the old car wash and were not notified. They will now be charged for three apartments instead of two.

**Streets** –Bobby Yearick asked who owns the road from Walnut Street to the fire company. The borough and the fire company both own a portion.

**Streetlights** –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

**Refuse**–No report.

**Property**-John had nothing to report. Deb reported that there is a plan for a summer program.

**Zoning Officer** – Steve Nyman had nothing to report.

**Operations and Maintenance Report** – Steve reported that they started to mow.

## Old Business

(Nancy reported that the credit card issue is now at Terry William’s office being reviewed.)

## New Business

Borough Employee search. Only two resumes have been received to date. The job opening will be run again until May 27, 2022.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council.

President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer