

# Howard Borough Council

## Minutes of November 13, 2023, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met November 13, 2023.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zach Worth, Cody Strouse, Louise Lose, Haze Orner, Autum Hanley

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Lydia Watters seconded, approving minutes from the October 9, 2023, 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.)

Louise Lose was in attendance to let council know that she contacted GT's office about getting a grant for the upgrade of the borough building. The office requested a letter but needed additional information in order to move ahead.

Haze Orner was in attendance to introduce himself and to talk about projects he would like to get started at the park.

### Mayor

**Mayor Simoncek-** Deb Simoncek reported that she contacted the Corp of Engineers about the lease between the borough and the Corp for WEP. This lease is now a year late. She is waiting for a response. Deb also contacted the prison about nursery trees, and they encouraged waiting until spring.

### Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the October Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

### Correspondences

**Outgoing** –Alexis Moses/complaints, Davidson's to give to the tenants/complaint.

**Incoming** –CC Recycling/October, email from Nate Thorn/drone pictures.

### Committee Reports

**Water-** Andy Kotzur reported that Randy Peters needs paid. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve paying Randy Peters \$3,000.00 to hang his license. Motion Passed.

**Streets** – John Gribble reported that the leaf collection will end on Monday the 20th.

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

**Refuse**– Diane Goodyear had nothing to report.

**Property**-John Gribble reported that the building continues to be painted.

**Zoning Officer** – Zach Worth had nothing to report.

**Operations and Maintenance Report** - Zach reported that the leaf collection will end soon. They are working on manholes.

**Old Business**

Lydia Watter reported that she was not able to check on the deed for the historical museum but will this week.

**New Business**

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve 2024 budget as presented. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve a .5 mil increase for the fire company. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer