

Howard Borough Council Minutes of September 14, 2020, Meeting

Howard Borough Council met September 14, 2020.

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Steve Nyman, Cody Strouse, Allison Subasic, Patti Long, Anita Masden, April Romine, Mario Lopes, Ashley Lopes, Louise Lose, Lt Steven Daniel

Philip Winchell called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jeff Snyder, Andy Kotzur seconded, approving minutes from the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion passed.

Citizen/Guests

Patti Long was in attendance to receive approval for a possible Winter Festival in January/February in the Borough Park or West End Park.

Anita Masden asked for approval for trick or treating to be held on October 31, 2020 from 6-8:00 p.m. Because of Covid-19 the Halloween parade will be cancelled for this year. Moved by Andy Kotzur, John Gribble seconded, approving trick or treating for October 31, 2020.

Louise Lose was in attendance for see if something can be done about speeding in the borough.

Lt Daniel's will take all concerns mentioned to his guys. Speeding is a problem everywhere. He also reported on the suspicious vehicles that were seen in the area. These individuals were checked out and the business was legit. The suspicious drug activity in town was checked out after Lt Daniel's last visit and nothing was found at that time.

Allison Stubasic had concerns about the burning of plastic, the fireworks, and gunshots in town. Jeff reported that the gunshots are coming from a property with a range in the township.

Louise Lose reported about an uninspected vehicle at 403 Walnut Street and asked about leash laws. PA has a leash law, and she will need to contact animal control.

Mayor

Mayor Yearick-Robert Yearick reported that he talked with Linda Hanley about her junk car. Antique plates are ordered, and inspection is not needed. He was not able to talk to the Gilbert's about the burning. Diane Goodyear handed out a sample burn ordinance from the paper.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Andy Kotzur seconded by Jeff Snyder, to approve the June Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion Passed. John Gribble reported on the CDs. Kish Bank has the best rates.

Correspondence

Outgoing -Tyler Heaton/complaint

Incoming –PA Department of Transportation/Liquid Fuels Allotment, Century Link/area codes, CC Recycling/July and August report

Committee Reports

Water- Andy Kotzur reported that a sizable leak was fixed at the end of town. The new controls were installed. The tank cleaners did the cleaning and will be back to do the repairs.

Streets –Jeff Snyder reported the Maple Street paving will be done at the end of September. Steve reported the anti-skid came in and the salt will be delivered by the end of October. John Gribble reported that he attended a zoom CCMPT meeting. At the meeting Ann Messner reported that the changes that Terry William's suggested for the Mill Street project would be discussed.

Streetlights –Lydia Watters had nothing to report.

Refuse –Diane Goodyear reported that she had to clean up 13 bags of plastic.

Property- Donna Benner presented the options for the overhang. John and Donna will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Zoning Officer – Steve Nyman had nothing to report. G & R demolition has permits to demolish the old IGA store.

Operations and Maintenance Report – Steve Nyman reported that they started rehabbing some manholes, installed bollards on Baker Street and did crack sealing on Main, Maple, Black and Walnut Street.

Old Business

There was a lengthy discussion about Park and Recreation and their budget. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Any money that been raised by the committee in past years is not in dispute.

The website and the Credit Card from Kish that was applied for are still in the works.

Phil reported on the Comcast franchise agreement. The address is incorrect, and no fees are included. Nancy will check into both.

New Business

Moved by Andy Kotzur, Jeff Snyder seconded, approving the winter festival . Motion passed

Moved by Andy, to adjourn.

Nancy Fishburn

Meeting adjourned

Secretary-Treasurer