

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, Route 415, Sunset, Harveys Lake, PA.

Council President Lucarino called the meeting to order and asked the members of the audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lucarino announced the meeting tonight was being tape-recorded and if anyone in the audience had a recorder to please advise Council at this point. There was no response from the audience.

Roll call:

Richard Boice	Mayor	Present
Lawrence Lucarino:	President	Present
Diane Dwyer	Vice President	Present
Edward Kelly	Council Member	Present
Clarence Hogan	Council Member	Present
Charles Musial	Council Member	Present
Carole Samson	Council Member	Present
Betty Jane West	Council Member	Present
Charles McCormick	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made.**

Council President Lucarino asked for a motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Council meeting, the December 28, 2007 Special Meeting and the January 7, 2007 Reorganization Meeting.

****Councilwoman Samson made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Council meeting, the December 28 Special Meeting and the January 7, 2007 Reorganization Meeting, seconded by Councilman Musial. The motion carried unanimously.**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The Luzerne County Datacenter will again prepare the municipal tax bills. There will be an increase of 5 cents per bill over last year due to postage and material costs that have increased in the past year.
- 2) The Luzerne Conservation District sent a letter regarding Kenneth Gronski's

Gwilliam Road Site. The site is in violation of the Clean Streams Law and it has been requested that an erosion and sediment control plan be submitted to the Conservation District. They will continue to inspect and will send us updates on this property.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Resident Sid Halsor, asked what the status of the 911 addressing mapping is? Betty Jane West reported that the map is completed with the new names and now will be submitted to Luzerne County, as soon as we find someone who can copy it for us. Even once they are approved; it will still take a year to complete the process.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Tax Collector's report is available at the back of the room on the table.

The Borough Secretary reported that during the month of November 2007 \$29,360.69 was received from Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Finance: Councilman Kelly reported the Borough had \$272,124.36 in Available Cash, \$184,043.57 in Restricted Cash for Total Cash of \$456,167.93.

Police: Councilwoman West read the reports from November and December including the year end totals. She also reported that council had a meeting with the Police Department to exchange information of what they expected from council, and what council expected of them. It was a productive meeting.

Roads: Councilman Musial reported that since the gate has been installed at the salt shed, that no thefts have occurred. He also thanked the municipal authority for the use of their generator lights. The road department is looking into repairing the recycling trailer to haul our trash down to the recycling center and have hopes of returning to curbside recycling at a later date. The lights that had been discussed will be put on hold and the money spent on the trailer repairs at this time. He also reported that washouts have been repaired on Annabel Ave. and Rhodes Terrace. Christmas trees are being picked up now as well. Unfortunately there were two fires in the borough in the last month and the road department was sent out to salt for the fire trucks. The road department used 267 gallons of fuel. The road department has been doing a fantastic job.

Community Activities: Councilman Hogan reported that a meeting of the Harveys Lake Homecoming Committee will be held at the Grotto Saturday, January 19 at 4:00 pm. The borough will be more involved this year. Sandra Serhan is heading the committee with Noel Arnold and Chris Concert. Carole Samson will be the borough liaison.

Zoning Officer's Report: Councilwoman Dwyer reported that the Zoning Board met for their reorganization meeting before their regular meeting on January 9, 2008. They

elected Mike Garrity as Chairman and Joe Reilly as Vice Chairman. They appointed Susan Sutton as secretary and Diane Brown as court reporter. Returning will be Mark McNealis as Solicitor, Jim Smigielski as zoning officer. Bill Hilburt is the other active board member and Carol McCoach is the board alternate.

There was a zoning board hearing for a Variance for the Old Country Store. They needed a variance to square off the front of the building. The variance was granted. Anyone wishing to object to the variance has 30 days right to appeal from January 10, 2008.

The zoning board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the municipal building. Residents should call to make sure a meeting is being held each month.

Jim Smigielski submitted a report that there was \$300 in contractor's licenses, \$500 in variance hearing fees, and \$230.13 from Pasonick Engineering for a total of \$1030.13.

EAC: Councilwoman Samson has just been appointed as the EAC and Sewer Authority Liaison and does not have a report this month.

Sewer Authority Liaison: no report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Board Appointments

**** Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to appoint Cathy Link on the GMA Sewer Authority Board, seconded by Betty Jane West. Roll call; Kelly no, Hogan no, Dwyer yes, Musial abstain due to employment on the sewer authority, Lucarino yes, Samson yes, West yes. Motion carried.**

**** Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to reappoint Joe Reilly and Mike Daily to EAC and to appoint Sid Halsor and John Levitski to the EAC Board. Roll Call; Kelly Yes, Hogan Yes, Dwyer Yes, Musial Yes, Lucarino Yes, Samson Yes, West Yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**** Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to reappoint Michael Garrity to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Councilwoman West. Roll Call; Kelly Yes, Hogan Yes, Dwyer Yes, Musial Yes, Lucarino Yes, Samson Yes, West Yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilwoman West made a motion to appoint Mike Dziak, Larry Radel and John Kopicki to the Planning Commission and to seek out an alternate for the next month seconded by Councilwoman Dwyer. Roll Call; Kelly Yes, Hogan Yes, Dwyer**

Yes, Musial Yes, Samson Yes, West Yes, Lucarino Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

****Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to authorize the Harveys Lake General Municipal Authority to enforce any and all regulations to our sewer connection ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman West. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilwoman West made a motion to appoint Borton Lawson as the borough Engineers for the year 2008, seconded by Councilman Musial.**

Councilman Kelly had a question on the motion. He stated that he didn't think Pasonick Engineering was notified and they should have been able to give us the same information as Borton Lawson. If we have a problem with council it should be taken care of through the President. There are a few things that happened, but at this time I am voting No. And I think a letter should go to Pasonick and the reason being they are not being appointed, proper procedure. They were not on the agenda in the beginning, it was put on the agenda in the work session.

Roll Call; Kelly No, Hogan Yes, Dwyer Yes, Musial Yes, Samson No, West Yes, Lucarino Yes. The motion carried.

President Lucarino had a comment regarding Mr. Kelly's statements. Pasonick, as to what they were doing, this is why we were looking for someone else, and they are not going to be surprised at what the letter contains. That is all I have to say about this.

President Lucarino asked if council had any more motions to make. There were none.

****Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$80,528.26, seconded by Councilman Musial. The motion passed unanimously.**

****Councilman Kelly made the motion to adjourn, seconded by and Councilman Musial. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan R. Sutton
Borough Secretary