

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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.

A special meeting was held on August 12, 2015 and Bernie Castillo was appointed to finish out the vacant council seat.

Bernie Castillo was sworn in by Mayor Clarence Hogan.

Roll call:

Clarence Hogan	Mayor	Present
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
Bernie Castillo	Council Member	Present
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made**

Mike Rush from the Recreation Committee presented three framed proclamations from Senator Lou Barletta, State Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Karen Boback. They were from the recent 2015 Lakefest Celebration. Mike Rush and the committee were congratulated on a job well done.

****Councilmember Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the July 21, 2015 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, and the August 6, 2015 and August 12, 2015 Special Meetings seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to allow Wilkes Barre Racing, Inc to hold the**

Harveys Lake Run for May 21st, 2016 seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.

****Councilmember Boice made a motion to accept the Cargill quote of Salt at \$73 per ton with the stipulation that no fracking fluid or waste of any kind is used in the production of this product, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Jason Humenanski asked Council to consider using his company to do Third Party inspections and property maintenance. He passed out a proposal. Council asked him to set up a meeting at a future worksession so that they could ask questions.

Jay Niskey from pole 51 stated that his missing equipment had been found floating near a neighbors dock and had been returned.

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 June the Borough received \$12,030.47 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine gave a report including that the current available cash is \$697,197, restricted cash \$143,663 for a total cash balance of \$840,860. We should be spending about \$155,000 in addition to the grant to pay for the new police station.

Councilmember Blaine also announced that council is looking to join with DAMA to allow residents to use the new Composting facility that just opened up on 118 Lehman Twp. There will be upcoming discussions to determine price and finding out whether residents would be interested in participating. Our Environmental Advisory Council has sent council a letter endorsing this endeavor.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that the department responded to 248 calls last month. Including 36 traffic stops, 4 DUI arrests, 22 citations issued, 14 warnings issued, 8 bicycles stopped, 1 drug arrest, 7 assists to other departments, 17 open 911 lines, 6 suspicious activity calls, 45 walk ins, 1 warrant, 2 animal calls, 17 miscellaneous calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 32 Fire and EMS, 14 burglar alarms, 3 noise complaints, 2 thefts, 10 domestic calls and 2 criminal mischief calls. As always, the Chief asks that residents report any type of suspicious activity. Please keep doors on homes and vehicles locked at all times. Please keep in mind that school will be opening soon, please allow extra time because of buses on the road and children at bus stops. The department would like to thank the Harveys Lake American Legion for the \$500

donation. They also reported that the Candy's Walk and Pedal for Paula events both went off without incident.

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported that Halowich Rd and Grove St are completed. There will be a preconstruction meeting on August 28 for the other paving projects. Also, the guys have been very busy getting as much done as they can before the summer help goes back to school.

Zoning: Councilmember Kehler reported that the zoning officer spoke to 146 persons, issued 25 zoning permits, 2 Job Johnnies. There was \$14,736.85 collected in June for a year to date total of \$59,498.45. She attended the zoning hearing and prepared the paperwork for July for 3 hearings. She received 6 complaints. She also stated that the new Stormwater permits have increase her volume of work.

Garbage: The current year fees collected were \$8,072.85. Prior years' fees were \$1,860.86. Garbage stickers sold were \$225.75 for a total of \$10,159.46.

Grants: Councilmember Kehler reported that a special meeting was held on August 12, 2015. The bids to build the new police station was awarded to Cornerstone Building Solutions Inc, also known as Simplex Homes in the amount of \$232,700.

****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 wanted to announce that the Borough received a nice dividend check from EMC insurance. It was in the amount of \$4248.27. This comes because the loss ratio was good for municipalities in our group.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Solicitor stated that in conjunction with the appointment of Bernie Castillo, Council has to pass a resolution naming the length of service for this positon.

RESOLUTION #2-2015 TO FILL VACANCY IN ELECTED BOROUGH OFFICE

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Councilmember of the Borough of Harveys Lake Borough County of Luzerne has occurred due a resignation; death; or removal from the borough.

WHEREAS, Section 901 (53 PS § 45901) of the Borough Code provides that the borough shall fill such vacancy by resolution within thirty (30) days by appointing a registered elector of the borough (who has also

resided one year continuously prior to the date of appointment) to hold such office until the first Monday in January after the first Municipal Election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs at which election an eligible person shall be elected to the office for the remainder of the term.

WHEREAS, the next Municipal Election will be held in November 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bernard Castillo, a registered elector of the Borough of Harveys Lake is hereby appointed to the office of Council member of the Borough of Harveys Lake to serve until the first Monday in January, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be elected at the next Municipal Election, which shall occur in November 2015(year), a qualified registered elector of the Borough of Harveys Lake to hold such office from the first Monday in January, 2016 until the first Monday in January 2020 (year).

RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Harveys Lake this 18th day of 2015.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pass Resolution #2- 2015 to fill vacancy in elected borough office, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Boice wanted to thank all of the volunteers including Mike Rush for the work they did for the 2015 Lakefest.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$126,299.98, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary