

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of October 14, 2024, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met on October 14, 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, Cody Strouse, Bill Nearhoof, Marissa Undercofler

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Donna Benner seconded, approving minutes from the September 9, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Emily Herr was sworn into office by Phil Winchell.

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 attending to remind the council of Pumpkin Chunkin is October 19 and to invite council to the HFC Award Banquet on October 26. Bill also requested approval to provide alcohol for consumption at the annual gun raffle on November 9 at the Fire Hall. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the serving of alcohol at the Howard Fire Company Gun Raffle on November 9, 2024. Motion Passed. Bill also sent earlier the Emergency Service Fee bill for 2025 in the amount of \$8,295.00.

Mayor

Deb pointed out that the New Pet Ordinance on the website is numbered wrong. The Scouts are finished with the paving project at WEP. Deb will find a certificate for the boys. Deb sent an email to the council about the meeting with the Department of Community Development about the Stamp project. They have a program available to fill out the grant for free. Deb reported that the survey that was to go out in the water bills did not. Nancy received it in her spam folder, so it was not sent out. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve handing the survey out on Election Day. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Autumn Hanley, to approve the September Treasurer Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondence

Outgoing –395 Walnut Street & Davidson/nuisance complaint, 395 Walnut Street & Davidson /motor vehicle storage complaint

Incoming–HFC/alcohol permission, CCRRA/August report, Ralph Fravel/bench

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported the leak is fixed and water usage is good.

Streets – Bobby Yearick had nothing to report.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters reported that she contacted WPP about several lights that were out.

Refuse– Autumn reported that there has not been any glass or nails this month. She also attended the Penn State Sustainability Week on Zoom. They are not able to help smaller communities less than 5000 in population.

Property- Moved by Donna Benner seconded by Robert Yearick, to approve \$1,950.00 to purchase a snowblade for the Kubota. Motion Passed.

Zoning Officer – Zach had nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report –Zach Worth reported that they will start collecting leaves on October 28, 2024.

Old Business

Budget meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Kotzur, to approve paying the Emergency Service Fee in the amount of \$8,295.00. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer