

**HARMONY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
(Continued from December 2, 2014)
December 16, 2014**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luck, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Don Sims, Mayor Rape. Jarod Stewart attended via cell phone until his arrival.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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[Signature]
Greg Such
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Mayor Rape
Phyllis Metz
Frank Luck

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CALL TO ORDER:

The December 2, 2014 Council meeting resumed at 7:02pm December 16, 2014.

BOARD REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Such gave recommendation on the Committee Staffing for the 2015 year. Greg set tentative meeting dates for all committees to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October. Two committees will meet at 6:30pm, 7:30pm, and 8:30pm.

Parks Board:

Greg reported that Mark Sapienza's truck will not be available for the stage for the Silvester or Polar Plunge; it is going to the shop for maintenance. Carrie Baker is checking with Bear Run Campground for the use of their stage. Phyllis Metz and Mayor Rape recommended contacting Hockenberger for the use of their flatbed truck.

Greg also reported that the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk course has been changed to keep kids off Spring Street (safety issue). The new course will go down Wood Street, Jackson Street, Monroe Street, down past US Liner, down Utah Street and back up Mercer Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 Budget approval – Phyllis Metz inquired about the Library, if Council was going to wait until the end of the year to see what they can do. Greg responded yes. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the 2015 Budget. Joe Genco, Reporter for the Butler Eagle, inquired if there were any changes. Greg Such responded no.

Finance:

Jarod Stewart reported that Cathy Gall from Dennis Piper & Associates left him a voice message that the estimated cost for QuickBooks, installed and training would be around \$4,000. Jarod commented the \$1500 per year for the current system would go away, there is a onetime license fee, probably 3 or 4 years down the road the Borough would need to upgrade to a new version; he feels in the long run it would save the Borough money. Jarod reported the cost for QuickBooks is \$500, \$200 for the billing and training cost is \$100/hour; the \$4,000 includes approximately 30 hours of training/support. Don Sims inquired if the cost would go down if 30 hours of training was not needed. Jarod will discuss it with Cathy Gall. Don Sims recommended getting a breakdown, a written proposal. Greg Such recommended having support for quarter closing and year end closing, maybe not pay for that up front but have it negotiated. Jarod expressed the reporting functionality in QuickBooks would be better, Council would have a better grasp on what is being spent every month; it may save on the audit as well; the billing would almost be automatic with an excel sheet import. Dennis Piper Company would help get that set up. Frank Lueck inquired where the funds would come from, Don Sims

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance Cont.:

responded that it was programmed into the 2015 budget, part of it would come out of office expense and the rest could come from other miscellaneous fees. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the QuickBooks implementation at the cost of \$4,000.

Jarod asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Pension.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Genco, Butler Eagle Reporter, inquired on the road projects that Council had referred to during the December 2nd meeting. Don Sims responded there are some drainage issues by the bridge, and on Main Street; Wood Street is another project, it would help take care of parking issues for residences. The would like to widen and raise the elevation of Wood Street, possibly adding two parking spaces for the Wood Street Park. Don stated the Park is in a unique location and it's a shame we haven't found a way to utilize it better. Mayor Rape commented that it's a quiet/passive park; Greg Such commented that it is a pretty park. Frank Luek commented that the County Commissioner's Parks Grant may be able to help with getting parking spots at the Wood Street Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Greg Such reported on the letter the Borough received in regards to the Title 35 for Emergency Management Coordinators. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Don Pepe is the EMC for Harmony and Zelienople Boroughs. Dave commented that if the Fire Company merger goes through, the EMA would like to see Jackson and Lancaster Townships rejoin.

Grants:

Greg Such reported on the Community Development Block Grant Program, Greg would like to Allen Bayer to see if that is who Zelienople received their grant for abandon property demolition. The letter received states the primary objective of the grant program is to fund projects, which principally benefit 51% or more low-moderate income person(s). Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority participated in one with the Nickle Road Waterline Extension; they had to go to every household and fill out the paperwork. Greg Such commented that the letter said you could go from census.

2015 Meeting Dates:

The 2015 Meeting Dates have been scheduled (attached), Greg Such asked for approval of the dates and approval to advertise. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the 2015 meeting dates and advertisement of those dates.

Jarod Stewart arrived approximately at 7:30pm

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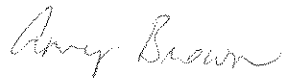
Mayor Rape reported that Ron Myers donated maps to the Borough. Greg Such and the Mayor thanked Ron for those maps.

Greg Such called for an executive session at 7:35pm to discuss the Pension; came out of executive session at 7:55pm.

ADJOURN: 8:00 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the December 16 continued meeting of December 2, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Brown".

Amy Brown
Secretary



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HARMONY BOROUGH MEETING DATES FOR 2015

All meetings will be held at the Harmony Borough Municipal Building
217 Mercer Street, Harmony PA 16037

Historical Architectural Review Board – 1st Monday of each month @ 7:00 PM*

Harmony Borough Council – 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM **

Planning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

Parks Board – 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 PM

Harmony Borough Water Authority – 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

*The September Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) meeting will be August 31, 2015 due to Labor Day, and the December HARB meeting will be November 30, 2015.

**The November Harmony Borough Council meeting will be November 10, 2015 due to Election Day.

Harmony Borough

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

The Historic Architectural Review Board is responsible for reviewing any changes in the Historic District of Harmony Borough. *The HARB must approve any exterior changes prior to the commencement of construction.* The HARB meets monthly at 7:00pm, the Monday prior to the Harmony Council Meeting in the Borough Building meeting room. The contact person is Brett Shank. He can be reached at 724-452-4845 or harmony@sweeneyshankarchitects.com

2015 Meeting Dates:

January 5th

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th

May 4th

June 1st

July 6th

August 3rd

August 31st

October 5th

November 2nd

November 30th