

March 3, 2015

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 3, 2015

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Harmony Boro Council Meeting  
March 3, 2015*

*Cathy Rape*  
*Frank Luek*  
*Don Sims*  
*Jason Sarver*

FRANK GRADKOR

Wanda

Tom Sawyer

*Margaret*  
*John Bueh*

*Arley Bayer*

*[Signature]*

*Bob*

*Sandy Ferraro*

*Phyllis Metz*

*Rich Boyer*

*Ken Lockring*

John Rice

*Glenn Hess*

GREG SUCH

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An executive session was held from 6:00 pm to 7:00pm for a Pension Plan presentation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum was reached and President Greg Such called the Council Meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the February 3, 2015 minutes as presented.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Matt reported that the Garbage Ordinance revisions discussed at last month's meeting is part of the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Matt inquired if Council wanted him to research the ordinances that could be stand alone or if a committee would be formed. Council agreed that Matt would do the research and come back with a proposed amendment. The proposed amendment would need to go before Butler County Planning and Harmony Borough's Planning Commission for a 30 day review; a public hearing would be held and advertised before the proposed ordinance could be adopted.

Solicitor Matt requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**COG:**

Greg Such reported there was not a meeting in February due to weather. The next COG meeting will be March 12th with a presentation concerning the Butler County Federated Library System. April 9<sup>th</sup> COG meeting will have a presentation by Doug Smith, of the Southwestern PA Commission, and head of their transportation planning unit.

**HARB:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that HARB had nothing to come before council.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**Water Authority:**

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing to report. Wade Ion reported the Water Authority is selling bulk water to KLX Energy for the houses on the well pads.

**Parks Board:**

Susie Altemus reported that the grant for Wood Street Park, for electric and landscaping was submitted. The Shamrock Shuffle is March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Parks Board is starting to book bands for the summer concerts.

**Planning Commission:**

Frank Luek had nothing to report.

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**BOARD REPORTS CONT.:**

**Western Butler County Authority:**

Harold Herr had nothing to report.

**Shared Services:**

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Harmony and Zelienople shared salt, and paid it back.

**Historic Harmony:**

John Ruch reported that 250 volunteers were recognized for their volunteering in 2014 during the Harmoniefest dinner.

John Ruch proposed to council in light of Don Rodgers – Creekside Manor, Murphy Tractor project and Don moving the hillside into the floodplain, that a committee be formed with Historic Harmony, Harmony Business Association and the Borough represented in the committee. Solicitor Matt commented that the Borough itself may not want to be out front of neighboring development. Matt asked John Ruch to contact him to discuss better avenues. John Ruch also commented that Penn Future offered legal assistance.

**Fire Company Report:**

Tim Sapienza, Fire Marshall reported he's received some complaints on US Liner. The fire hydrants are blocked by pallets and snow. There is debris piled up along the creek bank that would wash away in a flood. Tim also expressed his concern of the Borough not doing fire inspections at CVE School, Evergreen Nursing Home and at the mills. Allen Bayer commented that he is in the process of writing a violation on US Liner. Tim stated we need to do annual fire inspection. Mayor Rape commented that PCI was supposed to do the commercial fire inspections. Allen Bayer responded that PCI is not doing the inspections. Solicitor Matt will check the agreement with PCI. Tim Sapienza questioned if the Borough could select larger companies to do the fire inspections on; Matt responded to leave it up to the inspection company.

**Police Report:**

Submitted

Mayor Rape inquired the weight of a tractor trailer. Bill (Indian Brave Campground) responded 10 ton for the tractor and 8 ton for an empty trailer. Mayor Rape commented that Harmony's streets have a 7 ton weight limit; any truck that comes into the Square not using the truck route should be ticketed. Officer Hart responded that Chief Miller already issued a memo on that.

**Office:**

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

Greg Such reported that the Act 13 monies the Borough received last year needs to be reported where that money will be spent. Solicitor Matt commented that there is a limited list of where the money can be used. Greg read the list. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi the Harmony Borough Council unanimously agreed to use the Act 13 monies on streets.

Greg also reported that the accounting system migration isn't going swimmingly. Jarod and Greg will meet with the provider.

**Borough Supervisor:**

Wade reported another load of salt is coming, it is the last load.

Filled in some pot holes, but have accumulated more. When the weather breaks they will fill in more.

They got a load of anti-skid for the alleys, will need to get more.

Penn Prime did their audit at the water plant; they needed batteries in the exit signs.

A new exit sign, a fire extinguisher sticker were also needed.

A new cutting edge/blade was needed for the snow plow.

Since February 13<sup>th</sup> until now, they've been plowing snow.

Worked on street lights

Wade also reported that a resident asked him if Council would reconsider the burning ordinance and allow residents to burn 1 day a week, preferably on Saturdays; for yard waste.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority is considering replacing the water line on Jackson and Wood Street. The Water Authority would pay for paving.

**Zoning & Code Enforcement:**

Allen Bayer's report attached.

Allen reported that his report is now emailed to council and asked if anyone had questions or comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Personnel:**

Greg Such had nothing to report.

**Finance:**

Jarod Stewart reported he will try to get the accounting system finalized.

**Streets:**

Frank Luek had nothing to report. Frank Luek thanked Frank Grannon for doing a good job on the streets.

**OLD BUSINESS CONT.:**

**Streets Cont.:**

Greg Such proposed a committee be made to help better control truck traffic. Greg spoke to Chief Miller about being on the committee. Greg asked if anyone else would want to be on the committee. Bill Manuel (Indian Brave Campground), Mayor Rape, and Council member Jason Sarver agreed to be on the committee. Greg Such commented that he would be on the committee if needed.

**Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported that the Shamrock Shuffle still needs to submit their certificate of insurance; everything else is taken care of.

**Facilities:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on the LED street lights. The quote from ACD (Advanced Controls & Distribution, LLC) in Cranberry gives a price for 46 - 54 watt LED of \$10,011.90 and a price for 46 - 36 watt LED of \$6,572.02 plus employees' time to install. Wade commented there is \$3,000 in the budget, do downtown area this year and the rest next year. Wade reported that Shelby said she understood the budget and would guarantee the prices for next year. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved purchasing 23 - 36 watt LED street lights. John Rice inquired if the Borough uses all the budgeted money they won't be able to fix any if they're broken. Frank Grannon responded they could save some of the old ones to recycle if the others break.

Phyllis Metz inquired if there was any money to do the floor in the borough building hallway. Jarod responded there is money budgeted in building maintenance; not sure what needed to be done. Frank Grannon responded that the garage door and roof needs replaced. Greg commented to put the borough building floor on hold.

**Business Development:**

Greg Such reported that he drafted a grant for the sign in the triangle, it was reviewed by Cathy (Mayor), John Ruch and HBA. The grant is through the Butler County Tourism, it is due on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm. Total cost of the project is just under \$10,000.00 which includes \$8,000 for a new sign, moving the old marker and building the base for the new marker, and commercial grade LED lights and panels for under \$750. They will get the grant cleaned up and finalized and Cathy will deliver it.

