

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 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. There was a reporter from the Times Leader who indicated she had a recorder.

Roll call:

Clarence Hogan	Mayor	Absent
Bill Hilburt	President	Present
Thomas Kehler	Vice President	Present
Daniel F. Blaine	Council Member	Present
Michell'e Boice	Council Member	Present
Ed Kelly	Council Member	Present
Wayde Post	Council Member	Present
Carole Samson	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 20, 2016 public worksession and regular council meeting and the September 20, 2016 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Musial was here to give his report on Summer Activity at the Lake.

I would like to thank everyone for attending the meeting tonight. I am here tonight to provide a report of what has happened over the past year at Harveys Lake.

I certainly can tell you this past year was probably one of the busiest that I can remember, with traffic bicyclists and pedestrians. The weather was just perfect, to enjoy the lake.

We also had a few different traffic detours, with the bridge being out at the Grotto and Old Lake Road being used as the main entrance into the lake. State Route 118 had a

bridge out for a week, which put a larger amount of traffic on our roads. With all that extra traffic, I believe this year was a success for the police department as well as all that utilized Harveys Lake for whatever purposes they were here. No accidents were reported or investigated due to the heavy traffic load. Which was great.

So, much has been done over the past year in making the lake much safer. I would like to thank the Mayor, The Harveys Lake Council, Rep. Boback, Senator Baker, the safety committee and Penn-dot. The meetings we all attended and the concerns we had were studied and things that were done were based on facts.

- Two Pedestrian Crossings were installed with all of the proper signage and markings.
- The speed limit was dropped from 35 to 30
- Stenciling of the speed limit were placed on the pavement in certain areas.
- 4 Speed minders were placed in different areas of the lake.
- Educational material was distributed to all that use Lakeside Drive

Without the team that stuck it out, I really don't think we would have been able to do with what we did to make this lake safer in one year's time.

We do realize there is a lot more to do over the next few years and the team is willing to continue to work at bringing ideas to the table and see if they can be used.

Our department conducted several DUI roving patrols and DUI awareness days this past summer. I am already getting more dates set for next year. These events are paid for by the Catholic Social Services.

Several bicyclists and pedestrians were stopped and provided information on how they should use the roadway properly. I have heard all good things regarding the speed minders, I do believe they are a key tool. I've been monitoring them in the police vehicles and my personal vehicle at different times of the day and noticed all vehicles that approach the speed minders that their speed significantly drops as they get closer to the speed minders. I hope to get more in the future. I do know the safety committee is working on a grant to get three more speed minders in the very near future. Our Mayor and Council approved extra shifts throughout the past year to help curb the careless driving.

So, as we put all of this together and we worked as a team, I think after you hear the numbers I'm about provide you're going to see how much of a difference all of us made to make Harveys Lake safe this past summer.

- The police department conducted 609 traffic stops with 13 of them resulting in DUI arrests.
- Last year the department conducted 289 traffic stop resulting in 20 DUI arrests with 13 DUI arrests due to being involved in an accident.
- This year our department responded to 2 reportable accidents, and 15 non reportable accidents with none being DUI related.

I do believe this breaks a record of having the lowest amount of accidents ever recorded in the Borough. As I said in the past, with everyone working together and following the rules of the road, we made a safe summer for everyone.

It's been said throughout the Back Mountain, if you go to the Lake make sure you follow the rules, because the police are hitting hard.

With our strong police presence this year I believe it helped cut down on a lot of the other crimes. Burglaries, thefts, domestics and suspicious activity calls have dropped significantly.

So, again I would like to thank everyone that helped in make this summer a safe summer. I would like to conclude by giving Harveys Lake police, a pat on the back for their good work this past year.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Heather Bower and John Halbing asked Council why a pile permit is being required that has never been required before. Council stated that it is in the code book but until recently had been overlooked. They are actively trying to figure out what the requirements will be to meet the ordinance. They are also trying to determine who has jurisdiction over the piles. Council is aware that winter is coming and they are committed to holding a special meeting if necessary once they have the answers they need. Council thanked the residents for their patience as they try to find a long term answer.

The floor was closed

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Tax Collector's report was available on the back table.

The Borough Secretary reported that during the month of June the Borough received \$7,537.87 from Berkheimer

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Admin: There was no report.

Finance: Councilmember Kehler stated that budget meetings are beginning. He also gave a report including that the available cash is at \$517,283.54 and restricted cash is \$152,893.56 for a total of \$670,177.10.

Police: Chief Musial already gave a comprehensive report. However, Councilmember Samson reported that a resident donation was received from Mr. Mancia for the Police department.

Roads: Councilmember Boice reported that the new flag pole was installed at the police station. They tore down the old police station and filled two 40 yard dumpsters. The guys went to Jackson Twp. and took two classes on how to operate the new leaf vacuum and the vac truck.. They also went to the Barcheski property on Second St. and took about 5 loads down to EIO. The smell is much better now. It took a long time to go through the process to be able to take care of this issue. They also did pothole patching and checked the basins. The Road department is doing a good job. They do more than just roads.

BMCP: Councilmember Hilburt gave a brief update stating that the road crew recently went to mandatory training meetings to learn how to operate the new equipment. He also was able to take a tour of the proposed site of the new garage that is being built with the LSA grant money in Lehman for the BMCP storage of the new equipment. The partnership is working well.

Special Events: Councilmember Post reported that the annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving contest will be held at Jonathan's on October 28th. All ages are encouraged to attend. Also there is a trunk or treat event being held at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on October 31st from 6:15 to 8:15 pm.

EAC: No report given.

Sewer: Fran Kopko gave a brief report that since the variable frequency pumps were bid out, the price has fallen and they will be able to replace two pumps with the grant money that was received.

Zoning: Councilmember Kehler's report included that the zoning officer spoke to 168 persons. She issued 17 permits for a total of 147 for the year. She received 7 new complaints in writing with 3 pending a 1 zoning board hearing. She issued 2 stop work orders for failure to get permits. He said she travels around the lake and if you are working without a permit she will catch you.

Garbage: Councilmember Boice reported that the current year fees for the month of September collected were \$10,303.80. Prior years' fees were \$1,762.72 and \$38.75 in garbage stickers for a total of \$12,105.27.

EMA: Councilmember Kelly stated that there were no problems.

****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

****Councilmember Boice made a motion award the garbage contract bid for the 3 year low bid to County Waste in the amount of \$709,570 and \$0 for extra bag stickers and \$0 for bulk item stickers, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Boice made a motion accept the repository bid on the home on Second St., seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

Council also noted that the outstanding garbage fee needs to be waived due to the property being in the repository.

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion accept the proposal by BIA to provide assistance to our 2016-2017 MS4 annual report in the amount of \$11,600.00 with the exception of the \$3250.00 mapping if it isn't needed , seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilmember Boice made a motion award the Beaver Drive project to American Asphalt in the amount of \$56,920.40 for the Dirt and Gravel roads grant, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

****Councilmember Kehler made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$100,911.00, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary