

Howard Borough Council Minutes of October 9, 2023, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met October 9, 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, Louise Lose, Bill Nearhoff, Linda Hanley, Colin Alterio, Daniel Knepp, Autum Hanley, Kim Bumgarner, Linda Young, Nick Fisher

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving minutes from the September 11, 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.)

Bill Nearhoff was in attendance to recommend upping the fire tax milage by ½ percent this year. This will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting. He also presented the Local Share Account grant and asked for help. This grant must go through a municipality. This grant would be used to upgrade the QRS replacement.

Linda Hanley was in attendance to hand in the lease payment for the Howard Boat Club and the insurance policy.

Daniel Knepp was in attendance to report dog waste in his yard from people walking dogs and would like to see an added ordinance to pick up after their dogs.

Kim Bumgarner and Linda Young were in attendance to report about chicken and ducks roaming free in the borough and creating a mess. A letter will be sent to the Moses' property.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek- Deb Simoncek reported that she received some complaints about the elementary school pick up. John will talk to Skip and the school about the issues. Dab was asked by the Howard Methodist Church about payments of the streetlight by the church. Deb also had a suggestion from someone to add a mural in town, the side of the post office.

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondences

Outgoing –Ferguson Township message board request letter, Fire police request letters, Alcohol approval letter to the HFC.

Incoming –CC Planning Office/Thank you, CC Library/Thank you and information, Zoning Board/Mike Barnes, CC Recycling/August, email Steve Nyman/complaint (letter will be set to the Davidson’s to give to the tenants)

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that everything is good. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the price increase on the water billing. Motion Passed.

Streets – Zach Worth reported that the leaf collection will be starting and will run until November 24, 2023. Zach also reported the final price for the drainage box is \$3,337.75.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse– Diane Goodyear had nothing to report.

Property-No report.

Zoning Officer – Zach Worth reported that Mike Barnes variance is taken care of.

Operations and Maintenance Report - Zach reported that the leaf collection will start and will continue to finish painting the borough building.

Old Business

Bids for the roof are coming in slowly.

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve paying the Emergency Service fee. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer