

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING July 5, 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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- QUADE ION*
- Joe Dippold*
- Greg Such*
- JASON SARVER*
- Cathy Rape*
- Don Sims*
- Jason Attano*
- Phyllis Metz*
- ALLEN BAYER*
- John Pucella*
- Laura Eberst*
- Bill Manuel*
- Americo Allegritto*
- Jimmy*
- Frank Luek*
- Candi Cancell*
- Karen Correy*
- Joe White*
- Debra White*
- Karen Donnel Otney*
- Russ Otney*
- Sandy Ferraro*
- FRANK D. GRANIXON*
- Shane*

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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:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the June 7, 2016 minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt reported that Ordinance #416 – Wood Street No Parking has been advertised and is ready for adoption. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance #416.

Greg Such reported that Harmony Borough passed the Emergency Management appointment of John Kovacic, the paperwork has been sent to Zelienople, and will then get sent onto County, we will need to have an intergovernmental agreement signed by the municipalities who are "sharing" John as their EMC. Solicitor Matt stated he has the original EMA Agreement. Allen Bayer commented that Don (Pepe) is trying to get Jackson Township and Lancaster involved. Don (Pepe) wants to amend the agreement to include the other two municipalities if they are interested.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Such reported that Nina Ziegler submitted a letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board as of June 17th due to health issues. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved accepting the resignation of Nina Ziegler from the Zoning Hearing Board. Greg Such commented that if anybody is interested in being on the Zoning Hearing Board there is opportunity.

COG:

Greg Such reported that COG would not hold meetings in the summer.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that no paperwork was submitted for tonight's council meeting, however there was action at the HARB meeting; a fence for the Rodger brothers and signage for Josh Meeder. Solicitor Matt stated if Council was comfortable and agreed, they could sign and ratify at the August meeting. Council agreed to allow the Rodger brothers and Josh Meeder to move forward without the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Gas Company will finish up on Monroe Street tomorrow; then we can go ahead and pave.

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Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that the first concert was very well attended; good feedback on the fireworks, higher in the sky. The next concert is Thursday, July 14th sponsored by Indian Brave Campground and Bottlebrush Art Gallery. Parks Board received an estimate for damages at Wood Street Park. Friday, July 15th is the Wine Walk, need volunteers from Council to help direct traffic from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Phyllis Metz commented that the Fire Police will be tied up with Horse Trading Days in Zelienople. The Wine Walk sold out. The electric at the Canoe Launch has been shut off, Penn Power contacted Susie; will turn the electric back on for the Polar Plunge to help save some money. Jackson Township has submitted the grant for the trail. Park Serve is requesting GIS Coordinates of our parks for the National map, Susie will sent them coordinates.

Planning Commission:

Joe White reported that he contacted the Hewlett's via email to let them know that the Borough is willing to vacate Wood Street Alley if the Hewlett's and their neighbor on the other side of the alley are in agreement; there would be a small cost involved that the Hewlett's and the neighbor would need to share. Solicitor Matt stated that he spoke to the Hewlett's attorney, Sara Hancher, they are coordinating the procedure. Attorney Hancher is going to present the petition on behave of the property owners and in addition, file a reverse subdivision with the Planning Commission because they want to move lot lines around.

Joe White also reported that the Planning Commission was asked if Oak Alley is plowed in the winter; if not would it be plowed if a house was built on the Alley. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that Frank (Grannon) was shaking his head no, but Dave said if it's somebody's access the borough would have to maintain it. Wade Ion commented that it is an unpaved alley, it is in our ordinance if the snow gets 6" or deeper then it will be plowed. Wade commented if you plow it the gravel will end up in someone's yard; discussion. Don Sims suggested taking it to Committee.

Western Butler County Authority:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Shared Services:

Wade Ion reported that limb pick-up will be this Thursday, July 7th. Zelienople returned the Line Stripper.

Parking and Signage:

Greg Such reported that some curbs will need to be painted once signage is up on Wood Street around the Inn.

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Historic Harmony:

John Ruch reported that the 1st Friday Events are not attracting huge crowds. The next event will be Rootbeer floats.

Greg Such reported on the Triangle being public property (since McCrackin no longer rents it from the Borough) which the ordinance does not permit temporary signs to be placed on public property. Allen Bayer, offered to lease the land for a minimal price to allow the posting of charitable signs, personal liability was a concern. Historic Harmony agreed to lease the property for \$1.00 per year to allow charitable signs for events to be posted. Solicitor Matt will work on the lease and bring back to Council.

Harmony/Jackson Meeting:

No meeting, Chris Rearick requested a letter of recommendation for a grant to pave the walking trail. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired in the future who will maintain the blacktop on the trail; he's uncomfortable turning it into asphalt; the rails to trails have crushed gravel. Greg Such commented that a grant may be used to replace/repair the asphalt. Susie Altemus commented that the paving would help eliminate the trail getting washed out and forming ruts due to rain. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested having an inter-municipal agreement with Jackson. Greg Such commented that Committee discussed that too.

Karen Ottney inquired what Harmony Borough is responsible for on the trail. Greg Such responded that Harmony Borough has the right to the trail and has the obligation to maintain it. Karen Ottney inquired how does the Borough enforce dogs being on a leash on the trail. Greg Such stated that it's relatively unenforceable; it would imply the police being there when the dog(s) are off the leash. Frank Luek commented that most of the trail is in Jackson Township. Mayor Rape commented that Harmony Borough has the 20' perpetual right of way. Mayor Rape also inquired what happens to the original Agreement. Solicitor Matt responded you would incorporate it in to the new Agreement. Mayor Rape commented that the Borough could refuse the grant; she inquired if it would cause more maintenance for the guys, would they need to weed eat along the paved trail. Greg Such responded that it is not the Borough's grant; it is Jackson Township's.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Delsa White – Delsa stated that the day of the first concert people were starting to park on the side of Main Street where you're not allowed to park and she talked to Amy and Frank (Grannon) came right out and posted a sign that said No Parking This Side. Delsa thanked Frank for doing that.

Roger Correll – 614 Wood Street – Roger stated that a few months ago they came to Council regarding the bank in front of their house; inquired if Council had an opportunity to discuss it. Roger stated it's been two month and now the bank is emulating. He also expressed concerns about the netting put up when the rye grass was planted, it is not designed to hold hill up; and it's the only thing holding the hill up. They were assured the Borough would help take care of the issue. Greg Such commented that Jodi (Correll) approached him about the stones down at

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Roger Correll – 614 Wood Street Cont.:

Swampoodle Park, in Greg's opinion those stones are not adequate for the task, the stones are way too big, they are 20 some inches deep, weight between 1200-1500 lbs. apiece; which is more than the Borough is equipped to handle. Greg stated that Council has not discussed as a whole how to move forward. They have not seen any erosion, Roger Correll responded, look. Roger inquired if Greg had seen the plans their landscape architect had drawn up, they were passed out to Council; plans of potential ways to fix it, what to plant to help. Jodi commented the landscape architect also deemed it a hazard. Roger commented that it's a liability; Jodi commented that it's not safe anymore, it's too narrow. Roger commented that time is of the essence because it is eroding, and there isn't room for it to erode before it starts to take the porch or rock wall, which the rock wall is a historic structure. Greg Such suggested take it to Committee which meets this month.

Susie Altemus – reported back on the Library; they had asked for help with the gravel, Susie reported to them the skid steer was down and wouldn't be able to help; the Library is going to see if Jackson could help.

Karen Ottney - reported that the guys came back and redid the soil in front of their house but the grass is not growing; it is growing on the edges but not in the middle and inquired if the guys could put more grass seed on it. Greg Such stated that the guys could put more grass seed on it, and cover it; he asked the Ottneys if they would be able to water it.

Karen also inquired if there was an Ordinance about trash cans; Greg Such stated there is, Solicitor Matt stated he would look it up. Matt reported that the garbage cans must be 30' from curb or requires fence screening. It's under the Codification, Nuisance Ordinance.

Greg Such reported that there was some volunteer support that should be recognized with Laura (Ebbert) and Cathy (Rape) who repainted the "NO TRUCKS" sign at the corner of German and Main. Greg thanked them.

Karen Ottney commented that she would like to thank Russ (Ottney) for chasing down the truck that caused the damage on Wood Street. Greg thanked Russ.

Laura Ebbert – reported that she turned in the Event Form for the Western PA Ride For Kids, the motorcycle ride for kids with brain tumors; it will be August 7th, everyone is invited to go over to the Seneca Valley High School for the beginning, the whole day or the end. They are going to try to put a car cruise together again like last year. Laura passed out flyers.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS CONT.:

Borough Supervisor:

Wade Ion reported that he had Don Rape give him a quote to rebuild some of the catch basins, there is \$5,000 in the budget. Don Sims and Greg Such questioned the \$5,000 thought it was less. Don Sims commented that it was \$5,000 because they were going to do the storm inlets in the Square area. Wade Ion reported that Don Rape will honor the prices from 2015. To rebuild 5 catch basins on Seneca Drive the cost will be \$2200. Wade would like to order new bicycle grates since the catch basins do not have bicycle grates on them, the bicycle grates are \$265 each = \$1325; or he could put the old grates back on. Mayor Rape commented they should have new bicycle grates since there are no sidewalks. The total cost would be \$3538 per Wade. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved rebuilding the 5 catch basins and bicycle grates on Seneca Drive. Wade reported they patched pot holes. Mayor Rape stated there are some on Spring Street where the pavement ends and starts again, by Phyllis's driveway. Wade stated if anyone else knows of any, let them know. Wade reported they did a water tap on Pittsburgh Street. The new drain pipe on Main Street by the log cabin will be installed on July 12th. Cathy Rape inquired if it will be done by the 14th for the Concert, and the Wine Walk on the 15th.

Greg Such reported that the Borough received a letter from Senator Vogel and Representative Marshall regarding the occasional/periodic flooding on Spring Street at First Street; they asked for the Borough to comment. Greg wrote a letter of comment and it is time to send it back; the letter states the Borough would like Penn Dot to clean the box culvert under Rte. 68; Dambach Lumber has cleaned their section, the next part runs over into Jackson and a lower part that we will need to get the sentiment out of it and the Railroad. Bill Thomas told Greg he has paperwork from the Railroad that pledges they will clean their section out based on a lawsuit he had brought against them. Greg asked for a copy of that paperwork.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

Allen Bayer's report attached.

Karen Ottney suggested adding hover boards to the existing Skateboard Ordinance. Solicitor Matt commented that you amend an ordinance with an ordinance; he will look into the definition of the skateboard, it may be broad enough to include the hover board.

Karen Ottney also reported that kids are riding a lawn tractor pulling skateboards, there were 5 kids either on the tractor or on skateboards. Greg suggested calling 911, public safety.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that there will be a bicycle race on July 17th, the Tour de Cure the race starts around 7:00 am, they ride 50 miles and come back around 4:00 pm. Swift reach is submitted for the Tour de Cure and the Wine Walk.

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Public Safety Cont.:

The Tour de Cure asked Phyllis if she had any avenues for volunteers; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were suggested.

Western PA Ride For Kids Event Form submitted, it will be on August 7th no street closures, has a police escort; will come through around 11:30 – 12:00. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Western PA Ride For Kids Event.

Mayor Rape gave a yay-hoo to the Zelienople Police Department, she was really happy to see Zelic Police doing foot patrol in Harmony.

Cathy also thanked Jodi Correll for painting the No Standing signs in the flower beds; she also told HARB that she would bring it before Council. The signs are temporary and are for safety; Mayor asked if Council had any problems with the signs; Council did not have a problem with the signs.

Business Development:

Mayor Rape reported that the bench has been placed at the Weaver Cabin, donated by the Rotary. Fleatique will be this Saturday in the Northern part of the Square. Scenic Pittsburgh sent an email; Joe or Cathy will respond and copy Dennis/HBA on it. Mayor Rape inquired if a Newsletter will be going out soon; it should go out at the beginning of August; have articles in by the end of July.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported the handbook is being passed around to Council for review.

Finances:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Streets:

Don Sims reported that he gave Council a copy of our current machine's specs and a spreadsheet of quotes along with pictures. He requested quotes that provided a machine that was equal to what we currently have and a larger frame. Don did not ask for an enclosed air conditioned or heated cabin; on the John Deere, that is approximately a \$4,500 option. Don would like Council to narrow it down to 2 machines, what the pricing will be, and any financing deals we can collect. Don did get a ballpark price to have our existing skid steer rebuilt, it would be around \$20,000 which is not a viable option. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired what Don's two choices were. Don stated he looked at pricing and spoke to knowledgeable people, he recommends the Bobcat, the smaller one if he can get the same trade in, and his second choice is the larger Bobcat. Don recommends the smaller one. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired what the trade-in allowance would be. Don Sims replied on the larger Bobcat, the trade is \$13,000. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he feels we could get more for the skid steer if we sold it ourselves. Don Sims commented that the company would need to build the new skid steer; we could try to sell our current skid steer while the new one is being built.

Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the dump truck will be paid off soon; Don Sims responded it will be paid off next fall (October 2017). Greg Such recommended we

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Streets Cont.:

make sure they are on Costar pricing; if not we need to advertise and bid it. Don Sims stated that it is PA State Equipment Contract Pricing. Jason Sarver asked Frank and Wade if the smaller Bobcat will do the same thing as they have. Frank Grannon and Wade Ion commented the smaller machine will not dump salt without shaking the machine to get the salt into the salt box; it is unsafe because it could roll the machine into the truck. Don asked if they couldn't figure out another way to utilize the equipment they have; Frank responded not in the area they have. Don commented that it's \$4500 more to go with the larger framed machine. Jason Sarver asked if the larger machine will do the job they need it to do and the smaller will not. Frank Grannon responded that the machine they have now, which is the same size as the smaller Bobcat, you have to extend the bucket up as high as it will go, at the edge of the truck and you have to flip it to shake the salt out of the bucket; it can't tilt down because it hits the top of the salt machine. You have a half ton to a ton of salt extended 8' in the air it picks half the machine off the ground. Jason Sarver commented the height is what Frank and Wade are asking for. Mayor Rape inquired if Walsh Equipment gave a price without the enclosed cab with the air condition and heat. Don Sims responded that model he is specifying is only the enclosed cab. Frank Luek commented that it is a nice benefit to have in the winter when you're running the skid steer. Don Sims inquired how many hours in the winter do they spend in the skid steer, not enough. Wade Ion responded driving it up from the garage to the borough parking lot to clear snow, clearing the Square, loading salt in the middle of the night. Don did not ask for quotes to include the enclosed cab, he did get prices from some for that model. Greg Such commented that we could assume the cost would be around \$4,000 more. Don recommended Council digest all this; prices are good for 30 days; still need to figure out where to get the money to pay for it. Wade stated that Walsh has deferred payments for 1 year. Greg Such commented that the dump truck will be almost paid off by then. Greg stated that we should have a decision by the end of the month. Frank Grannon inquired how they would clean the Canoe Launch out when it's silted up. The bow body going into the water is causing damage to the skid steer; the JCB has it on the side. Greg Such inquired if something could be fabricated. Frank Grannon commented that he does not care which machine they get, his concern was the 96" height; if you have an inexperienced operator loading salt, they could roll the skid steer into the dump truck. Phyllis Metz stated we need to think about the safety for the guys. Greg Such recommended leaving the meeting open and come back in two weeks; it was decided to continue the Council meeting on July 13 at 8:45pm following the Committee meetings.

Committee Meeting Dates:

Committee Meetings will be Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30pm, 7:15pm and 8:00pm.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

Grants:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

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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 **\$4,995.57**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of **\$6,696.35**

Payroll in the amount of **\$6,916.17**

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of **\$578.74**

Parks Board Bills Payable in the amount of **\$609.52**

Silvester Bills Payable in the amount of **\$1,500.00** (summer concert fireworks bal.)

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

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that ISO will be doing a fire flow test on the 19th or 20th, it could cause dirty water.

RECESSED: 8:27 PM

Harmony Borough Council recessed the July 5th meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown
Secretary

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

June 2016

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 May Activity and Time Reports.
4. Spoke with Mark Homacks, PA Housing Finance, regarding zoning at Creekside Manor. I told him that was Jackson Twp.
5. Inspected several violations.
6. Notified police of abandoned vehicle at 218 N. Charles St.
7. Spoke with resident regarding in-ground pool building permit.
8. Create 12 violation notices following annual inspection of 16063 area of Harmony.
9. Spoke with Cindy Stack regarding placing Grace Church VBS sign at triangle. This type of temporary sign is not allowed per ordinance on public property.
10. Spoke with Bryan Hedstrum, Hosanna Industries, regarding commercial building permits.
11. Spoke with Bill Smitke regarding grass height at 110 N. Pittsburgh St.
12. Spoke with Karen Otney regarding zoning ordinances pertaining to setbacks.
13. Sent email to Huntington Bank explaining that the property at 562 Main St. is not occupied and needs to have the grass cut.
14. Attended June HARB meeting.
15. Sent email to Brett to advise him of HARB meeting.
16. Second call to Central Penn Capital Management regarding grass at 110 N. Pittsburgh St., no answer.

17. Spoke with Sonya Houser regarding fence on Ridge Rd.
18. Spoke with Mr. Holsinger regarding building requirements for a house in R1 zoning district.
19. Created 1 house numbering violation.
20. Received call regarding 110 N. Pittsburgh St. grass. The grass is being cut today, 6/7/2016.
21. Spoke with Pat Kipin regarding the painting of her house addition and the requirements for installing a privacy fence.
22. Spoke with Jean Ignatuk regarding building permits need to be on display at 119 S. Pittsburgh St. during house construction.
23. Attended June Council Meeting.
24. Spoke with Jodi regarding painting of house on Jackson St.
25. Spoke with Matt Gerber regarding purchase of house across from Moose and zoning requirements pertaining to fixing it up.
26. Spoke with Mr. Knauff regarding permitting required to move shed.
27. Spoke with Dave S. regarding mandatory trash collection in the borough and researched same. Trash Collection is in Chapter 20 of the borough ordinances.
28. Spoke with Jim Ziegler regarding setbacks for home construction.
29. Annual inspection of swamp poodle, Seneca, Harmony Heights and Old Little Creek.
30. Spoke with Matt Gerber to confirm 274 Mercer St. is not in the Historic District.
31. Reported abandoned vehicle at 838 Edmond St. to Zelig police.
32. Spoke with Mr. Altman regarding house numbering violation.

33. Made two calls to Mr. Gross regarding house numbering hearing scheduled. No answer, left my number for him to return the call.
34. I spoke with Mr. Gross regarding his house numbering violation. He has been in ill health and has corrected the violation.
35. Spoke with Kip Huffman regarding sidewalk violation.
36. Communicated with Greg regarding rat problem.
37. Left message with Mr. Gross that house numbering violation hearing has been cancelled.
38. Inspected 4 property violations.
39. Spoke with George Riggins regarding permitting requirements for business signage.
40. Spoke with Tom Murray regarding sidewalk violation.
41. Spoke with George Riggin regarding business signage.
42. Spoke with resident on Jackson St. regarding zoning pertaining to having a pool.
43. Completed driveway building permit for 318 German St.
44. Communication with Huntington Bank regarding mowing of grass at 562 Main St.
45. Removed one sign from the triangle.
46. Completed building permit for sign at Riggin Speciality Automotive.
47. Spoke to lady regarding zoning requirement of garage placement.
48. Spoke with resident regarding sidewalk repair.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer