

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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	Present
Bill Hilburt	President	Present
Thomas Kehler	Vice President	Present
Daniel F. Blaine	Council Member	Present
Michell'e Boice	Council Member	Present
Ed Kelly	Council Member	Present
Wayde Post	Council Member	Present
Carole Samson	Council Member	Present
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made**

President Hilburt announced that prior to the regular council meeting an executive session was held to discuss personnel matters.

****Councilmember Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the December 15, 2015 public worksession, regular council meeting and the January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Hilburt stated that we received a letter of thanks from a resident that he would like to read into the record:

Date: January 4th, 2016

Paul Titus
19 Rhodes Terrace
Harveys Lake, Pa. 18618

Harvey's Lake Boro and Zoning Office:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that was involved with the house on Rhodes Terrace that was in deplorable and hazardous condition. This eye sore has been in the neighborhood for at least 14 years and thanks for all your hard work, it has been torn down and removed.

I can speak for everyone on Rhodes Terrace, from all the comments that have passed my way, the resolution into this matter has enriched our street again, from eye sores like this. Again, thank you all that was involved in passing this ordinance, help in getting this project started and completed.

Yours truly,

Paul Titus

A plaque was presented to Bernie Castillo who recently served on council to fill a vacancy. He was thanked for his service.

Chief Musial gave his annual report for the year including the following:

The department had a very busy year with many different incidents and complaints that were followed through successfully.

This past year was the highest DUI arrests that were ever made in the borough.

The department has been able to receive monies from Catholic Social Services, to have DUI roving patrols.

Our officers are very aggressive, looking for impaired drivers and arresting them.

The department has also participated in 10 DUI checkpoints in other towns and paid for by Catholic Social Services.

I have met with the local establishments and addressed our DUI problems.

Our department has been able to borrow speed minders from Penn-Dot over the past few months. The speed minders are a great tool and definitely slowed drivers down.

Penn-Dot also provided us message boards, and will continue into 2016,

these will advise of upcoming events where traffic may be disturbed.

Officers have stopped several bicyclists and pedestrians over the past summer, providing them information on the law regarding biking and walking.

I have met with a few of the bicycle groups and helped with providing them information.

We are very pleased with the new station that is almost finished. We hope to be in within the next few weeks.

Our burglaries and thefts have dropped, being the lowest since I've worked here over 18 years.

One person was saved by our department by using the defibulator.

Myself, Council, and Safety committee has met three times with Penn-Dot, Senator Baker and Rep.

Boback over the past few months. A lot of progress has been made and new safety measures are in the works for 2016.

We hope to have 6 permanent speed minders in by spring.

Penn-Dot will help with holding a safety day, where people can learn about safe biking and running on area roadways in the spring of 2016.

Our department will continue throughout 2016 with extra patrols to help with the larger amounts of traffic that will be on Lakeside Drive. Concerns of extra traffic using Old Lake Road will be monitored closely by our department when the bridge closes. A few complaints were brought to Councils attention about the stop sign at Old Lake Road and Memorial Highway, this past fall due to a business opening and vehicles blocking their view. The Police department and road department reviewed the intersection and changed the stopping areas. No complaints have been made since.

Two crosswalks with all the marking and signs will be in store for 2016, one at the Warden Place Beach and the other at the Harveys lake Rowing club. Markings on the road will indicate bike and foot traffic.

We would like to start an annual Roving patrol throughout the day and night on every June 7, in remembrance of Paula Jones.

I will provide a breakdown of the calls we handled for 2015:

Traffic stop 399 up 37; DUI arrest 32 up 4; Citation issued 201 up 64; Bicycle stops 61

up 61; Drug arrests 23 up 14; Assists to other departments 64 down 30; Pedestrians stopped 22 up 22; Suspicious activity calls 45 down 11; Walk ins 349 down 7; Warrants 15 down 1; Animal calls 26 down 3; Miscellaneous calls 208 down 25; Motor vehicle accidents 47 up 13; out of the 47 accidents 13 were considered reportable. 7 of the accidents occurred on Lakeside Drive, 3 were DUI related, 3 were careless driving, and one was driver was looking at a house.

No accidents on Lakeside Drive were contributed by speeding.
2 accidents on Memorial Highway were DUI related, 1 on Old Lake Road was DUI related. 1 was a private property accident.

Fire and EMS calls 273, up 31 ; Burglar alarms 155 up 11; Noise complaints 18 down; Thefts 20 down 5; Domestic calls 49 down 8 ; Suicide calls 4 down 2; Hit and runs 11 up 9; PFA violations 6 down 3; Missing persons 4 same; Overdoses 9 up 6; Sex offenses 3 up 3.

Total Number of calls 2124

Average of 177 calls per month; average of 5 calls day

In closing I would like to thank my officers, the Mayor, Council and Mrs. Sutton for helping our department succeed as it did throughout this past year. I am sure you will continue with full support throughout 2016.

Resident Judy Spagnola stated that the speed limit is a hot subject. She asked if there was a plan to change it. Chief Musial stated that although it is still being discussed, at this time there is no indication that a need to lower the speed limit is necessary.

Councilmember Post asked why there were no bicycle stops before this and if they are giving tickets when they stop them. The chief stated that it became a hot topic following the death of Paula Jones. This past year they did not give tickets in order to use this time to educate bike riders. However, that will change and tickets will be given for not stopping at stop signs etc. following safety day. Councilmember Boice stated that PennDot wants to have a safety day for education and public awareness. Councilmember Kehler stated that they are not moving to the far right like they should. Councilmember Kelly asked if a red light on the back of a bike is mandatory, and the chief said only at night. President Hilburt asked about starting young with the education of the children in schools. He feels that this a place everyone wants to come and ride. He is concerned how the bridge closing at Grotto will affect the summer traffic. He wants to keep everyone safe.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for public comment.

Resident Judy Spagnola asked if there is any news on why Dudley Ave. does not show up on her GPS. It was recommended last month that she call 911. 911 stated that Dudley Ave. is the proper name in their GPS info.

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 \$22,378.47 from Berkheimer and the Year to Date amount collected was \$331,700.08.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Admin: Councilmember Samson had no report.

Finance: Councilmember Kehler gave a report including that the available cash is at \$489,269.89 and restricted cash is \$69,993.28 for a total of \$559,263.17.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that she felt the report given earlier by the Chief covered everything.

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported that the road crew are continuing maintenance on the vehicles for the Borough. They have been cleaning the equipment and salting the roads where run off water has frozen. They installed new shelves in the shed that was purchased last month. They picked up Christmas trees. They do a lot.

Zoning: Councilmember Kehler report included that the zoning officer had a year to date (YTD) total amusement tax of \$4,000. She issued 18 permits for the month of December for \$720 with a YTD total of 178 for \$7,120. She had one variance for \$500 with a YTD total for Variances of \$4,500. And there were YTD 17 Job Johnny permits for total of \$170. The December total was \$1220 with a YTD total of \$15,790. The UCC amount for the BIA for December was \$8710 and for Harveys Lake was \$2,399.50 with a BIA YTD total of \$86,169.50 and the Harveys Lake YTD total of \$23,120.05 for an annual UCC total of \$109,289.55.

Garbage: Councilmember Boice reported that the current year fees for the month of December collected were \$10,146.10. Prior years' fees were \$3,167.72 and \$116.50 in garbage stickers with a YTD total of \$276,809.88.

BMCP: President Hilburt reported that the Bk. Mt. Community Partnership (BMCP) has applied for two LSA grants. One is for \$45,000 for MS4 help with mapping and software and laptops. The other one is for \$300,000 that is for a storage building to be built on

land donated by Lehman Twp. for equipment bought through the partnership. This is a secure area.

EMA: Councilmember Kelly stated there is nothing to report. President Hilburt reported that a mass notification system is being purchased through Luzerne County 911. We can choose to participate and there will be training.

Recreation and Special Events: Councilmember Post had nothing to report

Building and Grants: Councilmember Boice said there was nothing to report. Although she said the Police have asked for a Generac generator for the new building. She stated that an LSA grant should be applied for that.

EAC: Councilmember Post had nothing to report

Sewer: Councilmember Kelly stated there is nothing to report. Resident Judy Spagnola stated that the sewer rates were not increased this year. Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority did have a small raise that was passed on to the residents this year.

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

New Business

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to reappoint the zoning officer Maureen Oremus retroactive to the first of the year, seconded by Councilmember Kelly.**

Councilmember Samson said that she thought we interviewed another company to do zoning. She asked whatever happened to that discussion. Did we decide against the other company? President Hilburt stated that we didn't hire them. Samson asked if we ever discussed if we were or weren't? She doesn't remember having that discussion. Hilburt stated that there never was that discussion. The discussion was to hire engineers. Samson asked didn't Isett come in and discuss this? Hilburt said they did, they could also do that. We chose not to have them do that. Samson said she doesn't remember not choosing to use them for that which is what confused her.

A roll call vote was taken: President Hilburt, yes; Councilmember Kehler, yes; Councilmember Blaine, no; Councilmember Boice, yes; Councilmember Kelly, yes; Councilmember Post, no; Councilmember Samson, no. The motion carried.

****Councilmember Boice made a motion to approve the sewer planning module for Villas at Waterwood II pending approval from our Borough Engineers, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to hire police officer Raymond Glova as of January 17, 2015, and after six months he will become eligible for a uniform allowance, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Boice made a motion to reappoint Bill Hilburt as the representative for the BMCP with Tom Kehler as the alternate, seconded by Councilmember Kelly, the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$188,727.94, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary