

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.in the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, 4875 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA, 18618.

President Hilburt called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

****Indicates motions made**

President Hilburt stated that prior to this meeting an executive session was held.

Tammy McMahon from the Bk. Mt. Memorial Library was here. Council gives a donation every year and asked her to come and let the community know how the money is spent. It was interesting to note that out of a budget of \$450,000 the Annual Auction only brings a small percentage of that. 24% of the budget is donations. The importance of Municipalities donating is that the State matches what is given. So it increases the amount the State gives in funding.

****Councilmember Boice made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

Al Harvey was here with his daughter. His daughter was attacked by a Pit Bull in the Blue Jay

Trailer Court. It did a lot of damage to her arm, but since it isn't life threatening, the Dog Warden was unable to help. He asked Council to consider an Ordinance banning Pit Bulls in the Borough.

Judy Spagnola stated that insurance companies charge more in renters insurance for having dangerous dogs. She stated that it is true, a mauling has to take place for the Dog Warden to be able to do anything.

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 March the Borough received \$13,426.62 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine stated that we currently donate \$500 annually to the Library. His report also included that at the end of March the total available cash was \$589,312.16, restricted cash is \$138,737.83 for a total of \$728,049.99.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that the Police responded to a total of 212 calls including: 46 traffic stops, 4 DUI arrests, 23 citations issued, 19 warnings issued, 2 Drug arrests, 6 assists to other departments, 6 911 open line requests, 2 suspicious activity calls, 23 walk ins, 1 warrant, 5 animal calls, 17 miscellaneous calls, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 26 Fire and EMS calls, 10 burglar alarms, 4 domestic calls, hit and run and 1 missing person.

As always:

- As always the Chief asks that residents report any type of suspicious activity
- Please keep doors on homes and vehicles locked at all times
- If anyone would like a more detailed report regarding the police report, they can make an appointment with the Chief and he will supply what he legally can

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported that Council is looking into purchasing a new salt shed for around \$18,000. They are also looking at other equipment that is needed.

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler gave the zoning officers report including that the Borough issued 10 zoning permits, 1 Variance for \$500, collected \$11,424.70 in third party UCC fees and \$800 in amusement tax for a total of \$13,124.70 in March and \$22,780.70 for the year.

Garbage: Councilmember Boice reported that fees collected for the current year in the month of March were \$52,965.61, prior year collections were \$3917.12, garbage stickers \$139.75 for a total of \$57,022.48.

Bk. Mt. Community Partnership: (BMCP) President Hilburt reported that at the last meeting a presentation was done on Code Red. It is a community alert system. If all of the municipalities go in together, they can get a discounted amount. There is information available to anyone interested in learning more.

Special Events: Mike Rush reported that the annual Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for April 26 from 1-5 pm. The Recreation Committee is holding a Spring Dance at Jonathan's on May 2, from 7-11 pm.

LSA Grant: Councilmember Kehler reported that the Bid Specifications will be out by the end of the week and will be able to be awarded at the next Council meeting.

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

New Business

****Councilmember Boice made a motion to accept the American Asphalt Costars quotes #24717 and #25562, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to advertise for Part time Police Officers, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to give the zoning officer a .50 cent an hour raise retroactive to her one year anniversary date and to make the raises for non-contract employees awarded in January retroactive to January 1, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion sign the contract for Dirt and Gravel Roads with the Luzerne Conservation District for \$45,950.00 for Halowich Road, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

Council wanted to thank Jesse Saylor for his work on this grant.

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

President Hilburt asked if there was anyone with old business to discuss.

Councilmembers Blaine and Kehler talked about a letter from Council and the Environmental

Committee that will be sent out soon to Landscapers that work in the Borough to remind them that phosphorus is not allowed to be applied in the Borough. This is what causes some of the algae blooms in the lake.

Council announced that an agreement is almost in place for the Little League to lease the Recreation Center. Council has been working with Solicitor O'Connor. They are just waiting for confirmation of insurance. This building was built with federal grant money and was designated for Recreation. This will be a good foundation for the Little League to apply for future grants. They will be responsible for all bills and maintenance.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$93,856.40, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary