

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING August 2, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Joe Dippold, Don Sims, Jason Sarver and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

*Council Meeting
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WADE IGW
~~Jason Sarver~~
~~Don Sims~~
GREGORY A SUCH
~~Joe Dippold~~
~~Don Sims~~
Jandy Ferranola
Cathy Rape
Diane Brenner
Jim Mule
FRANK CRANNON
SUSIE ALTEMUS
~~Frank Luek~~
~~John Dweva~~
Phyllis Metz
America Allegretto
Joe WNK
Dalsa White
ROBIN WHITE
~~Mayor~~
~~Allen Bayer~~
ALLEN BAYER

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CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum was reached and the President Greg Such called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BID OPENING FOR JOHN DEERE SKID STEER:

Three sealed bids were received on the John Deere Skid Steer. Council President, Greg Such opened the following bids:

1. **\$16,756.53** from Jr. Jones Bid bond was not enclosed.
2. **\$14,557.27** from Larry Bennett Bid bond enclosed.
3. **\$14,150.00** from Dennis Kerr Bid bond enclosed.

Solicitor Matt commented that Council could disqualify the bidder who did not submit the bid bond or they could waive that defect; they could accept a different bid, or reject all bids and re-advertise. Don Sims suggested accepting the highest bid, if he defaults go to the second highest bid.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to accept the highest bid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greg Such reported on the new Storm Water Regulations being published by DEP, the MS4 Storm Water Discharge. We need to have a permit in place by September 16, 2017. The Borough Engineer should take care of it.

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the July 5 and July 13, 2016 minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt reported that the Triangle Agreement has been drafted; Greg Such is to review and then will be sent to Historic Harmony for their review and to their Solicitor for review.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Such reported there are no appointments.

COG:

Greg Such reported that COG is in recess for the summer.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on five Certificates of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council.

Harmony Log Cabin Parking Lot – Main Street - Permission to add painted white striping to parking bumpers. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Log Cabin Parking Bumpers.

HARB Cont.:

Ken & Sue Prater – 528 Main Street - Install new fence, wrought iron painted black at grass area along the Square. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Praters.

Gary Rodgers – 223 Mercer Street - Remove existing chain link fence, install new wrought iron fence (black) with brick piers (painted to match building) with sandstone caps. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Gary Rodgers. Joe Dippold abstained.

Josh Meeder – Center of Harmony - New building signage for **Penn Pantry**. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Josh Meeder/Penn Pantry.

Josh Meeder – Center of Harmony – New tenant signage for **Two Fraus Bakery**. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Josh Meeder/Two Fraus Bakery.

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Monroe Street in on the schedule to be paved either this week or next week.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that Allegheny Aquatic Alliance will be cleaning the Connoquenessing Creek again this year from Harmony to Fombell on August 27th and September 10th, they are requesting permission to use the Canoe Launch. Solicitor Matt responded that it's open to the public.

Laura Ebbert is with the Allegheny Aquatic Alliance, they have been doing the clean-up since 2012. They will also be using Wood Street Park to take things in and out of the creek at the bend where there is an accumulation of tires; her staff will be doing it, if they turf any grass they will take care of it. Laura passed out cards detailing the event. Susie Altemus commented that she applauds their efforts.

Susie Altemus reported that the KardaZ concert was postponed due to the threat of rain, it will be August 18th and is sponsored by Robinson Fans, Harmony Inn and Jadco. John Burg Band will be August 11th and is sponsored by the Rodgers Brothers and Armstrong.

Susie received two requests for weddings at the Wood Street Park, the first one will be Thursday, September 29th at 4:30 – rehearsal, it will last about a half an hour. The wedding ceremony will be Friday, September 30th at 5:00 and will last about an hour. The second wedding is on August 5, 2017. Susie inquired on the repairs for Wood Street Park; has the Borough received anything from the insurance company. Greg Such responded we have not received anything as of a week ago; it is an out-

Parks Board Cont.:

of-state trucking company. Greg inquired if Chief Miller could ping them again. Chief Miller suggested Solicitor Matt writing a letter; need to get the information to Matt. Susie commented that she would like to have it ready for the wedding. Phyllis Metz inquired if an Event Form was needed for weddings. Solicitor Matt responded that the Event Ordinance applies if it is open to the public. Greg Such commented that if there is an Event the Borough would need to know about it and should do a Safety Form. Susie and Greg commented that we have a Park Use Waiver Form. Mayor Rape inquired if the Parks charge for reserving the park, Susie responded \$25. Jodi Correll inquired if permission was needed to set up a volley ball net; can it be set up and taken down. Susie Altemus and Solicitor Matt commented that it's a public park.

Susie received complaints about garbage at Swampoodle Park; Parks Board will discuss options at their next meeting. Could make it carry in, carry out. Greg Such commented that if we have the Square emptied we should have that one emptied too. Jason Sarver inquired what our current procedure is for emptying garbage; Frank does it in the Square. Frank Luek commented originally Vogel was going to pick it up. Don Sims commented that they went to an automated system with the cans. Amy is to call and get a price from Vogel to pick up garbage in the Square and the park. Susie reported the Parks Board discussed hiring someone 1 day a week for weeding the four parks. Greg Such commented that the Parks Board can't keep up with the maintenance of the parks, the weeding. They need to come up with a way to fund a college kid or retired person to work half a day each week in the four parks; Parks Board would need to budget it.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report, but inquired what the results were on the Variance for Jim Zeigler. Joe White reported that the Planning Commission made a determination that the lot was not zoned to put another house. Greg Such reported the Variance was denied at the hearing. Mr. Zeigler has put in some Right-to-Know Request collecting some information as well as the prior zoning law that was modified in the 70's to try to figure out what his next steps are. Greg Such commented that it was interesting to him that none of the neighbors had any concerns or issues with that one; which he thought was some testimony of the type of neighbor Mr. Zeigler is and the way he's maintained the property.

Western Butler County Authority:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Shared Services:

Wade Ion reported that limb pick-up will be this Friday instead of Thursday; Zelie has another commitment on Thursday.

Parking and Signage:

Greg Such reported that the Wood Street Parking Ordinance was accepted, can sign now.

Historic Harmony:

John Ruch reported that Old Economy Village and Historic Harmony will co-sponsor a reunion this week-end for descendants of the Harmony Society who were celibate. There will be about 30 people in town on Friday to tour the Museum and take a Historic District walking tour, shop and attend a welcome reception at Stewart Hall; Council members are also invited to the wine and cheese reception. Registration starts at 1:00, the walking tour starts at 3:00 and the reception will be from 5:00-6:00. The First Friday Event will also be August 5 and will be free root beer floats from 4:00-7:00 pm, you also get 15% discount at the Museum Shop. The Antique Gun Show will be August 13th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Stewart Hall.

Harmony/Jackson Meeting:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan:

Greg Such reported that he wanted John Kovacic to come; John is the new EMA Coordinator who's replacing Don Pepe. Don Pepe did a good job in that role with support from Dave Szakelyhidi and others in the communities. Greg wanted John to come and talk about the Hazardous Mitigation Plan the County has put forth. We need to move forward in accepting the Hazardous Mitigation Plan there is a due date of September 26 or we run the risk of losing any FEMA flood insurance and disaster relief funding. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2016-8-2 approving the Butler County's Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Sapienza – 226 Mercer Street – Mark received a violation notice on his sidewalk. Mark stated his sidewalk is down because it has turned into part of the street and inquired who is responsible for the curb. Solicitor Matt responded that the adjacent property owner is responsible for the curb and sidewalk under the Borough Code. Mark Sapienza asked how he was supposed to stop people from driving on his sidewalk. Greg Such commented that the Borough adopted and put in place an Ordinance that should prevent that; signs are not up yet. Discussed where the signs were to go. Mark commented that the signs should be near the street not on private property. Mark said he doesn't have a problem putting in a new sidewalk and curb in but will make the curb high enough nobody can drive on it and he wants the no parking signs moved out to where they should be; discussion. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council agreed to move the signs out to where Mark wants them. Frank Luek inquired on the legality of putting a bollard there, would it be in the street right-of-way. Solicitor Matt commented that he would need to see the lay out. You don't want to put something in that would be a foreseeable danger.

Jodi Correll – 614 Wood Street – Jodi inquired if there has been any discussion on what the Borough is going to do about their yard/bank. Greg Such responded that the Borough is not going to do anything. Diane Brenner commented that it's a safety issue, the Borough damaged the property, they should repair it. Jodi Correll commented that the rain last week washed the rock down onto the road. Jodi

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inquired why they didn't take it off the other side of the road instead of ruining her bank. Jodi had a couple estimates; the minimum was for \$12,000. One landscaper's suggestion was to terrace the bank. Solicitor Matt and Greg Such suggested submitting the estimates to the Borough for review.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Mayor Rape inquired if the speed checks were done. Chief Miller stated batteries are on back order. Mayor Rape thanked the Police for doing foot patrol; she's received a lot of compliments on the foot patrols.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

Borough Supervisor:

Wade Ion reported the Borough received a sidewalk violation notice, the sidewalk is by the Mercer Street bridge. The catch basins are done, another one at Seneca collapsed; they repaired themselves. The bicycle grates are in. Storm drain is in by the Visitors' Cabin. The drain by the Fire Department is rusted out, and needs replaced. Wade is to get an estimate. Wade also reported that some of the lights are out and we're out of bulbs, bulbs are \$150 apiece. There are two out by the bridge and one at the garage. Bugs get in causing the lights to heat up and then short out. Jason Sarver inquired if there was any maintenance to prevent the lights being burned out. Dave Szakelyhidi responded there is a gasket under the lid, we need to seal it or get new gaskets. Wade reported the curbs on Borough property were sprayed to kill weeds. Two fire hydrants and valves were replaced. There is a meeting on August 25 with DEP.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

Allen Bayer's report attached.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that all the Swiftreach announcements were sent over to Zelig, the Fleatique added two dates, August 13th and September 10th. Joella Baker sent an Event Form for August 20th a grandparents' race, it is all in Zelig except for Pittsburgh Street and Beaver Street. It will be between 9:30 and 10:00 with street closures for 5 minutes. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Grandparents' race on August 20th.

Mark Sapienza reported that he contacted the County regarding the branches hanging out over the bridge approach. People were coming into the other lane to avoid the branches; County cut them. Mark inquired who was responsible for painting the yellow line on the approach (to help keep cars in their lane). Don Sims and Dave Szakelyhidi responded that it is Jackson Township's. Greg Such will send an email to Chris Rearick at Jackson Township.

Public Safety Cont.:

Mayor Rape inquired if Zelig residents were notified with the Swiftreach for canceling the concert. Phyllis Metz responded just to Harmony. Mayor Rape would like to include Zelig because the Harmony Borough residents on the upper part of town have a Zelig address. Council President, Greg Such stated to have it sent to Zelig and Harmony.

Solar powered speed limit sign that can be temporarily attached to signs, do with Zelig and share the cost \$2500 or for electric the cost is \$2000. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that HARB would need to approve first if in the Historic District; Mayor Rape responded that it is a temporary sign. Greg Such commented that Allen, Zoning Officer would need to approve it.

Mayor Rape requested new batteries on the newer stop signs at Mercer & Spring and Main and German; stating people are blowing through them. It was decided the flashing lights were installed to alert people of the new stop signs. Frank (Grannon) was instructed to take the flashing lights off the stop signs.

It was suggested to Mayor Rape to make Aster Alley a one way; more cars are using the parking lot behind the Weavers' cabin, cars are pulling in when other cars are pulling out causing cars to back out onto Mercer Street and blocking traffic. Don Sims commented that the resident living at the beginning of the Alley might not like that idea. John Ruch commented that he's never had a traffic problem on the alley. John Ruch also commented on the solar powered temporary sign; make sure it does not interfere with radio transmission.

Business Development:

Mayor Rape reported on the sign in the Triangle, there are two blank walls when exiting Harmony. Mayor Rape inquired if Council wanted something painted on them, such as Come Back, See You Again, etc. Jodi Correll stated she would paint it. Mayor Rape would like ideas. Greg Such suggested talking to Dennis and Laura-HBA. Laura Ebbert commented that there is an HBA meeting Thursday, she'll get ideas/suggestions and bring them back to Council for approval. Joe Dippold will attend the HBA meeting.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported the handbook is with Don (Sims), when he is finished it will go to Greg (Such) next.

Finances:

Greg Such reported that nothing new on finance, the accounts are pretty stable and added that we continue to be conservative.

Streets:

Don Sims inquired when the curb/crosswalk painting would take place. Frank and Wade responded this week.

Streets Cont.:

Greg Such reported that a ratification vote for the skid steer purchase is needed. We determined that Harmony Borough would be purchasing a new skid steer, we've accepted the sealed bid for selling the old skid steer, it will be a month or so before delivery; Greg will complete the loan paperwork. Frank Grannon inquired with the sale of the old skid steer will that money be applied right to the loan to pay it down. Greg Such responded yes; Don Sims responded that was the goal. Frank Luek read the minutes from the July 13th meeting, the vote was to meet the salesman to start negotiation. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to ratify the purchase of the skid steer.

Greg Such asked Frank and Wade to make sure they get the crosswalks at Rt. 68, the school and in the Square.

Greg also reported that volunteers will be coming on September 11th, he inquired if the guys would be scraping curbs before painting them. Wade responded they would pressure wash them to get lose paint off. Mayor Rape inquired about getting the grass away from the curbs, Greg responded that they weed sprayed curbs, Frank Grannon added on Borough property not private property. Greg inquired if the curbs could be weed whacked before painting; doesn't want to paint the weeds.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported the Fire Department drain needs fixed before paving. Wade Ion commented that he had a bid for \$600 or \$900 to pave a 2 ft. section where they put the new drain in by the Log Cabin; would need approval. Dave inquired if there was something smaller they could do without digging it up so it could get paved; Wade suggested a slip liner. Frank Grannon commented that it has a bend in it. Mayor Rape inquired if the rocks could be moved up; maybe a volunteer project. Frank Grannon responded they will do it before they lose the skid steer.

Grants:

Greg Such reported on a grant that was in Senator Vogel's E-News, he will turn it over to the Water Authority, free assistance from DEP for drinking water systems. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that there is also one for Fire Departments that is due by the 8th. Wade Ion inquired if it is part of the Growing Greener Grant, the Water Authority already discussed it at their meeting. Dave Szakelyhidi added if they were under a Consent Agreement they would have a good chance of getting it, they are not under Consent Agreement at this time.

Training and Conferences:

Greg Such reported on the PSAB Annual Conference in October in Hersey.

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Greg Such reported that there will be about 30 volunteers from Zion Church in Lancaster coming on September 11th for 2 to 3 hours; Greg started a list of potential projects; if any ideas add them to the list. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that Borough employees may be needed to assist in opening something up, getting signs or barricades out to accommodate the volunteers. Dave also commented that he would like to see the volunteers do something more meaningful than scrapping curbs. Jason Sarver suggested weeding curbs. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested spreading fall protection if it is needed at the parks. Mayor Rape suggested staining the benches at Wood Street Park.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Greg Such reported that the following lists of bills were presented to Harmony Borough Council for approval:

General Bills Payable in the amount of **\$19,823.95**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of **\$7,139.94**

Payroll in the amount of **\$5,603.67**

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of **\$429.43**

Parks Board Bills Payable in the amount of **\$1,000.00**

Parks Board Already Paid in the amount of **\$500.00**

Silvester Bills Payable in the amount of **\$382.00**

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved all bills for payment as presented on the lists.

Executive Session:

Greg Such called for an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:22 pm; out of executive session at 8:40 pm.

ADJOURN: 8:42 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the August 2, 2016 meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown
Secretary

Monthly Activity Report
Harmony Borough Code and Zoning Enforcement and Residential
Multi-Unit Dwellings Fire Inspection

July 2017

1. Stopped by the office two times each week to pick up mail, complete Building Permits and sign violations.
2. Filing and administrative work.
3. Created June Activity and Time Reports.
4. Attended July Council meeting.
5. Spoke with Maxine Gamp regarding driveway and garage on Pittsburgh St.
6. Spoke with Nichole Jordan regarding double-wide trailer to be installed at trailer park on Parkway.
7. Spoke with Joy Gates regarding building permit requirements to widen driveway.
8. Inspected 2 properties violations.
9. Spoke with Jean Ignatuk regarding display of building permits at house construction on Pittsburgh St.
10. Created replacement permit for house on Pittsburgh St.
11. Performed annual walk of east side of Main St. inspecting for various violations. Preparation for creation of 16 identified violations.
12. Gave stop work order to resident's daughter at 512 Main St. regarding fence construction. No HARB approval or building permit has be given.
13. Dropped a sign from the triangle off at the borough building.
14. Spoke with Denny Bintrim regarding fence at 512 Main St.
15. Responded to Jenna Douglas of Wells Fargo Vacant Property Registrations Department regarding borough ordinance for registration of vacant/foreclosed properties.

16. Inspected West side of town and identified 15 violations.
17. Spoke with Denny Bintrim of 512 Main St. regarding how to expedite fence approval.
18. Stopped by the office to drop off fence permit for 512 Main St.
19. Identified missing addresses for violations.
20. Spoke with Joy Gates regarding shed setbacks.
21. Responded to text asking if construction is allowed on Sunday in the borough. It is not.
22. Spoke with Ian Sullivan on Beaver St. regarding modification of curb at driveway entrance.
23. Spoke with Kate regarding setback requirements for shed at 104 N. Division St.
24. Spoke with Nikkie concerning zoning for double wide trailer at Parkway.
25. Spoke with Don Rape concerning sidewalk and driveway replacement at 522 Main St.
26. Spoke with Rich Hill concerning changes to building code since 2008 for replacement of a house at 211 1/2 Pittsburgh St. should it burn down. I referred him to PCI.
27. Inspected 2 premises for house number violation.
28. Created 10 violation notices.
29. Completed Butler Co. Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration request for information pertaining to Harmony's Ordinance regulating political signs.
30. Spoke with Real Estate Agent regarding building construction in Strawberry Ridge. I referred her to Jackson Twp.
31. Spoke with Linda McCready regarding sidewalk repair.
32. Spoke with realtor, John, regarding zoning district at 211 1/2 Pittsburgh St.
33. Spoke with resident regarding zoning for shed construction.

34. Spoke with a company regarding permitting requirements for an alarm system.
35. Spoke with Bob McGee regarding house numbering and vegetation violations sent to 629 Wood St.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer