

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

President Boice called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Boice announced the meeting tonight was being tape-recorded and if anyone in the audience had a recorder to please advise Council at this time. No one responded.

Roll call:

Clarence Hogan	Mayor	Present
Michell'e Boice	President	Present
Tom Kehler	Vice President	Present
Daniel F Blaine	Council Member	Present
Bill Hilburt	Council Member	Present
Ed Kelly	Council Member	Present
Carole J. Samson	Council Member	Present
Amy Williams	Council Member	Present
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Absent
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made**

****Councilmember Williams made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the March 18, 2014 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard. There was no response.

The floor was closed.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Tax Collector's report was available on the back table.

The Borough Secretary reported that during the month of February the Borough received \$11,164.41 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine gave the report including that the accounting books for 2013 are now closed. He thanked the Harveys Lake Recreational Committee for the donation of \$1000 towards a computer for the Borough. He also thanked Mike Rush for the donation of a refurbished computer for the road department. He stated that the overall budget is in good shape. He said that with only four days in the billing cycle, there was a savings of \$129 on the Garage electric. He said that next month council will hear a presentation on PCards. These are debit cards to pay bills with which can expedite payment of bills and cut down on accounting time. He said residents should beware of credit card scams. He also thanked Laurie Kehler for the extra payments for taxes collected. He reported that total available cash this month is \$550,636.62, last year it was \$490,457.36. Restricted cash is \$69,685.11 and last year it was \$41,144.16 for a total of \$620,321.73.

Police: Councilmember Hilburt gave the report including the police responded to 193 calls. He encouraged anyone wanting a more detailed report contact the Police Chief. He stated that anyone with damage to their vehicles due to poor road conditions should stop and get a report at the station and forward it on to PenDot.

Roads: Councilmember Kelly gave the report including that the department has been cleaning the roads and basins and taking care of potholes. They are doing a better job than the State. He stated that our two guys do a great job. He had a card sent in by a resident read into the record.

*Attn: Road Crew
c/o Council*

Kudos! To the Harveys Lake road crew. I don't know the guys on the crew but do know they do an outstanding job.

I have a great view from my loft across the lake, of the road at Lakeview Terrace. Believe me when I say that plow truck starts early and continues throughout the snow storm. When that truck leaves & I can see that ribbon of black top going up the hill as if it was summer.

My daughter lives on Brook St. and very often states how much better her toad is compared to the State road around the lake. I'm sure most residents would agree.

We are fortunate to have dedicated hard working crew.

Guys, you are appreciated.

Thank you

Dolly Hoffman, pole 80

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler reported that last month there were four zoning permits issued for \$160, 1 variance for \$500, for a total of \$660. He reported that there are two matters in litigation. He stated that the old cruiser has been re-lettered and given to the zoning officer. She has been out around on all of the roads. She is doing a great job.

Council President Boice stated that prior to this meeting, a short executive session was held to discuss litigation issues.

Trash: Councilmember Williams gave the report including the current garbage fees collected for the month of March was \$64,260.52. Prior year collections were \$3,063.52. For a total of \$67,339.04. She also announced that on Monday, May 5, 2014 will be a Borough Wide one day junk pick up.

Special Events: There is an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on Saturday, April 19 from 11am to 1 pm. It will be held at the Little League field for ages 0-12.

Administration: The new zoning officer posted a schedule for when she will be available in the zoning office Monday 8-3, Wednesday 9-1 and Thursday 9-1.

Environmental Advisory Committee: Tom Kehler and Danny Blaine attended the EAC meeting this past month. The third annual clean up will be held on April 27 from 1-5pm. They are also planning to have Well Water testing this year. More details will follow when they are decided.

****Councilmember Kelly made the motion to accept the reports from Special Committees, Elected Officials and Appointed Officials, seconded by Councilmember Williams. The motion carried unanimously.**

Fred Lubnow

Fred Lubnow was here from Princeton Hydro and gave a brief update on the current 319 Grants. The most notable news regards the Floating Wetland Islands. They are planning to install them sometime in the first week of June. Anyone interested in helping should call the Borough office so that when the date is set they can be notified.

NEW BUSINESS

****Councilmember Williams made a motion to authorize Borton Lawson to begin the process of our 2014 Liquid Fuels projects including specifications and advertising and bid opening, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Hilburt made a motion to authorize the Pocono Northeast Triathlon Association to hold their annual race on August 17, 2014, seconded by Councilmember Samson, The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to approve the American Asphalt quote #24717 for the Costars paving for asphalt, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to hire two temporary summer employees at minimum wage, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

President Boice asked if there was anyone with old business to discuss. There was no response.

****Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$101,991.49, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

It was announced that the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Co is having a Fish Fry on Friday, April 18, 2014.

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to adjourn,**

Mayor Hogan stated that He had something he wanted to discuss. He stated that according to State Borough Code Sec. 1121 the Mayor has complete control over the Chief of Police, the dept. He stated that the State clearly states the Mayor is the Chief Law enforcement officer. He said he would like a little more information on what is going on with the Police Department. He is not being notified what is going on, like the construction and everything. He feels he should have that information.

President Boice said that he should come to the worksessions. Then he would know what is going on.

Mayor Hogan said he was unable to attend last month. But reading the account in the paper he read that President Boice claimed she did not tell him to resign. Mayor Hogan said she did. President Boice said she did not. Mayor Hogan said she told him to resign immediately and pay back the money. Mayor Hogan said he would resign if need be, that he would get a letter to them the next day. He said Councilmember Blaine looked at the Solicitor and asked if that was ok. President Boice said that is an inaccurate account of what happened. Councilmember Blaine stated that it was suggested that he resign, and Mayor Hogan asked by whom? Councilmember Blaine said it doesn't matter that when President Boice speaks, she is speaking for all of Council because she is the President. Councilmember Blaine stated he was asked to resign because the Borough Code clearly states that you could serve, but not take money. Councilmember Blaine stated that it was unethical for him to take payment.

Mayor Hogan stated that it was paid back. There was discussion that the Solicitor should have told him that he couldn't take the money. Danny Blaine stated that it was his responsibility to read the Borough Code.

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary