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HARMONY BOROUGH CONTINUED COUNCIL MEETING February 15, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Jarod Stewart, Jason Sarver, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

*Continued Council Meeting
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*Cathy Rape
Angie Allegretto
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Dave Ruch
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Phyllis Metz
Frank Luek
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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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Phyllis Metz – present	Frank Luek – present	Dave Szakelyhidi –present
Don Sims – present	Jason Sarver – present	Greg Such – present
Mayor Cath Rape – present		

Finance:

The amended budget has been advertised and is ready for approval. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the amended 2016 budget.

Scholar's Run Conservancy –Greg Such reported on the SRC support, the \$600.00 payment to keep the 401-3C operating through 2016. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the \$600.00 payment to SRC.

Appointments:

Greg Such reported that Ann John inquired if the Deputy Tax Collector signature should be on file for the Tax Collector Account. Greg suggested that Harmony Borough hold the signature card in-house until it is needed; Greg will discuss this with Solicitor Matt and bring it back to next month's meeting.

Public Safety:

Greg Such reported that PCI had requested a fee increase on the building inspections. BIU submitted a quote for building and fire inspections, Greg will look into comparison. Dave Szakelyhidi commented to make sure BIU is familiar with the historic exemptions. Tim Sapienza commented that the Fire Inspection needs to be done yearly at CVE School. Don Sims commented that an inspection should be provided by their insurance. It was suggested that Tim do the fire inspection at the school, Tim commented that he does not have any credentials to show the school; it was recommended that Harmony Borough write a letter stating that Tim Sapienza is the Fire Marshall. John Rush commented that the Borough's prior inspector was familiar with exemptions but refused to use the exemptions, John recommended the Borough know BIU's policy on the historic exemptions. Greg will look into comparing PCI fees and BUI's quote.

Website:

Greg Such reported that our website is on old technology; PSAB has a website service it is better technology, cost less, supports mobile devices and comes with seven hours of free support. Greg sent for information. Connoquenessing Township and Zelig Borough use them; Greg requested references from them on how it works.

Appointments:

Council Vacancy:

Greg reported that Jean Von Hoffen, Joe Dippold, Mark Sapienza and Joe White expressed interest; Council will need to make an appointment at the March 1st meeting.

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Joe Dippold – Joe is 37 years old, lives two blocks away, he’s always around; has lived in Harmony for a year and a half. Joe has a degree in History; he works for the Rodger Brothers training in mutual funds, backs up another training desk, prepares reports, does research and construction. Greg Such commented that Joe talked to him about empty commercial store fronts in Harmony – business development. Don Sims inquired what Joe’s interest is in government. Joe stated that it is entertaining, he is amazed at the patience and hard work Council puts in and they do an amazing job. Previous work experience Joe was a bartender, paraprofessional for Autistic and Down syndrome kids, and a girls’ lacrosse coach.

Public Safety:

Mayor Rape reported that she contacted the Chief to do the traffic study on Jackson and Wood Streets, Cathy inquired if they would be able to do it with snow plowing.

Cathy Rape also reported that the Rotary would like to get the stop blocks in the parking lot before the Shamrock Shuffle (March 19th). They inquired if they were to mark them or if the Borough workers were to mark them. The Rotary also inquired about placing a 2x2 Rotary sticker on the wheel blocks. Jason inquired if the stickers were HARB approved. Mayor Rape commented the stickers could be placed on the backside of the blocks not to be seen from the street. John Ruch stated they do not have any problems with the stop blocks that are at the Weavers Cabin. Dave Szakelyhidi is to work with Mayor Rape on having the Borough employees mark the stop blocks.

ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM

As there was no further business to discuss the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the February 15, 2016 meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Brown
Secretary