

January 6, 2015

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING January 6, 2015

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Don Sims, Jason Sarver.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harmony Boro Council
Meeting
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Ward
Don Sims
Harold Sims
GREG SUCH
Cathy Rape
Jim Miller
ALLEN BAYER
John Rice
Sandy Ferraro
JOHN
FRANK GRANNO
Joe White
JOHN RICE
Phyllis Metz
Frank Luek
Linda Fawcett

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CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum was reached and Acting President, Greg Such called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was turned over to Solicitor Matt Racunas.

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Solicitor Matt asked for a motion to open nominations for President of Council. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, nominations were open for Council President.

Dave Szakelyhidi nominated Greg Such for Council President.

As there were no other nominations for Council President, Solicitor Matt asked for a motion to close nominations for President of Council. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the nominations for Council President were closed.

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the appointment of Greg Such as Council President. Greg Such thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.

The meeting was turned back over to Greg Such.

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:

President, Greg Such asked for a motion to open nominations for Vice President of Council. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, nominations were open for Vice President of Council.

Greg Such nominated Don Sims for Council Vice President. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

As there were no other nominations for Council Vice President, Greg Such asked for a motion to close nominations for Vice President of Council. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the nominations for Council Vice President were closed.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the appointment of Don Sims as Council Vice President.

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the December 2 and 16, 2014 minutes as presented.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt reported at last month's meeting he was asked to look into a temporary no parking ordinance for Monroe Street during the snow plowing season. Council discussed the temporary no parking from Mercer Street to Jackson Street on the West side from November thru March 15th. Dave Szakelyhidi stated a fire truck would have the same issue anytime of the year; why make it temporary. Jason Sarver inquired if Monroe was any different from Liberty Street, Liberty Street is no parking on the West side. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the No Parking on the West side of Monroe Street Ordinance.

BOARD REPORTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Such reported on the Scholar's Run Conservancy Board – Formally CHZ; appointed Dave Szakelyhidi as the Harmony Borough representative. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Cranberry wants out, but Harmony and Zelig decided to stay in it because of the time and money that it took to put a nonprofit together. Solicitor Matt is doing the paperwork for the name change, they also reorganized the members making Dave Szakelyhidi the Harmony Borough Representative and Jim Hulings a member at large. Don Pepe remains the Zelig Representative. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the appointments of Dave Szakelyhidi as the Harmony Borough Representative and Jim Hulings the member at large for the Scholar's Run Conservancy Board.

Greg Such announced the Committee Staffing Chairperson.

- Business Development – Greg Such
- Facilities – Dave Szakelyhidi
- Finance – Jarod Stewart
- Personnel – Jason Sarver
- Public Safety – Phyllis Metz
- Streets – Frank Luek

COG:

Greg Such had nothing to report, the next meeting is Thursday, January 8th.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that HARB approved and recommended a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Village Post Office Sign. It is a 24"x8' aluminum sign white background with blue letters to hang below existing sign. The existing sign is flat against the building; Historic Harmony wants a sign that is more visible that would extend out from the building. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Village Post Office Sign.

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BOARD REPORTS:

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported the Water Authority received a letter from DEP informing them that the Consent Order has been satisfied, there is no further obligation and the Water Authority has completed all requirements.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus was not able to attend. Greg Such reported that there were 500 runners registered for the 5K and 478 finished. The same male runner won last year, this year his time was 20 seconds faster. The women's speeds are approaching men's speeds. There were 60 fun run participants, the new course worked pretty well.

Greg reported that Grace Church helped a lot with the use of their Youth Center/gym. Volunteers Jen Janssen, Devin Kane and Bob Altemus put in extra time and effort. Bob Franz provided a wagon for use as a stage, Sign Innovation provided the lift and ball drop and the fireworks were good although it was cold!

The Polar Plunge had about 68 plungers. Mayor Cath Rape won the prize for raising the most money with her pledge challenge. Cath plunged, as well as Frank Luek and Greg Such. The Fire Departments were there to keep everyone safe.

Parking/Signage and Events:

Greg Such reported the Shamrock Shuffle will be March 14th. It is a Rotary hosted event, organized by Joella Baker.

On April 4th Seneca Valley senior, Devin Kane will be holding a 5K race as part of his senior project. The Parks Board will help him with the event.

The Harmony free concerts will be July 2nd with fireworks, July 16th, July 30th and August 13th; bands to be announced.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek had nothing to report.

Western Butler County Authority:

Harold Herr reported that everything is going well, although delinquency is up. WBCA's board meeting time was changed from evening to 3:00 pm.

Greg Such reported that Tom Tomayko's term has expired and needs to be reappointed. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Tom Tomayko to the WBCA Board on behalf of Harmony Borough.

Shared Services:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Historic Harmony:

John Ruch reported the Civil War in Pennsylvania Exhibit will open Saturday from 1:00 – 8:00 pm and will run daily for 3 weeks from 1:00 – 4:00 pm except Mondays. It's a really interesting exhibit and it enables Historic Harmony to put more local artifacts and information about Harmony area's connection with the Civil War. There will also be reenactors to explain their service and equipment.

The Harmoniefest dinner will be February 14th.

John also reported that the museum had a lot of people at their activities during the Silvester celebration; over 200 dinners were served, 250 people saw the crazy movie and the fortune telling.

Police Report:

Submitted

Chief Miller reported that it was a quiet holiday season.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

Greg Such reported that the accounting system vendor pushed back the start date to the week of January 12th.

Borough Supervisor:

Wade reported he received an email from COG, last year with the contract fuel cost went up and salt went up, in December fuel cost came down which resulted in the Borough saving .56 cents per ton on salt.

Wade also reported a couple lights were repaired, there are 3 more to fix, and when the weather breaks they will fix the lights and take banners down.

With people on vacation, people sick and the holidays there was not much going on.

Dave Szakelyhidi commented that Penn Power has an Energy Efficiency Incentive Program, looking into converting street lights to LED lights. The light color will change, not to the blue white but a bright white. Dave has numerous calls into the people who sent out the literature.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

Allen Bayer's report attached.

Allen reported that a court hearing was held regarding 202 Mercer Street. Magistrate Wayne Seibel gave an allowance of 8' hedge height due to the industrial location and minimal traffic at that location. Allen feels it is fair and reasonable.

Allen also reported on the issue of pink signs, the lady has a Cranberry business and is a member of HBA, when there is an event in the Borough she wanted to promote her business, that is what she was trying to do with the pink signs. Allen told her she had two options, get written permission by a private owner to put her sign up, or go to Council and ask permission to have her signs on public property. She stated she teaches class on Tuesdays.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Cont.:

Allen reported on the Address Ordinance that was passed in 2014, he will start the second quarter enforcing it; he will put an advisory article in the Newsletter. In April he will do a walk thru. Jason Sarver inquired what Allen will be looking for. Allen responded the address number needs to be visible from the street, 4" high on the house if the house is less than 50' from the street; if the house is greater than 50' from the street the address number needs to be on a sign post out near the street.

Allen also reported that the CO Detector Ordinance does not go into effect until January 2016, fire inspections are due in 2015; Allen would like to delay the inspections until the CO Ordinance comes into effect. He will put an article in the Newsletter or send a letter to property owners advising them of the delay and CO Ordinance.

Allen also wanted to make Council aware that the Commercial Fire Inspections are not taking place in the Borough. PCI never followed thru. Commercial Fire Inspections require a certified inspector; Allen could not find anyone who does them. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that Cranberry Township has commercial fire inspections.

Greg Such announced the Newsletter articles are due in by this week-end.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Finance:

Greg Such reported that Jarod Stewart was unable to attend; he is out of town on business.

Streets:

Frank Luek had nothing to report.

Public Safety:

Cath Rape had nothing to report.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on the blue newspaper bags (Cranberry Eagle) all over town. He's not sure if it's a new delivery person, but the papers are being left at empty buildings, and on the streets. Dave would like the Butler Eagle to come up with a plan of how they're going to deliver the papers to people not to vacant buildings. Mayor Rape commented that she contacted the Cranberry Eagle; about the papers were being left at the log cabin and in the streets. It seems like it's been happening within the last few weeks; Cath thought maybe it was a new delivery person. Cath spoke to the Butler Eagle and someone in the delivery department. They will look into it. Dave Szakelyhidi stated he would like a business plan from the Cranberry Eagle. Cath will call again and request a letter be sent.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Business Development:

Greg Such reported that he would like to table it; Cath has plans for a new marque, but wants to double back and talk to HBA.

Grants:

Greg Such reported he will cover it all under new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training and Conferences:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Personnel:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Finances:

Jarod Stewart was unable to attend the meeting.

Streets:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

Public Safety:

Mayor Rape inquired about the Police Report that was submitted. It list a forced entry, she inquired if there was a way to know about it before reading it on the report; stating that if someone is trying to force their way into a neighbor's she would like to know who's in the neighborhood. Chief Miller responded; it may be just how it is classified; it may not be a true burglary. He said if it's something important, you will hear about it. Chief also told Mayor Rape if she has any questions, she can call him and he can look it up; he doesn't have his computer with him at the council meetings. Jason Sarver inquired if something big were to happen, how Council would be notified. Chief Miller stated if something big happened, Council would get an email or a call, and if it's really important that everyone should know about it, the police would do a swift reach notification.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

Business Development:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grants:

Greg Such reported that the Parks Board Reno Grant application came out yesterday, it is due February 19, 2015. Greg sent an email to Parks Board for some ideas on what they should do or request; like new mulch, big mats under the swings, electricity and parking spaces at Wood Street Park. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that they had a discussion last year regarding the surface of the basketball court, Don Sims commented that it has a slope. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that it's a practice court.

Greg Such reported that he spoke to Allen a little regarding the Butler County Block Grant and in conjunction with that he received a mailer from the Revitalization Writing Services who writes grants. They are an offspring of who Zelenople used to get their grants. His rates are about \$50/hour for grant writing. He suggested we consider where we can use grants such as handicap accesses, community revitalization, trail building. Don Sims inquired how many hours would be involved with writing a grant. Greg stated his informal research with Allen, Zelenie gets back about \$9.00 for every dollar invested including what they match. Greg requested Council send items or ideas of where we can use grants.

Greg also reported on a proposed by-law change Council needs to vote on regarding the Butler County Tourism; the deadline is January 17th.

John Ruch commented that there are 2 proposals, amending the bylaws to allow out of county members. The problem John has with that is the by-laws state that the Butler County Tourism Bureau has no geographic boundaries as far as membership and activities are concerned. The other proposal is a \$20 per year dues increase every two years and the Board will take another look at the dues in five years.

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously disapproved the bylaw change.

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 **\$5,606.75**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of **\$12,278.72**

Payroll in the amount of **\$5,950.52**

Silvester Bills Payable in the amount of **\$4,380.53**

Silvester Bills Already Paid in the amount of **\$858.71**

Frank Luek questioned the Vogel amount, it was blank. Amy explained we did not yet receive the invoice from Vogel. Frank also inquired if the new dumpster was a smaller dumpster. It is smaller.

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

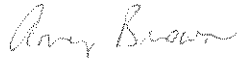
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Solicitor Matt requested an executive session at 8:05pm to discuss personnel; came out of executive session at 8:10 pm.

ADJOURN: 8:10 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the January 6, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Amy Brown
Secretary

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

December 2014

1. Stopped by the office a few times each week to pick up mail and sign fire inspection invoice.
2. Phone conversation with 1st Fire Protection, Doug Higgins, regarding fire hoses in a commercial business. I referred him to PCI.
3. Completed and mailed monthly Census Bureau new housing starts form for November and December.
4. Attended court hearing regarding hedge height at 202 Mercer St. Judge Siebel ruled to allow hedge height of 8' due to industrial location and minimal traffic at the location.
5. Performed fire inspection at 200 N. Pittsburgh St. three apartments. Created Invoice and Certificate of Registration.
6. Telephone discussion with resident regarding garage height.
7. Sent voice and email to business owner placing pick signs on Mercer St. utility poles. Signs were removed the next day.
8. Attended December Council meeting.
9. Filing and administrative work.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer