

Howard Borough Council

Minutes of September 13, 2021, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met September 13, 2021.

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

Council members absent: Jeff Snyder

Guests present: Steve Nyman, Cody Strouse, Ben Mead, Jennifer Miller, Deb Simoncek, Anita Masden

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving minutes from the August 9, 2021), Council Meeting after corrections (Lydia Watters name was listed twice in property . Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Anita Masden asked for approval for the Halloween parade to be held on October 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and trick or treating from 6-8:00 p.m. on the same date. Moved by Lydia Watters, Diana Goodyear seconded, approving the parade and trick or treating for October 31, 2021.

Deb Simoncek/Park and Rec was in attendance to let council that Park and Rec has approved \$1,000.00 to go to John O'Brien/SC Rowing Club for the dock project. Park and Rec would like to add trees at the water's edge at WEP. Approval would be needed from the Army Corp. Day of Caring, October 7, 2021, activities-Murals on bathroom walls at WEP. If another project is needed, barriers on the walking trail can be painted. Deb presented photos with the mural ideas. Moved by Donna Benner seconded by John Gribble, to approve purchase of paint, brushes and other supplies needed for the project. Motion Passed.

Ben Mead was in attendance to talk about the speeding problem on East Main Street. Phil expressed the use of taxpayer and Liquid Fuels money for speed bumps and the inconvenience for the borough employees. Ben referred to PUB 383/Pennsylvania's Traffic Calming Handbook #21 where speed bumps are acceptable, but closing a road is not.

Jennifer Miller reported that after her attendance at the August borough meeting, a crosswalk sign was moved to her front porch, after returning it was then moved to beside her vehicle during the day. Donna Benner reported that she invited Gilbert Stull, a constable for Benner township to the meeting to speak about what he could do in Howard Borough, but he was unable to attend because of illness.

Mayor

Mayor Yearick-Robert Yearick reported that the fire company is looking at different sign companies for a cheaper alternative.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve the August Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by John Gribble, to approve transferring the remaining \$648.71 out of the general savings and transferring it to the general account to prevent the \$10.00 monthly inactive fee. Motion Passed.

Correspondences

Outgoing -

Incoming –John O’Brien/email, CC Recycling/August report, CC Tax Committee/meeting, Mark Ott/Punkin Chunkin letter, fire police

Committee Reports

Water-Andy Kotzur had nothing to report.

Streets –John presented a report (attached) on traffic calming signs throughout the borough. Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve purchase of additional signage. Motion Passed.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse–Diana Goodyear reported that garbage is piling up at 141 Grove Street. A letter will be sent.

Property- Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Diana Goodyear, to approve getting the borough building cleaned. Motion Passed.

Zoning Officer – Steve Nyman had nothing to report.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Steve Nyman reported they have been mowing and that he and Cody will be attending a class for sewer pumps.

Old Business

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

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Donna Benner, to approve the use of Howard Fire Police at the Punkin Chunkin on October 16, 2021, and approval for the borough employees to transport the sign from Ferguson township for use at Punkin Chunkin. Motion Passed.

No additional money will be given for the dock project from the borough. An in-kind donation of mowing and weeding around the dock will be done by borough employees. Donna Benner will help with vendors for the Regatta.

President Philip Winchell called for an Executive session of Council
The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss speed bumps.
President Philip Winchell reconvened regular meeting.

Terry will be contacted for his legal advice on speed bumps and time limits for citizens and quests during council meetings.

Budget meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021.

Moved by Andy, seconded by John to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Fishburn
Secretary-Treasurer