

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of October 13, 2025, Meeting

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Zac Worth, Cody Strouse, Bill Nearhoof

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Lydia Watters, Andy Kotzur seconded, approving minutes from September 8, 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.)

Bill Nearhoof was in attendance to get permission for alcohol to be served at the HFC Gun Drawing on November 8, 2025. Moved by Andy Kotzur, seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve alcohol to be served at the HFC Gun Drawing on November 8, 2025. Motion Passed. Bill also let council know that the HFC will not ask for ESF this year.

Mayor

Deb Simoncek met with Lynn Bitner, Beech Creek Museum. He had some items he felt should be kept in Howard. Deb would like to see an addition put on the borough building. Plans and drawings can be brought to the budget meeting. Several council members are collecting information.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

Outgoing –403 Walnut Street/fence letter

Incoming–Joshua Collins/changeable message board

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that the leak by the post office was fixed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the borough employees to transport the sign from Ferguson township for use at Punkin Chunkin. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the purchase of 100 meters from Beech Creek Borough. Motion Passed.

Streets – Bobby Yearick reported that issue of the camper and parking issues.

Streetlights – Lydia Watter had nothing to report.

Refuse– Autumn Hanley had nothing to report.

Property- Donna Benner had nothing to report.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth had nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Cody reported that they have worked on manholes worked in the flashing sign. Leaf collection will start on October 27.

Old Business

New Business

Andy Kotzur asked Deb Simoncek to call the State Police to come and sit again to slow down traffic.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer