

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.in the Borough Office of 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
Carole Samson	Vice President	Present
Daniel F. Blaine	Council Member	Present
Thomas Kehler	Council Member	Present
Ed Kelly	Council Member	Present
Michell'e Boice	Council Member	Present
Amy Williams	Council Member	Absent
Thomas O'Connor	Attorney	Present
Susan R. Sutton	Borough Secretary	Present

****Indicates motions made**

President Hilburt stated that prior to this meeting an executive session was held.

Also, President Hilburt expressed condolences to Mayor Hogan and his family on the death of his mother in law.

****Councilmember Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the February 17, 2015 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

There were no comments from the floor.

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 February the Borough received \$56,904.97 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine's report included that at the end of February the total available cash was \$720,888.00, restricted cash is \$67,718.84 for a total of \$788,607.74. He gave a report on the Pcard usage for Feb and March. In February there were 11 transactions for a total of \$8065. And so far in March there have been 16 for a total of \$15,416 for a total of \$23,532.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that the Police responded to a total of 118 calls including: 14 traffic stops, 2 DUI arrests, 8 citations issued, 4 warnings issued, 5 assists to other departments, 5 911 open line requests, 4 suspicious activity calls, 27 walk ins, 3 animal calls, 10 miscellaneous calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 15 Fire and EMS calls, 15 burglar alarms, 2 domestic calls, 1 hit and run and 1 overdose.

As always:

- They ask that residents report any type of suspicious activity
- Please keep doors on homes and vehicles locked at all times
- If anyone would like a more detailed report regarding the police report, they can make an appointment with the Chief and he will supply what he legally can

She also reported that the LSA grant was approved and construction should begin shortly. Also, in the fall, the bridge near Grotto is planned for construction.

Roads: Councilmember Kelly gave the report including the guys doing very well and staying very busy. They used 354 gallons of fuel. They also helped pick up garbage on Kitchen Ave. Also the Pcards were issued to the road crew for purchases. Councilmember Boice also added that the salt held out longer than expected. A larger salt shed is being looked into for more storage availability. Also, the backhoe is aging and prices are being gathered to see about a replacement. They are also looking into grants for private roads and seeing how Council can help next year with providing cinders for those roads. They hope to have a plan safely in place by next winter.

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler gave the zoning officers report including that the Borough issued 3 zoning permits, collected \$2,300.00 in third party UCC fees and \$800 in amusement tax for a total of \$3,220.00 in February and \$9,656.00 for the year.

Garbage: Councilmember Boice reported that fees collected for the current year in the month of February were \$56366.35, prior year collections were \$4,933.95 for a total of \$61,300.30.

Bk. Mt. Community Partnership: (BMCP) President Hilburt reported that on April 29, at 6pm there will be a meeting of the BMCP to discuss the possibility of Police Regionalization. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Special Events: Mike Rush reported that the recreation committee will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Little League field for children 12 and under on April 4 at 11 am.

LSA Grant: Councilmember Kehler reported that DCED approved the request to change the a scope of the LSA grant to allow a modular building to be placed on the current site of the Police Station. They also approved the time extension as well. The committee met with Borton Lawson and planned out a timeline to bid out and proceed with the Police Station. They hope to be in it by September. Also, they met with Lynelle from Barry Isett and Assoc. She is looking in to funding sources for available grants for the Borough.

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

New Business

****Councilmember Boice made a motion renew the current dental insurance with Guardian at a 3% increase, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion authorize paying off the police cruiser loan at Luzerne Bank in the amount of \$28,678.32, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Boice made a motion forgive garbage fees on property now owned by GMAHL due to a sheriff's sale on the Bower property in the amount of \$3,946.93, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to hire Madelon Varleta, at minimum wage, to scan borough documents onto disc for future records, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to appoint John Brokenshire for 4 years to the GMAHL board and Joe Sgarlat for 2 years to the GMAHL board, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$121,765.67, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on April 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary