

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, Route 415, Sunset, Harveys Lake, PA.

Council President Kopko called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kopko announced the meeting tonight was being tape-recorded and if anyone in the audience had a recorder to please advise Council at this point. Resident Bill Monk and reporter Elizabeth Skrapits indicated that they had a recorder.

Roll call:

Clarence Hogan	Mayor	Present
Francis Kopko	President	Present
Larry Radel	Vice President	Absent
Boyd Barber	Council Member	Present
Richard Williams III	Council Member	Present
Ryan Doughton	Council Member	Present
Diane Dwyer	Council Member	Present
Carole Samson	Council Member	Absent
Charles McCormick	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made.**

****Councilmember Williams made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the June 15, 2010 Public Works Session, and the Minutes of June 15, 2010 Regular Council meeting seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion carried unanimously.**

Public Announcement

Earlier this evening, Borough Council had an Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Before the floor was opened, Councilmember Ryan Doughton addressed the residents regarding the Marcellus Shale Drilling. He discussed the limited powers that the Borough Council has regarding the regulation of the industry. The limited regulation with the zoning ordinance and the bonding of the roads in the Borough. He would like to have a letter sent to the State having them slow down permitting new wells until the regulations catch up with the current processes.

President Kopko asked if there was anyone wishing to address council to please state their name and address and limit their comments to three minutes please.

Many residents and non residents were in attendance to discuss their concerns with the Marcellus Shale drilling including:

Resident Michelle Boice stood and council asked if she had something new to say. She stated that she didn't know if it was new but it was important. She stated that she has been asking since April for Council to write a letter and be Pro Active in the Marcellus Drilling regulations. She discussed recent violations that have taken place. She is concerned with the permits that have been applied for from Encana. She emphatically stated that we need to Save our Water Supply. She stated that she is angry that Borough Council is not taking her concerns seriously.

Several residents asked questions regarding the roads and the possibility of setting road weight limits.

Residents are concerned that if we do not protect the possibility of pollution in the water, that once it happens, it is too late to prevent it. Once polluted, always polluted.

David Schlow discussed a recent ruling in the City of Pittsburg asking for a one year moratorium on drilling. Couldn't we get a larger buffer around the lake that won't allow drilling?

Guy Giordano pointed out that other close areas have the same concerns as we do. We should band together and ask the State for help.

Bernard Walters stated that rather than just complaining, someone needs to come up with ideas that Council can use. What options are available?

Representative Karen Boback recommended that Harveys Lake Borough Council call for a meeting with DEP and the PA Fish Commission asking for a 1 year moratorium on drilling. Since DEP is so concerned with the quality of the lake that they have a moratorium on our sewer connections, they should certainly consider this.

Other topics included:

Jason Michaels wanted the Homecoming Committee to consider a donation for the use of the facilities at the Harveys Lake Beach Association.

Debbie Laubenstein asked about a curfew in the Borough.

John Wilson asked questions regarding the new stop sign in Hemlock Gardensl

David Schuler informed residents that smoke testing will be begin this next week.

The status of the S1 updates that council has been working on was discussed briefly.

The floor was closed.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Letter From the Harveys Lake Protective Association sent to the Secretary of DEP regarding the Marcellus Shale Drilling.

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 May we received \$12,683.92 from Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Finance: Councilmember Kopko gave the financial report including: Total available cash is \$484,731.45; total restricted money is \$264,451.81; total cash of \$749,183.26.

Police: Mayor Clarence Hogan gave a verbal report including the department received \$116.77 in fees and fines, worked 843 man hours and had bills totaling \$2195.08

Roads: Councilmember Williams reported that the road department used 166.8 gallons of fuel, repaired basins, patched holes, repaired swales and cut brush. Mr. Williams stated if a basin near your home is in need of immediate assistance, please call and report it.

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

NEW BUSINESS

****Councilmember Doughton made a motion to extend the current Vision Benefits contract for two years with no increase in the Premium for those two years, seconded by Councilmember Williams. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Dwyer made a motion to sign an agreement with Pasonick Jr. & Associates, Inc for planning professional services to update our Comprehensive Plan not to exceed \$65,000, seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion carried unanimously.**

**** Councilmember Williams made a motion to purchase a 2011 Ford F-55- 4X4 on**

the PA Costars contract for \$40, 572.22 with BRADCO plow and dump box on the Costars contract at \$34,385.16 for a total of \$74,957.38, seconded by Councilman Barber. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

President Kopko asked if anyone on Council had any old business they wished to discuss.

There was no response.

****Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills and Payroll in the amount of \$64,716.13, seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Kopko asked if anyone on Council had any upcoming Community Events.

Mayor Hogan reminded everyone the Homecoming would be held on August 6, 7 and 8th this year.

****Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary