

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Monday, May 19, 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**

****Councilmember Kelly made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, and the May 2, 2014 special meeting, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

Resident Mike Dziak, Pole 232 said he has been a resident for 40+ years. He read an email that he had sent council into the record:

I read the article that everyone seems to be in favor of purchasing the Pasta house for municipal/police building. I wanted to give you my opinion that this is not a good idea. This property is one of the premier properties at the lake that brings in around \$5,000 dollars per year in taxes, why lose this? This property could be

combined with the Villa property to make an even more valuable developable site. Potential more tax \$\$ and jobs. I don't think the Boro should go into the real estate business with rentals that is not the purpose of the Boro. Harveys Lake is not growing and you have accommodations now that have plans to be implemented. Also I don't think the property has enough room to fit all the needs for traffic and parking and would cost a lot of money to fit it up for all aspects of the boro. Would you like to live above a jail/police department is this allowable?? Please reconsider what you are thinking. Thanks for listening, Mike Dziak.

Michael A. Dziak
President/CEO
Earth Conservancy

He also expressed concerns that the property is old and has been dormant for years - a decade. He said someone needs to evaluate the property to see if it meets the requirements of the Borough. He stressed that you should know what you are getting into. Have you done Costs and Engineering costs? What would it cost to move forward? This Borough is not growing. The facilities are satisfactory now. We have a plan in place now, let's execute it.

Resident Rob Weaver, Pole 260 stated that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. He had a handout of a company that does very nice modular offices. It could be bought and up in a very short period of time. He also suggested having a bid to have it stick built. It should cost much less to build a new building than to purchase and renovate an old one. He also has concerns about adequate parking.

Resident Kevin Carty, Pole 202 stated that it would be nice to have all of the offices in one building. He said he doesn't know what it would cost to renovate either. However, he also said that you don't know in ten years if the Borough will be growing or not.

He said that the Lake Lehman school district raises our taxes all the time and has recently replaced the turf and is paying for outside lights. He would rather, even if it raised our taxes a little, to have the money spent here in our town. It would be really nice to have everything centrally located. You just have to look down the line a little bit.

Resident Judy Williams Spagnola said that it is summer time again. She is seeing the bikers out in the middle of the road again. She also said they are not following traffic laws and stopping at the stop sign at Alderson Rd. Council said they would have the Police Chief look into it.

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 April the Borough received \$28,451.10 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine gave the report including that total available cash this month is \$664,052.65, last year it was \$606,721.77. Restricted cash is \$133,368.32 and last year it was \$37,018.10 for a total of \$797,420.97. He also reported that the electric bill at the Garage was reduced by 50% this past month.

Police: Councilmember Hilburt gave the report including the police responded to 189 calls. He also stressed that it is Bike and Pedestrian season and recommended that residents slow down and stay vigilant as they drive around the lake. He also said the new cruiser is on duty which brings the total back to 3 cars for the Police Department.

Roads: Councilmember Kelly gave the report including the work that has been done on Halowich Rd. Council is looking into a possible grant with Dirt and Gravel roads to help fix it correctly. He also said that summer help will be added soon.

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler read the zoning officers report into the record

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Tom,

Please find attached a list (albeit partial) of some of the residents I've had the pleasure of meeting and servicing over the past 7 weeks. I have also dealt with the following matters:

- 19 complaints, ranging from dilapidated properties, debris filled yards, illegally parked vehicles, a pool not having a cover and vegetation blocking a person's view. To date 15 of these have been resolved. You can imagine that the bulk of these took me out of the office and in some instances additional research was necessary.
- 41 permits to date with approximately 35 going on to the 3rd party inspector.
- Weekly lake tours, turned up 4 offenders who failed to pull permits. The fact that I was able to locate these individuals resulted in revenue due to this office of \$1,092.00.
- Prepared 3 files for May's Zoning Hearing, sending the appropriate paperwork to neighbors and going out to post properties. Attended Hearing on May 6th
- Preparing 1 request for June's Zoning Hearing Board, having prepared the ad for the newspaper.

- Have accompanied persons to walk a property (George Gale).
- I am able to answer the phones along w a myriad of questions.
- I take garbage payments and issue burn permits.
- Have had a Job Johnny moved which did not have a permit and followed through for the \$10.00 fee.
- I have opened the office up when Susan was unable to be here and taken resident requests.
- I have sent e-mails to various homeowners, realtors and our own Attorneys. I am working with all involved to try to resolve both the Vieczorek and Abod issues. Sent certified letter to Mr. Abod about his shed last week.

LSA Grant: President Boice stated that she has recently spoken with DCED about the possibility of moving the grant for renovations from the current police station to the Villa Roma Pizza building to do renovations on should we buy it. The money would be used for the portion of the building that would be renovated for the Police Dept. Although they seem favorable about the move, they suggest waiting to ask the board for the move until the property is actually purchased. Also, a deadline extension is possible if we need it.

Administration: Lou Barletta is sending a representative here once a month. When he was here this past month he had talked about grants that may be available to the Borough. He said that first responders get priority. There aren't any right now, but he will talk to his grant person to see what might be available.

GMAHL: It was reported that there has been no response from DEP on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP), The H20 Grant Manhole project is near completion. They have temporary permission to install ground water monitoring wells at David Shuler's and Fran Kopko's properties per CAP.

Environmental Advisory Committee: They are also planning to have Well Water testing this year. Also, the Floating Wetland Islands are going to be planted and placed in the near future. More details will follow when they are decided. The litter pick up was very successful.

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

NEW BUSINESS

****Councilmember Hilburt made a motion to hire Mac Fogarty, Chad Grezesnikowski and Nick Radel as temporary summer help at minimum wage starting June 10 – August 22, 2014, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to waive the zoning permit fee of \$40 for a sign permit, not including any Third Party UCC fees that may be needed, seconded by Councilmember Samson, The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion contract with BOC for propane fuel at \$1.89 a gallon for one year, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Hilbert made a motion and read a resolution into the record:
BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HEREBY REQUESTS THE BACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADMISSION OF
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH INTO SAID PARTNERSHIP.

seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.

Karen Boback and a PenDot District 4 representative was out to view Memorial Highway. The bids will be going out June 5th and it is scheduled to start in July. It has been moved up three months from the original schedule.

Resident Mike Dziak stated that it was an unacceptable timeline. He doesn't feel that Council did enough. He says that PenDot could have "fast tracked" the process and gotten it done sooner.

OLD BUSINESS

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

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$202,041.78, seconded by Councilmember Hilburt. The motion carried unanimously.**

Council went into executive session at 8:10 pm

Council returned from executive session at 8:40 pm. It was stated that the executive session was to discuss with the Realtor the possibility of negotiating a purchase price for the Villa Roma.

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to authorize our Realtor to negotiate a**

price for the purchase of the Villa Roma on behalf of Council, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. Roll Call Vote: Samson, yes; Kelly, yes; Hilburt, yes; Blaine, yes; Kehler, yes; Boice, no. The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary