

Howard Borough Council Minutes of September 11, 2023, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met September 11, 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, Bill Nearhoff, Josh Collins, Colin Alterio

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving minutes from the August 14, 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 check if a letter was sent to her neighbor about high weeds between her property and her neighbors. A letter was not sent. Zach investigated and it was determined that a letter was not warranted.

Nancy Fishburn read an email from Anita Masden asking for approval for the Halloween parade to be held on October 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and trick or treating from 6-8:00 p.m. on the same date. Moved by Andy Kotzur, Lydia Watters seconded, approving the parade and trick or treating for October 31, 2023.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Diana Goodyear, to approve paying \$30,000.00 to the Centre County Government for the Mill Street Project. Motion Passed.

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the use of Howard Fire Police at the Punkin Chunkin on October 21, 2023, and approval for the borough employees to transport the sign from Ferguson township for use at Punkin Chunkin. Motion Passed.

Mayor

Mayor Simoncek- Deb Simoncek reported that she attended an Army Corp meeting on August 30, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Lydia Watters, to approve the August Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed.

Correspondences

Outgoing –

Incoming –Mark Kucherer/PennDot SR 150 street light interruption, Terry Williams/email/ Mike and Tammy Ethers, Mr Lap T Hoang/use of strobe lights in traffic controls .

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that everything is good.

Streets – John Gribble reported that Henry’s is done and did a good job.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report but will be going around town to check the lights out.

Refuse– Diane Goodyear had nothing to report.

Property- Donna Benner reported that storm sewer pipe was needed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the purchase at \$2,577.75, dependent on current costs. Motion Passed. Only one bid was received for the new roof. Zach will look into Costars and may have to advertise again. Moved by John Gribble seconded by Andy Kotzur, to approve the purchase of a new grapple for the tractor at approximately \$2,000.00. Motion Passed.

Zoning Officer – Nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report - Zach reported that the salt came in and they are getting ready for leaf collection.

Old Business

(Nancy reported that the credit card issue is now at Terry William’s office being reviewed.)

New Business

Moved by Lydia Watters seconded by Andy Kotzur, to approve the serving of alcohol at the Howard Fire Company Gun Raffle in November 2023. Motion Passed.

Bill Nearhoff reported the HFC had a public meeting on the fire company millage tax increase. Bill gave a suggestion of raising ½ mills now and the other ½ the following year. The increase will be addressed at the budget meeting.

Budget meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2023.

Moved by Andy Kotzur to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer