

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:40 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	Absent
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Absent
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made**

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

The 2015 final Budget was read into the record.

ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRELIMINARY	2015	2015
		2015	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
		BUDGET		

INCOME

	REAL ESTATE			
301	TAXES	614,750	(20,000)	594,750
	LOCAL ENABLING			
310	TAXES	372,900	13,500	386,400
	CABLE TV AND			
320	LCB	26,000	0	26,000
325	ZONING	17,500	0	17,500
	PERMITS AND			
327	LICENSES	35,300	1,500	36,800
	FINES AND			
331	FORFEITS	4,500	0	4,500
	INTEREST AND			
341	RENTS	245	0	245
	STATE SHARED			
355	REVENUE	850	0	850
	DEPARTMENTAL			
362	EARNINGS	3,000	0	3,000
380	MISCELLANEOUS	22,500	0	22,500
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	TOTAL			
	INCOME	1,097,545	(5,000)	1,092,545
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EXPENSE

403	TAX COLLECTION	22,200	240	22,440
	ZONING AND			
404	PLANNING	57,550	0	57,550
	GEN'L			
405	ADMINISTRATION	105,347	1,000	106,347
	MUNICIPAL			
409	BUILDING	3,511	0	3,511
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
410	POLICE	262,412	0	262,412
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
411	FIRE	21,950	0	21,950
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
415	OTHER	1,900	0	1,900
	TRASH			
427	COLLECTION	270,000	0	270,000
430	ROADS GENERAL	168,890	0	168,890
	ROADS SNOW			
432	REMOVAL	18,500	0	18,500
	ROADS			
433	SIGNS/SIGNALS	500	0	500
439	OTHER PROJECTS	0	0	0
451	RECREATION	1,447	0	1,447
	INSURANCE/PR			
483	TAX/PENSIONS	158,127	(5,000)	153,127

TOTAL				
EXPENSE		1,092,334	(3,760)	1,088,574
		5,211	(1,240)	3,971
LIQUID FUELS				
Revenue	0	68,995	0	68,995
Road				
Construction		68,900		68,900
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Net income Liquid fuels		95		95
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Capital				
expenditures		0		0
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Carryover from				
prior year		372,056		372,056
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NET FUNDS				
REMAINING		377,362	(1,240)	376,122
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		5,306		4,066

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to accept the Final 2015 Budget as read, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

It was pointed out by Councilmember Blaine that this budget does not call for an increase in taxes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

A former resident, Jame Rodgers was concerned with the conditions of the Police Station. He feels he smelled black mold when he stopped in to see the officer on duty. He feels this is an unacceptable condition for employees to work under.

Judy Williams Spagnola was pleased that taxes are not being raised this year. She also stated that as a member of the General Municipal Authority of Harveys Lake (GMAHL), that the small raise in the sewer bill is due to an increase in the billing from DAMA and WWSA.

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 October the Borough received \$45,791.05 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine reported that at the end of November the total available cash was \$580,821.05, restricted cash is \$68,006.27 for a total of \$648,827.32. Councilmember Blaine wanted to thank John Brokenshire, Secretary, Road Foreman and Police Chief for all of their hard work on the budget. Next month he will have a better report on the annual savings for the year.

Police: Councilmember Hilburt stated that the Police responded to a total of 167 calls including: 32 traffic stops, 5 DUI arrests, 10 citations issued, 17 warnings issued, 2 drug arrests, 8 assists to other departments, 2 suspicious activity calls, 25 walk ins, 2 animal calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 21 Fire and EMS calls, 8 burglar alarms, 2 thefts, 4 domestic calls and 1 robbery.

Roads: Councilmember Kelly gave the report including the guys are busy with salting and plowing the roads. They are also keeping the equipment up to date.

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler gave the zoning officers report stating that the zoning officer had a two hearings this month. She met with 88 persons and issued 8 zoning permits. She collected \$320 in zoning permit fees, \$1,476.75 in third party UCC fees for a total of \$1,796.75 in November and year to date of \$47,276.75.

LSA Grant: Councilmember Kehler reported that he had recently spoken with Harrisburg regarding the LSA grant. The compaction test results were in on the ground surrounding the current Police Station. The results were good and a modular building can be placed on the property. He unfortunately had to go out of town for his Niece who had a fire in North Carolina, but will work on moving forward with the proposal that needs to go to DCED in Harrisburg.

BMCP: Councilmember Hilburt reported that Harveys Lake Borough was accepted into the Bk. Mtn. Community Partnership (BMCP) on November 20. We are the 7th municipality to join. This will allow us to partner with the other municipalities in applying for grants and share equipment.

Garbage: Councilmember Samson reported that fees collected for the current year in the month of November were \$8,051.02, prior year collections were \$1,588.80 for a total of \$9,639.82.

Councilmember Blaine thanked the tax collector, Laurie Kehler for the \$500 donation to the Borough for the building beautification.

****Councilmember Hilburt made the motion to accept the reports from Special Committees, Elected Officials and Appointed Officials, seconded by Councilmember**

Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to pass Ordinance #4 – 2014 setting the 2015 Real Estate tax millage rate at .804 mils, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to reenact the Occupational Privilege Ordinance at a rate of \$10 per individual, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Hilburt made a motion to reenact the 2015 Per Capita Tax Ordinance at a rate of \$5.00 per resident over the age of 18, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to reenact the 2015 Real Estate Transfer Tax at a rate of 1%, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to reenact the 2015 Earned Income Tax at a rate of 1%, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to appoint Judy Murphy as the deputy tax collector, seconded by Councilmember Hilburt. The motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution for Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds) for public safety and public works equipment was read into the record:

WHEREAS, the BACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (BMCP) is applying for a grant to purchase equipment and supplies to be used by the BMCP member municipalities for public safety and public works purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Harveys Lake Borough wishes to participate in said intermunicipal, cooperative project, and

WHEREAS, Jackson Township has agreed to serve as the municipal sponsor and "grantee" for this application, and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development through the Commonwealth Financing Authority makes available grants to such projects through the Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds) Luzerne County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Harveys Lake Borough hereby authorizes the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA), on behalf of the BMCP, to make application for said grant.

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to pass Resolution #3-2014 in support of the Bk Mt. Community Partnership application for a LSA grant as read, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

****Councilmember Hilbert made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$110,769.00, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on January 20, 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