

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 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 stated that Council wanted to offer Condolences to Amy Williams on the loss of her fiancé. He stated that their prayers would be with her and her family.

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 to discuss litigation.

****Councilmember Boice made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Public Worksession, Public Hearing and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The floor was opened for Citizens to be heard.

Rose Marie Gavignonis was here to ask about the Erosion on Center St. She also wanted a status on her complaint from last year on 49 Center St. She feels it is an unsafe structure as well as having snakes and stray animals.

John Halbing was in to inquire about the possibility of changing the requirement for two parking places on the Shoreline District when the homeowner owns the property on the same deed directly across the street. He feels this is an unnecessary hardship to owners who are unable to obtain a Highway Occupancy Permit.

Judith Brown was in to ask about the possibility of having a stop light installed at the intersection of 415 and Old Lake Rd. There used to be one there. She feels the traffic warrants it. This is a State Highway.

Jim Pugh was asking about a status on the shed that he feels is incorrectly placed by his neighbor Abod. Council felt it was addressed. Mr. Pugh doesn't agree. Councilmember Kehler said he will look into it.

Janice Lohman has concerns on Ridge Ave where the road doesn't have proper drainage. It freezes in the winter and causes problems. This is a State Rd. She called the State, and they told her to call the Borough. It was recommended she contact her State Representative.

Justin Miller, a landscaper in the area has received the letter sent out from Council and EAC regarding the phosphorous being used on the lawns. He stated that he uses only 4% but most other landscapers and homeowner use up to 25%. He wanted to know how Council plans to police this. It would put him out of business. He said all you have to do is look, a green lawn is a good indicator that phosphorous is being used.

Council pointed out that the Lake is our greatest asset, and that it is an ordinance. It is to help keep the algae blooms down. Being part of the Chesapeake Watershed mandates that we monitor the levels in the Lake.

Carole Hadsall asked if the discrepancy in the speed limit on Old Lake Rd was going to be 35 or 25 mph. Council plans to correct it to 25 mph.

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 \$25,471.18 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine stated that we currently have total available cash \$636,500.00, restricted cash is \$138,825.00 for a total of \$775,325.00.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that the Police responded to a total of 194 calls including: 36 traffic stops, 5 DUI arrests, 19 citations issued, 12 warnings issued, 1 Drug arrests,

5 assists to other departments, 7- 911 open line requests, 5 suspicious activity calls, 26 walk ins, 1 warrant, 5 animal calls, 23 miscellaneous calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 22 Fire and EMS calls, 10 burglar alarms, 3 noise complaints, 2 thefts, 3 domestic calls, 1 suicide, 1 hit and run and 1 missing person.

As always:

- As always the Chief asks 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

Councilmember Samson also stated that the Mayor, the Chief and the Police Committee met on May 4 to interview candidates for the Part Time Police position. Following the interviews, they came to a consensus and will look to take action later in this meeting.

Special Events: Councilmember Samson reported that the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) wanted to thank all of the participants of the annual clean up. It was a great success. Also, an appreciation day for Police, Fire and EMS is scheduled for June 20 at the Harveys Lake American Legion.

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported there were two inspections from DEP this past month. One was on the Warden Place Channel which pointed out a few repairs that will be needed. Also, the Stormwater Permit (MS4) inspection was done and we are waiting on a written report to see what needs to be done.

The road department is getting ready for the Spring Season and we hope to hire back our summer help. Also, the road department used a total of 130 gallons of fuel.

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Kehler gave the zoning officers report including that the Borough issued 15 zoning permits with a total revenue of \$9,843.50 in May and \$32,624.70 for the year. The zoning officer held 2 special meetings with different problems around the Lake. She resolved 3 complaints. There were Job Johnnies at the Public Boat Launch which should be gone soon. She did her weekly drives and found two offenders with no permits and they came in and complied.

Garbage: Councilmember Samson reported that fees collected for the current year in the month of April were \$11,223.20, prior year collections were \$3919.15, garbage stickers \$116.50 for a total of \$14,858.85.

Bk. Mt. Community Partnership: (BMCP) President Hilburt reported we are still gathering information on the Code Red Alert system. It looks like the Council is favorable to join with the Partnership to purchase the system.

LSA Grant: Councilmember Kehler reported that the Bid Specifications will be out this Thursday for the LSA grant.

****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 Blaine made a motion to purchase a backhoe from Medico Industries and finance it through Luzerne Bank in the amount of \$80,066.00 purchased under Costars, seconded by Councilmember Kelly.**

A member of the audience asked how many bids were received. It was explained that Costars is a state purchasing program that guarantees the lowest price.

Councilmember Boice asked about the interest rates.

****Roll Call vote: Councilmember Kelly, yes; Councilmember Kehler, yes; Councilmember Boice, reluctantly said yes because the finance chairman said we can afford it; Councilmember Blaine, yes; Councilmember Samson, yes; Councilmember Hilburt, yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to hire summer help at minimum wage, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Blaine made a motion to allow the Wilkes Barre Triathlon to run again this year in our Municipality on Sunday, September 13, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion hire Brian Morris effective May 18, 2015 as a part time police officer. He is required to purchase his uniform and after working six months for the Borough can be reimbursed, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$85,940.68, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary