

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of November 11, 2024, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on November 11, 2024.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zach Worth, Bill Nearhoof, Linda Hanley, Zach Gay

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, approving minutes from the October 14, 2024, 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.)

Bill Nearhoof, Howard Fire Company, was in attendance Resolution 2024-2 and an update on Pumpkin Chunkin.

Zach Gay was in attendance with the subdivision plan for the Scott Fravel property.

Mayor

Deb sent an email with information on the Mini-STMP Program. Autumn suggested that council members come with two items for a borough wish list. The survey presented at the polls had the following results; 274 surveys returned, 266 definitive answers and 8 non-definitive answers. 39-Keep the current building as is making necessary repairs as needed to interior/exterior, 39-Remove current structure and build a new building, 188 Keep current building, making needed repairs and adding addition to allow for offices/rest room space.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Outgoing –

Incoming–Century Engineering/contract, US Army Corp/sign lease, Bellefonte Fire Company/letter request, RBA/information, 911 Emergency/Call Out list, CCRRA/September report, CC Assessment Office/2025 Real estate Assessed Values, CC Planning and Community Office/Fravel subdivision
Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to send a letter of support for the Bellefonte Fire Company. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve using the remaining ARP funds for storm/sewer repair. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported something was wrong with the level switch in the tank but was fixed.

Streets – Emily Herr reported that she had found a hole in the pavement on Hillcrest which had been patched before and the borough employees fixed it.

Streetlights – Lydia Watters reported that all is well.

Refuse – Autumn reported that there have been no complaints.

Property – Deb Simoncek asked about the house across from her. The house is owned by Rodney Weller. A letter will be sent telling him of complaints on the house.

Zoning Officer – Zach had nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Zach Worth reported that leaf collection will end next week. A new leaf box will need purchased. Christmas lights will be put up soon. Zach made a new sign for the borough building.

Old Business

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve 2025 budget as presented. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to pass Resolution 2024-1. Motion Passed.

Resolution No. 2024-1

Be it Resolved, that the Howard Borough of Centre County hereby request a 2024 Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Nancy Fishburn, Howard Borough Secretary-Treasurer and William Nearhoof, Howard Fire Company Chief, and Linda Hanley as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Howard Borough and the Department of Community and Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Nancy Fishburn, duly qualified Secretary of the Howard Borough, Centre County, Howard, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Howard Borough at a regular meeting held November 11, 2024, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Howard Borough and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Howard Borough, this 11 day of November, 2024.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley to pass Resolution 2024-2. Motion Passed.

Resolution No. 2024-2

Be it Resolved, that the Howard Borough of Centre County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$150,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a SU/Traffic Unit.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Nancy Fishburn, Howard Borough Secretary-Treasurer and Deb Simoncek, Howard Borough Mayor and William Nearhoof, Howard Fire Company Fire Chief, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Howard Borough and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Nancy Fishburn, duly qualified Secretary of the Howard Borough, Centre County, Howard, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Howard Borough at a regular meeting held November 11, 2024, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Howard Borough and remains in effect as of this date.

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Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer