

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH  
LUZERNE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 15, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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	Absent
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 Boice made the motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Public Worksession and Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

Fred Lubnow was here and gave a brief overview of the 319 grants. A swale project on Old Lake Road is just about finished. The new basin is due to go in on Ashton Road.

They are still working out issues with the new basin to be placed on the Fish and Boat Commissions public launch.

Nothing has yet been heard on the requested grant for the Hydrilla treatment.

He also discussed getting a few more floating wetland islands for next year.

The money to purchase the new vacAll trailer is approved but being held up with the budget issues.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Dorothy Judge a resident of Old Lake Road expressed the difficulty that she is having at the intersection of Old Lake Road and 415. There are a lot of cars parked there. A lot of them have no registration plates. They said they have tried to talk to them but to no avail.

Council stated that this had been discussed at the worksession and that they would be asking the zoning officer and the Police Chief to look into the situation and see if any laws are being broken.

Solicitor O'Connor stated that this borders the State Highway and that it may be a good idea to have PennDOT check about the line of sight issues.

William Judge stated that with the upcoming construction on the Grotto Bridge replacement there will be even more congestion.

Paul Mallory asked why there are so many large dump trucks travelling up and down Old Lake Road and using their Jake Brakes. He asked that an officer look into it.

Carol Hadsell wanted to know if there is a timeline yet for the detour and bridge closing. Council stated that the current timeline for the bridge replacement is for the Detour to be in place on October 26, 2015. The boat traffic will be restricted from October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>. The road reopening on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She also stated that there is a lot of concern for the garage and visibility issues.

Councilmember Boice stated that council is also concerned.

Solicitor O'Connor asked if the residents had tried speaking to the owner. They said yes but all they get is attitude.

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 \$42,708.61 from Berkheimer.

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**Finance:** Councilmember Blaine gave a report including that the current available cash is \$611,025.51 restricted cash \$143,198.83 for a total cash balance of \$754,224.34.

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 306 calls last month. Including 42 traffic stops, 5 DUI arrests, 28 citations issued, 9 warnings issued, 4 bicycles stopped, 2 drug arrests, 4 assists to other departments, 5 open 911 lines, 5 suspicious activity calls, 35 walk ins, 2 warrants, 3 animal calls, 22 miscellaneous calls, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 38 Fire and EMS, 12 burglar alarms, 2 noise complaints, 9 thefts, 6 domestic calls, 1 hit and run and 12 criminal mischief calls.

The triathlon went very well with no problems.

The borough recently had a rash of thefts from vehicles. The persons responsible for the thefts were arrested, and it very important that resident lock their vehicles.

The Borough also had a rash of vandalism, those people were arrested as well.

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 Old Lake Road and Ashton Road projects are started. The swale on Old Lake Road is overgrown and needs to be repaired. This is being done with 319 grant money through Princeton Hydro.

The road crew has been working hard cleaning and repairing basins and filling pot holes. They are back down to their two man crew.

**Zoning:** Councilmember Kehler reported that the zoning officer and the Police Chief will be looking into some complaints with visibility issues at the intersection of Old Lake Road and Route 415, especially now with the new bridge project.

**Garbage:** The current year fees collected were \$8,869.33. Prior years' fees were \$2,297.61. Garbage stickers sold were \$32.50 for a total of \$11,199.44.

**Special Events:** There will be a tire collection at the Borough Garage on Saturday September 19, 2015 from 8 am until 10 am. Car tires are \$5 and Truck tires are \$10.

**Grants:** Councilmember Kehler reported that there is a special meeting with Cornerstone Building this coming Thursday where final plans can be approved and the building sent to the

manufacturer to be built.

**\*\*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 Kelly made a motion to accept the renewal of our current health care plan, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution #3-2015 was read into the record:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILMEN of Harveys Lake BOROUGH, Luzerne COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter "the municipality").

WHEREAS Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", as Amended, and the rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, require the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters of the Commonwealth and/or environmental health hazards from sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to determine whether a proposed method of sewage disposal for a new land development conforms to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management, and

WHEREAS Mark Sobeck has proposed the development of a parcel of land identified as land developer

Sobeck Family Limited Partnership, and described in the attached Sewage Facilities Planning Module, and name of subdivision

proposes that such subdivision be served by: (check all that apply), \_\_\_ sewer tap-ins, x sewer extension, \_\_\_ new treatment facility, \_\_\_ individual onlot systems, \_\_\_ community onlot systems, \_\_\_ spray irrigation, \_\_\_ retaining tanks, \_\_\_ other, (please specify).\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Harveys Lake Borough finds that the subdivision described in the attached municipality Sewage Facilities Planning Module conforms to applicable sewage related zoning and other sewage related municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Councilmen of the Borough of Harveys Lake hereby adopt and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of the municipality the above referenced Sewage Facilities Planning Module which is attached hereto.

**\*\*Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution #3-2015, seconded by Councilmember Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*Councilmember Blaine made a motion to accept the American Asphalt quote #24717, seconded by Councilmember Boice. The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*Councilmember Blaine made a motion to enter into a temporary agreement with DAMA to allow the residents to use the Yard Waste and Compost facility on Route 118, to be reevaluated in January 2016, seconded by Councilmember Kehler. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

There was none.

**\*\*Councilmember Kelly made a motion to pay the Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$125,913.68, seconded by Councilmember Blaine. The motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary