

Bob Harvie Voted Himself A Taxpayer Funded Pay Raise...

In A December 19, 2022 Meeting To Set Salaries Of Elected Officials, Harvie Voted In Favor Of A 1% Salary Increase, Including County Commissioners, Each Year From 2024 Through 2027. “Upon a motion by Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary, the following Bucks County Elected Officials: Commissioners, Clerk Of Courts, Coroner, Register Of Wills/Orphans’ Court, and Treasurer will receive a 1% salary increase, effective January 1, 2024, a 1% salary increase, effective January 1, 2025, a 1% salary increase effective January 1, 2026, and a 1% salary increase effective January 1, 2027, together with the same benefits package as is provided to non-union employees during the respective periods as mentioned above, was approved by a vote of 3-0.” (Minutes of Meeting To Set Salaries For Elected Officials, [Bucks County Commission](#), 12/19/22)

...Then Tried To Use Taxpayer Funds To Throw A Party For Himself

In April 2024, It Was Reported That Harvie Requested The County Pay For A Private Inauguration Luncheon That Was Hosted For Him And The Other Bucks County Commissioners. “At the meeting, Van Blunk criticized the two Democrats for trying to get the county taxpayers to pay for a private luncheon. ‘The county government is this wonderful system of checks and balances. The controller is a check and balance on the commissioners’ spending,’ said Van Blunk. ‘I was asked to pay for an invoice to pay for over \$1,700 for this administration’s inauguration private luncheon. And I denied it. Why? Because we protect the county. How would that look to the county? If the newspapers got ahold of that, the county paying \$1,700 for a private political party would not look good. We check for fraud, waste, and abuse.’ When DVJournal asked her about the payment for the party, Van Blunk said the caterer removed a \$344 service fee. Van Blunk eventually approved \$760 for bagels, pastries, and coffee for a breakfast that was available to the public if they happened to come into the building. But she disallowed \$780 for the private luncheon.” (Linda Stein, “Bucks Co. Controller Accuses Democratic Commissioners of Retaliation,” [Delaware Valley Journal](#), 4/8/24)