**Grants:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laura Ebbert – Indian Brave Campground – Representing the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Laura is the local task force leader. Typically the ride has gone from Home Depot parking lot in Cranberry Township to Slippery Rock University straight up Rt. 19 through Zelienople. Chief Miller and the Fire Police have always been very accommodating; but because of the bridge project on Rt. 19 they will not be able to do that. They have decided to renovate the ride from a destination ride to a loop ride. Part of Laura's goal was to bring it up from Cranberry Township to our community. Laura has already met with Seneca and they are on board, contract is signed. The riders will meet at Seneca Valley soccer fields for the staging area; they will start and stop at that location. The ride is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ride will go through Harmony; Laura inquired what needs to be done to get approval from Harmony. The route is to come down Rt. 68 from Evans City, onto Harmony Way, Main Street, Mercer Street and onto Little Creek Road. The Blue Knights block intersections for safety; it is a police escorted ride. Phyllis Metz told Laura to submit an Event Form, the forms are on the Harmony Borough website; and we'll go from there. The ride is motorcycles; they take local kids who have brain tumors. The kids ride in side cars and get to be bikers for a day. After the ride, they have a celebration of life and the kids get to talk about their experience. In the past they have raised between \$35,000 and \$50,000 per year. When the ride went through Zelienople, they were through the town within 15 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Training and Conferences:**

Greg Such reported there are two PSAB webinars that Amy will be taking, Record Retention and Open Records.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT.:**

**Personnel:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**Finances:**

Jarod Stewart had nothing new to report.

**Streets:**

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

John Rice inquired if there was any progress on Rt. 68 and contacting the Representative. Don Sims reported that the Borough received a letter from Penn Dot. They sent a representative out to review the area on Rt. 68 and the inlet. Penn Dot is not responsible for the inlet. They will review to determine what action they're going to take. Contacting the Representative brought a lot of action.

**Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported that she received the Event Form for the Mosaic 5K to be held September 7<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis also received a call from the American Diabetes Association for their 2015 Tour de Cure bike ride to be held May 17<sup>th</sup>; they are to submit an Event Form.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT.:**

**Public Safety Cont.:**

Mayor Rape reported that a resident inquired if Council would consider 1 day of burning. Council agreed to leave the burning ordinance as is.

Mayor Rape also reported that Representative Jim Marshall will have a satellite office in the Butler County Tourism building in Zelienople on Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Senator Elder Vogel on Thursdays from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Representative Marshall will be holding a Meet & Greet at the satellite office on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm council members and borough staff are invited.

Mayor attended the Seneca School Board meeting; there is a website available if people want to help. Seneca's website and other important phone numbers/contact information will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Mayor Rape also inquired if Council would consider putting pavers in the grass area in the Square between the sidewalk and street as a thank you for businesses who might donate to the Parks or certain projects (sign). It was a suggestion from a business that donated money for the sign. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the Museum already does that. Cath stated she would need to go to HARB with an example of what we would use.

**Facilities:**

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

**Business Development:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**Grants:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**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 **\$13,395.90**

**Bills Already Paid** in the amount of **\$8,419.38**

**Payroll** in the amount of **\$6,019.14**

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Greg Such called for an executive session at 8:25pm to discuss personnel; out of executive session at 9:00 pm.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to accept the Pension proposal from the providers.

**ADJOURN: 9:05 PM**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the March 3, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Secretary



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

**February 2015**

1. Stopped by the office a few times each week to pick up mail and sign violation.
2. Attended Council and HARB meetings.
3. Created January and February Monthly and Time Reports.
4. Spoke with Sign Innovation regarding new sign at Fox's Pizza.
5. Processed building permit for Fox's Pizza sign.
6. Returned several phone calls to real estate agents pertaining to property zoning.
7. Discussed complaint received regarding the Harmony Inn with Fire Marshall Tim Sapienza.
8. Followed up with Pat Murray regarding CO Detector requirements.
9. Inspected trash receptacles at 421 Liberty St. and created violation accordingly.
10. Spoke with resident regarding room addition to home.
11. Followed up on neighbor's complaint pertaining to trash on the rear porch at 230 Bluff St. Spoke with resident and she assured me that it would be cleaned and put out for trash pickup.
12. Spoke with real estate appraiser regarding validity of use at 223 Mercer St. and if all necessary permits had been obtained for reconstruction.
13. Inspected US Liner property for code violations. Spoke with Neal Nana regarding fire code violations at US Liner. Researched US Liner Code violations.
14. Filing and administrative work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen E. Bayer