

## **Howard Borough Council Minutes of October 12, 2020, Meeting**

Howard Borough Council met October 12, 2020.

Council Members Present: Philip Winchell, Andrew Kotzur, Diane Goodyear, Jeff Snyder, Donna Benner, John Gribble, Lydia Watters, Mayor Robert Yearick

Council members absent:

Guests present: Steve Nyman, Cody Strouse, Allison Subasic, Patti Long, Deb Simoncek, April Romine, Mario Lopes, Ashley Lopes, Louise Lose, John O'Brien, Colin Alterio

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Jeff Snyder seconded, approving minutes from the September 14, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion passed.

### **Citizen/Guests**

Colin Alterio was in attendance to ask permission for the Fire Company to use West End Park on October 17, 2020 for 4-5 teams to launch pumpkins. Fish & Boat permit, Bald Eagle State Park permit, and Corp of Engineer permits were already obtained. Moved by Jeff Snyder, Donna Benner seconded, approving the use of West End Park and one team to camp overnight. Motion passed

Patti Long was in attendance to update council on the Winter Festival in the Borough Park or West End Park presented last month. They have met and are planning for the first weekend in February. She also wanted the council to be aware of a food distribution that will take place on Friday. This will be a drive through event.

John O'Brien/State College Rowing Club was in attendance to let council know that the rowing club was successful this summer and would like for Howard Borough to participate in a grant to purchase a 60 x 10-foot dock. The dock would cost \$30,000.00. Half would be paid for by the grant and the other half by the rowing club. John will email information.

Louise Lose was in attendance to let council know that the Zimmerman's uninspected vehicle is still not taken care of.

Deb Simoncek was in attendance to discuss the Park and Rec budget and future plans. Phil asked that the Park and Rec member list be updated. A meeting will be set up to discuss the Park and Rec budget.

### **Mayor**

**Mayor Yearick**-Robert Yearick reported that the state police have been in town patrolling.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Jeff Snyder, to approve the September Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

## Correspondences

**Outgoing** -Nate Gilbert/complaint

**Incoming** –CCMPO/2020 Multimodel Grant, Terry Williams/Comcast Agreement

## Committee Reports

**Water**- Andy Kotzur reported that the meter in the pump house is 25 years old and needs replaced. He received a bid from Exeter in the amount of \$2,608.46. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve accepting the Exeter bid for \$2,608.46. Motion Passed. The water tank was cleaned but the anodes were not replaced yet.

**Streets** –Jeff Snyder reported the Maple Street paving will be done at the end of the week. John Gribble reported that he has not heard from Terry William on the Mill Street agreement. Steve Nyman reported that Matt Kenepf is working on a grant with Howard Township for Mill Street paving and would like Howard Borough to join. All agreed to participate.

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

**Refuse** –Diane Goodyear reported that she found gun on School Street and reported it. It was determined to be a toy gun.

**Property**- Donna Benner and John Gribble presented their recommendation for the overhang and they feel that an awning from Mid-State Awning is the best option. Moved by Donna Benner seconded by John Gribble, to approve the recommendation of an awning. Motion Passed.

**Zoning Officer** – Steve Nyman reported that Rodney Weller wanted council to know that he will not be building storage units but possibly a store front or office in the old IGA spot. Donna Benner reported that a drill will be purchased at Harbor Freight for \$150.00. Moved by Donna Benner seconded by John Gribble, to approve the purchase of the drill. Motion Passed.

**Operations and Maintenance Report** – Steve Nyman reported that leaf collection will start on October 26 and run for 5 weeks. Steve asked permission to purchase jackets for the employees. This was approved at an earlier meeting.

## Old Business

Nancy reported that the website is up and running. [Howardborough.com](http://Howardborough.com)

Donna asked about the camera that was taken down in the park. Andy reported that it was fixed and put back up.

Diane wanted to discuss the topic of the burn barrels again. Jeff Snyder agreed to look into updating the burning ordinance.

## New Business

Budget meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss Park and Rec. A meeting will be set up for October 19,2020.

President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Moved by Andy, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn  
Secretary-Treasurer