

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 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 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.

President Hilburt stated that prior to this meeting, an executive session was held to discuss personnel matters.

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
Bernie Castillo	Council Member	Present
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 September 15, 2015 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

A commendation was given to Police Chief Musial and resident Brad Nilsson for saving the life of another resident.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Resident Bernie Ozovek asked when the road closure is going to take place for the Grotto bridge replacement. He said the traffic on Old Lake Rd is terrible and offered the use of his driveway for traffic enforcement. He also asked if a temporary stop sign could be placed on Old Lake Rd at the Terrace Ave. intersection. He feels this would slow traffic down.

He also wanted to clarify misinformation in the Citizens Voice editorial that was published on October 18th. The article stated that he had not submitted any interest in filling recent openings in the Borough when they came up. He stated that he had submitted for both the GMAHL opening in June 2012 and the Borough council opening in July of 2015. He submitted copies of those letters and asked that they be placed in the record.

Bernard Ozovek
261 Old Lake Rd
Harveys Lake, PA 18612

570- 371-8738

June 13,2012

Harveys Lake Borough Council
4875 Memorial Highway
Harveys Lake, PA 18618

To Harveys Lake Borough Council,

I would like to submit this letter of interest to Borough Council in order to be considered for appointment to the open position on the GMAHL.

I am a former member of Harveys Lake Borough Council, with prior knowledge of Borough business.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Sincerely,
Bernard Ozovek

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July 28, 2015
Harveys Lake Borough Council
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Dear Harveys Lake Borough Council:

I am writing to let you know that I am interested in filling the Council seat vacated by Amy Williams, which will be available for the next 5 months.

I have prior Council experience and feel I would be an asset to Harveys Lake.
Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Bernie Ozovek

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 \$24,314.00 from Berkheimer.

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Finance: Councilmember Blaine gave a report including that the current available cash is \$630,596.02 restricted cash \$80,668.55 for a total cash balance of \$711,264.57. He also reported that he is beginning working to work on the 2016 Budget.

Councilmember Blaine also announced he met with DAMA to discuss allowing residents to use the new Composting facility that just opened up on 118 Lehman Twp. They were very enthusiastic in having us join with them. We will need to provide them a list and the residents will be able to drop off yard waste and get compost. A flyer will be available soon in the borough office with all the information. He asked that everyone spread the word.

Police: Councilmember Samson stated that the department responded to 201 calls last month. Including 35 traffic stops, 3 DUI arrests, 24 citations issued, 11 warnings issued, 3 bicycles stopped, 1 drug arrests, 6 assists to other departments, 8 open 911 lines, 4 suspicious activity calls, 27 walk ins, 2 warrants, 1 animal calls, 18 miscellaneous calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 19 Fire and EMS, 10 burglar alarms, 1 noise complaints, 2 thefts and 5 domestic calls.

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.

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported that the Ashton Road basin is installed and will be completed next week. The road department is busy getting ready for winter. They have received two loads of salt already and are expecting two more next week.

Zoning: Councilmember Kehler reported that the zoning officer issued 16 permits for the month of September with a year to date (YTD) total of 134. Total income for September was \$4650.00 with the YTD total of \$72,846.05. This includes 2 Job Johnny permits, with a YTD total of 17. She received 4 complaints that she resolved.

Garbage: The current year fees collected were \$11,131.75. Prior years' fees were \$1,977.21. Garbage stickers sold were \$77.75 for a total of \$13,186.71, with a YTD total of \$255,111.68.

Special Events: There will be a pumpkin carving contest at Jonathans Saturday from 4-6 pm. Bring your own pumpkin and tools will be provided. It is for all ages. A flyer is available on the back table.

Grants: Councilmember Kehler reported that next Tuesday, the first week of November, the digging for the foundation walls will be started. Shortly after that, the building will be delivered. It should be finished by Mid November and we will have our new building.

DAMA: Councilmember Blaine reported that Bill Feherer from DAMA met with EAC last week. The drop off site is going well. So far 5 cars with about 22 cubic feet of yard waste has been dropped off. He wanted to remind everyone that it is not for landscapers. Also, they will be able to take Christmas trees. Anyone wanting more information should contact damaonline.org for current hours and information.

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

New Business

Resolution #4-2015 was read into the record.

Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Municipal Adoption Resolution

Resolution No. #4 - 2015

Harveys Lake Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, Harveys Lake Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, Harveys Lake Borough acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update has been developed by the Luzerne County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of ' Harveys Lake Borough and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update, and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for Harveys Lake Borough

- The Luzerne County 2014 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Harveys Lake Borough and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution #4-2015, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Samson made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Leedock from the Harveys Lake Police Dept., seconded by Councilmember Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion eliminate the nuisance Per Capita tax effective for 2016, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Samson announced that the Harveys Lake Recreation Committee gave a donation of \$525 to the Harveys Lake Police Department. Thank you very much.

****Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$93,764.22, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary