

**HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH
LUZERNE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at the Harveys Lake General Municipal Building, Route 415, Sunset, Harveys Lake, PA.

Council President Lucarino called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lucarino announced the meeting tonight was being tape-recorded and if anyone in the audience had a recorder to please advise Council at this point. There was no response from the audience.

Roll call:

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| Richard Boice | Mayor | Present |
| Lawrence Lucarino | President | Present |
| Diane Dwyer | Vice President | Present |
| Edward Kelly | Council Member | Present |
| Clarence Hogan | Council Member | Present |
| Charles Musial | Council Member | Absent |
| Carole Samson | Council Member | Present |
| Betty Jane West | Council Member | Present |
| Charles McCormick | Attorney | Present |
| Susan R. Sutton | Borough Secretary | Present |

****Indicates motions made.**

****Councilman Kelly made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the Minutes of the October 21, 2008 Public Works Session, seconded by Councilman Hogan. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilwoman Dwyer made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the Minutes of the October 21, 2008 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Marcellus Shale Symposium- The Joint Urban Studies Center is holding a symposium designed to educate the local governments, elected officials, etc., on the incredible opportunity the Marcellus Shale can have in the region and state that with proper regulation can provide safeguards that protect our environment, water, and infrastructure

to minimize risks and issues. It will be held at The Woodlands Inn on Wednesday, November 19 from 8:00 am until noon. The cost is \$30.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

President Lucarino asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to address council.

Resident Don Marks from Lakeside drive wanted to know about the carport that Mr. Halbing is putting up on the S-1 district. Councilman Lucarino stated that it is already being taken care of.

Resident Dick Heur asked how much longer until the 911 addressing is going to be finished? It is causing a real problem for his mail delivery. Councilwoman Samson stated that it would be finished in 1-2 weeks. Mr. Heur stated that it has been 4 or 5 years already.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

The Borough Secretary reported that during the month of June \$24,476.32 was received from Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Finance: Councilman Kelly gave the financial report including: there is \$393,545.15 in available cash, \$224,855.97 in restricted cash, for a total of \$618,401.12 in total cash.

Police: Councilwoman West read the report from October. The Police worked a total of 768 hours with total miles driven of 3,982. The 128 police calls included 1 parking ticket, 9 traffic citations, 1 non-traffic citations, 2 arrests and 4 written warnings.

Roads: Councilman Kelly gave this report including:

- The road department cleaned leaves out of all the gutters and intersections.
- Trolley Car Hill project was completed. It was a very nice job.
- Recently they put decals on the road trucks.
- Old Lake road line painting was done.
- They dug out a ditch on Annabelle.
- They worked on the flood control project at Warden place replacing fence posts and cleaning. They met with DEP, inspecting Warden Place Creek. The inspection passed.
- They put up two signs on Marina drive and Wood St.
- They met with Barna Trucking about cleaning debris from Warden Place Creek and the Lake, and will continue to look for other options.
- They removed 7 beaver dams from the creek on Old Lake Road. They will continue to monitor it.

- They winterized the Rec. Center.
- They filled in potholes on Halowich Rd.
- The road department performed regular maintenance on Road and Police vehicles.

And as a reminder to all residents, Please follow procedures for Recycling. The guidelines are posted on the trailer.

Community Activities: Councilman Hogan reported that there were no activities to report at this time.

Zoning Hearing Board Report: Councilwoman Samson reported that Harveys Lake Zoning. Board held their regular meeting on October 6, 2008. There were four variance hearings scheduled for that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had continued their hearing from last month. However, no one attended the meeting. The board tabled the hearing until they could be reached.

The second hearing was a continuance for Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Caron at Pole 59. The Carons want to build a deck that will require a 14 foot variance. Neighbors objected to the request as they felt the Carons would at a later date enclose the deck and make the deck into another room. The Board said they wanted to see the property and met ahead of time for a site visit before making a decision. They met with the contractor, Michael Dombroski, and the neighbors prior to the meeting. After the contractor showed everyone what he was doing, the neighbors withdrew their opposition to the plan. The variance request was granted.

The next hear was for a Mr. Austin. He wanted to add a first floor bathroom and to extend his front deck. This would bring the home too close to the property line. None of his neighbors objected, so his variance was granted.

Finally, there was a request for a retaining wall from Jeff Doggett. After discussing the plan, his request was granted.

EAC: Councilwoman Dwyer reported that on Tuesday, November 8, EAC held their regular meeting. The main discussion was on the requests made to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission regarding the water usage for drilling natural gas. EAC is firmly against any water being taken out of Harveys Lake and discussion centered on ways to safeguard the water.

Sewer Authority Liaison: Councilwoman Samson reported the GMAHL meeting was held November 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm. There were 3 Board members present, and 2 people in the audience. They paid bills totaling \$114,194.70. Attorney Tom O'Connor had nothing to report. Manager Rick Boice reported that daily maintenance continues on all 14 stations. There have been no major breakdowns. 55 boathouse laterals have been

inspected. There was no Old Business and no remarks from the floor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

SALDO Proposals

Solicitor McCormick reported that today was the deadline for Proposals to update the Borough Subdivision and Land Ordinances. Borough Council received 5 proposals which they will be reviewing and choosing the most qualified firm to negotiate with.

2009 Preliminary Budget was read as follows:

| DESCRIPTION | PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET |
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| INCOME | |
| REAL ESTATE TAXES | 537,500 |
| LOCAL ENABLING TAXES | 322,000 |
| CABLE TV AND LCB | 21,500 |
| ZONING | 7,000 |
| PERMITS AND LICENSES | 25,200 |
| FINES AND FORFEITS | 10,300 |
| INTEREST AND RENTS | 10,850 |
| GRANTS AND GIFTS | 67,600 |
| DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS | 3,500 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 30,500 |
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| TOTAL INCOME | 1,035,950 |
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| EXPENSE | |
| TAX COLLECTION | 22,800 |
| ZONING AND PLANNING | 92,000 |
| GEN'L ADMINISTRATION | 90,730 |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDING | 7,200 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE | 251,860 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE | 22,600 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER | 1,440 |
| TRASH COLLECTION | 224,000 |

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| ROADS GENERAL | 144,100 |
| ROADS SNOW REMOVAL | 18,000 |
| ROADS SIGNS/SIGNALS | 500 |
| ROADS CONSTRUCTION | 1,500 |
| RECREATION | 1,950 |
| INSURANCE/PR TAX/PENSIONS | 135,081 |
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| TOTAL EXPENSE | 1,013,761 |
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| NET INCOME (EXPENSE) | 22,189 |
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| LIQUID FUELS Revenue | 63,577 |
| Road Construction | 63,000 |
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| Net income Liquid fuels | 577 |
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| Capital expenditures | 7,000 |
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| Carryover from prior year | 656,951 |
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| NET FUNDS REMAINING | 679,718 |
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| TOTAL NET INCOME | 22,766 |

The budget in full will be available for review in the Borough Office from 7:00 am until 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

****Councilman Kelly made a motion to approve the 2009 preliminary budget as read, seconded by Councilwoman Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

****Councilwoman Dwyer made a motion to pay Borton Lawson for their administration of the Liquid Fuels Trolley Hill road project in the amount of \$10,830.00, seconded by Councilman Hogan. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

President Lucarino asked if anyone had any old business they wished to discuss. There was no response.

****Councilwoman West made a motion to pay the bills and Payroll in the amount of \$75,914.63, seconded by Councilwoman Samson. The motion carried unanimously.**

Councilman Lucarino asked if anyone had anything else to add to the meeting.

Councilman Kelly thanked the Solicitor for reading the budget so quickly, that it took the accountant so long to work on.

Councilwoman West wanted to get on the record that she has always taken pride in her attendance of all of the meetings as councilwoman. As of tomorrow, she will be starting a new job, and her hours will change. She will not be able to attend any of the work sessions. She will be able to attend the council meetings, just not the work sessions. She has to work until 6:00 pm. She just wants to make sure it is on the record so that in the future, when people ask where she is, they will know.

She also wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

President Lucarino also added his wishes that everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan R. Sutton, Borough Secretary