

December 1, 2015

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 1, 2015

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Council Meeting  
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Don Sims  
Frank Luek  
Phyllis Metz  
Americo Allegretto  
Cathy Rape

John Smith  
Suzie Altomas  
ALLEN BAYER

John Rice  
John Dech  
Joe White  
Bill Manuel

Alan Lopinski

[Signature]

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum was reached and Vice President Don Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the November 10, 2015 minutes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Matt reported that the Parking Ordinance was not advertised in time for approval at this meeting but will be advertise and ready for passage at the next meeting. Mayor Rape inquired on a report regarding the Trail. Solicitor Matt stated he corresponded with the attorney for the developer, that attorney believed the trail was open, if it was not open he would make arrangements to open it. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that physically it looks like it may be put back. Mayor Rape commented that the barriers and fence are still there. Matt will follow up.

**BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:**

**Appointments:**

Don Sims reported there are no appointments.

**COG:**

Don Sims had nothing new to report.

**HARB:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported HARB met but did not have a quorum any approvals will be at the next meeting.

**Water Authority:**

John Rice reported the pole building is underway.

**Parks Board:**

Susie Altemus reported that the Silvester is about \$1100.00 short on sponsors compared to last year. Universal is donating scaffold for the stage. Greg is working on getting approval to set fireworks off on the Trail. Susie contacted the singers who were at the Christmas Market, they would like to sign and dance.

Polar Plunge nothing new to report.

Lawnworks completed the Wood Street Park project; they inquired if the Borough wanted backfill along the curb, it would be \$1875.

Parks Board is looking for someone to clean Grace Church Youth Center after the Silvester if anyone has any recommendations, EB Peffer cannot do it this year.

**Planning Commission:**

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

**Western Butler County Authority:**

Harold Herr was unable to attend the meeting.

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**BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS CONT.:**

**Shared Services:**

Don Sims had nothing to report.

**Parking and Signage:**

Don Sims reported the “No turn for trucks” sign at Main and Mercer has been ordered and received.

**Historic Harmony:**

John Ruch reported that the Christmas Market went well throughout the whole town; appreciate the Borough’s assistance and cooperation, looking forward to next year. There will be a new event at the Silvester, a Christmas tree toss.

Don Sims announced the Borough received payment from American Pastoral for time and material of our personnel that was utilized in support of the movie.

**Fire Company Report:**

Frank Luek reported the next meeting will be Monday, topic will be the budget.

**Town Hall Meeting:**

Don Sims reported the Town Hall meeting scheduled for tomorrow night (December 2<sup>nd</sup>) has been postponed. Representative Marshall and Senator Vogel are tied up in Harrisburg.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John Rice** – Complimented the nice job on Wood Street but stated the stones are back on the pavement. Don Sims commented that the post for the mailbox along the sidewalk is also out in the street. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the white line for the street is at the Borough light; that’s probably the edge of the road. Don Sims commented to see how it works out through the winter.

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

**Police Report:**

Report submitted via email.

**Office:**

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

**Borough Supervisor:**

Wade Ion was unable to attend the meeting.

**Zoning & Code Enforcement:**

Allen Bayer’s report attached.

**COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported that the December 5<sup>th</sup> Reindeer Run has everything in, will need to put a switch reach announcement out. The Silvester and Polar Plunge most everything is ready.

**Business Development:**

Mayor Rape reported HBA will be meeting this Thursday.

**Personnel:**

Jason Sarver had nothing new to report.

**Finance:**

Don Sims reported that the budget has been advertised. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the 2016 Budget. Solicitor Matt commented that the budget can be reopened in January. Solicitor Matt requested to advertise the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2016; which will keep taxes at the same rate as 2015. Frank Luek inquired about raising the Fire Tax from 1.3 to 1.5; Don Sims responded that he spoke to the Chief and will look at what we have currently and will address it. Solicitor Matt inquired that we will keep it (fire tax) the same as it is right now. Don Sims commented if we have to we can make it up out of the General Fund. Solicitor Matt commented that we can reopen the budget all the way through February since it's an election year. Frank Luek commented that he's not sure how to go around that to make sure that 1.5 goes to the firemen. Don Sims stated we will make the adjustment. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi, and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the 2016 Tax Rate Ordinance.

**Streets:**

Frank Luek reported we need a plan for next year, Don Sims commented it is all pretty much a drainage year with the drain pipe. Frank Luek stated we will need to do some patching around town. Dave Szakelyhidi reported the Water Authority is budgeting and engineering the waterline replacement on Monroe Street in front of Harold Herr's house between Ziegler Street and Mercer Street. The Water Authority will be digging the street up and will be paying for part of it, they will also see if the Sewer Authority needs to do anything while the street is tore up; it may be an opportunity for a three way thing.

**Facilities:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported waiting for a call from Penn Power Rep for committee meeting project to replace existing lights with LED, cheaper rate, last longer and less maintenance.

**Grants:**

Don Sims had nothing new to report.

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**COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS CONT.:**

**Training and Conferences:**

Don Sims had nothing new to report.

Frank Luek inquired on a donation for the library; Don Sims stated we went over in streets.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

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

**General Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$19,689.56**

**Bills Already Paid** in the amount of **\$2,749.00**

**Payroll** in the amount of **\$5,025.90**

**Parks Board Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$20.40**

**Silvester Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$4,182.33**

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:**

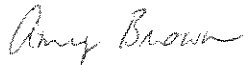
Don Sims called for an executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss personnel; out of executive session at 7:45 pm.

The Reorganization Meeting will be Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and will need to be advertised.

**ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM**

As there was no further business to discuss the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the December 1, 2015 meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Secretary

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

**November 2015**

1. Attended HARB meeting.
2. Stopped by the office two times each week to pick up mail, complete Building Permits and sign violations.
3. Filing and administrative work.
4. Spoke with Trish Siebel regarding occupancy requirements in borough.
5. Talked with Bob Stevens regarding PE to perform flood plain calculations for construction in the borough at McGee's property.
6. Spoke with purchaser of the McFarland building regarding electrical and interior structural permitting and inspection.
7. Attended Council meeting.
8. Spoke with Kim Bridge regarding zoning for construction of garage at 106 Peffer St., which she plans to buy.
9. Spoke with resident on E. New Castle St. regarding fencing in side and rear yard.
10. Inspected parking spaces in front of Bakery as a result of concern that a 4th parking space had been added, which is not the case.
11. Inspected house number at 242 Mercer St. which has now been posted. All premises in the borough now comply with the House Numbering ordinance.
12. Spoke with Peter Donovan regarding modification of driveway at 522 Main St. Referred him to next meeting of HARB.
13. Spoke with Dave Geis regarding roof replacement permit requirement. No permit required.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen E. Bayer