

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH  
LUZERNE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 18, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 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	Absent
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

**\*\*Indicates motions made**

Fred Lubnow from Princeton Hydro was here and gave a brief update on the active 319 Growing Greener Grants. He also stated that permits are being applied for to control the invasive plant of Japanese Knotweed at the top of the Warden Place Channel flood protection project.

Duke and Roger Adams from DEP were here to update the public and answer questions regarding the enforcement of the raising of the DAM at the Outlet.

There was a large resident turn out. The main questions were, what is being done, and why is it taking so long.

DEP stated that enforcement is being pursued and the proper procedures for that always take time. They could not give a specific time period for enforcement but felt it would be resolved in the next few days. During the course of discussion, DEP pointed out that the water in the lake rises slowly and recedes slowly. Some of the residents wanted to know why it is owned privately. DEP stated that there are 3300 dams in PA that are not State owned. That although this was done illegally, it is necessary to be done legally to have it

corrected.

Council President Boice also reported that a Fracking recycling center is being proposed in Lake Twp. that could affect our roads and with an accident, possibly our Lake. She encouraged residents to attend an upcoming meeting to find out what is going on and what can be done.

**\*\*Councilmember Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting as well as the February 8, 2014 Special Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

Guy Giordano wanted Council to endorse and send a letter to UGI requesting that a Gas line extension continue around the Lake to all residents.

Judy Spagnola stated that it was a shame that some residents have a personal agenda regarding Council and pointed out that this is their second year, not their second term.

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 November the Borough received \$32,071.44 from Berkheimer.

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**Finance:** Councilmember Blaine gave the report including that available cash is \$488,624.74, restricted cash is \$71,176.03 for a total of \$559,800.77. He also stated that the Borough is diligently moving the cash from PNC to Luzerne Bank. He also stated that he has been meeting with the different department heads to review and discuss the budget in order to keep on top of it. Roads has been spending a lot to maintain the roads, and there is work with them to lower the electric and heating bills.

**Police:** Councilmember Hilburt reported that Council hired five new part time police officers and that four out of the five newly hired part time police officers are currently on duty. There are now 2 full time officers and 8 part time officers to cover all shifts 24 X 7. A new 2014 cruiser has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in April. The Visual Alert program has been updated.

**Roads:** Councilmember Kelly gave the report including that the department is doing a very good job on the 38 roads that we own. Salt was delivered today so they are prepared for any more storms that come. He also stated that the truck that was down has been repaired and returned into service. He stated that our two guys do a great job.

**Planning and Zoning:** Councilmember Kehler reported that last month there was an opening for a new zoning officer due to the retirement of Andy Luzetski. Council advertised and had 5 applications submitted. Following interviews they hired Frank O'Connell to fill the position.

**Trash:** There was no report.

**EMA:** There was no report for last month. Council President Boice stated that she hopes with the upcoming 50 degree temperatures predicted, that it won't cause any issues to report next month either.

**Special Events:** There is a Mardi Gras dance at the Skillet scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LSA Grant:** Councilmember Kehler reported that our Engineers have been out to evaluate the Police Station and will give us a report on what needs to be done in the near future.

**\*\*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 Kehler made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Dziak with regret from the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*Councilmember Kehler made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Novackowski, seconded by Councilmember Blaine, The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*Councilmember Blaine made a motion to send a letter to Lake Twp. asking for specifics to find out what the plans are for the proposed Fracking water recycling facility and voicing Council's opposition to them and the County Hearing Board, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*Councilmember Kehler made a motion to accept the 2014 Aggregate bid from American Asphalt, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**\*\*Councilmember Blaine made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$82,998.12, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

Jason Miller asked about comments made in a previous month regarding DEP issues. Councilmember Kehler responded that it had nothing to do with the DAM. It was zoning issues where residents had not been getting the required permits needed for earth moving.

Council President Boice made two announcements. The Harveys Lake American Legion donated \$700 dollars to the Police department and wanted to thank them for that.

Also it was noted that our Resident, Mrs. Nelligan who had recently been in a car accident here at the lake has passed on and that they were asked to keep the Nelligan family in their prayers.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary