

May 5, 2015

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING May 5, 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 Borough
Council Meeting
May 5, 2015

Cathy Rape
Wade
John Rice

Charles Spirk
Sandy Ferrarola
Jim Muly
Frank Lue
Eric Tichy
Jarod Stewart

Bill
Frank Luek
FRANK GRANNOX
Phyllis Metz
Gregory Bell
Jarod Stewart

Josh Meede
Jim John
Ann John

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CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum was reached and President Greg Such called the May 5, 2015 Council 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 April 7, 2015 minutes as presented.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt reported on the Zoning Ordinance, he had sent council the proposed items that will be taken out of zoning. The proposed nuisance ordinance, Matt is going to tweak the section on the garbage container a little bit, but it will not be a substance change. Matt asked for a motion to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinances, he also commented to council to keep in mind the first ordinance that is removing items from the ordinance will require a brief public hearing; he will advertise that as well. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to advertise the proposed ordinances and the public hearing.

Matt also gave an update on the Flood Plain Ordinance; there is no deadline yet because they haven't adopted the new flood plain map. The draft ordinance for Harmony was sent to Leslie Rhodes, the administrator at FEMA; that ordinance has been approved by FEMA so it is ready to go. Greg had some comments, Matt sent to Council a link to the FEMA website, the model ordinance is about 50 pages, the highlighted sections in bold can be tweaked. On Harmony's model ordinance, anywhere that gave the option to be least restrictive, middle restrictive and the most restrictive; Matt chose everything to be most restrictive. Council is to look at the draft ordinance and email Matt any comments; if changes are made it will need to be resubmitted to FEMA for approval. It was determined that the Administrator should change from the Council President to the Zoning Officer. Mayor Rape commented that she would like to see the accumulative level changed from 1 foot to 2 inches. Solicitor Matt wasn't sure if that was a section that could be changed. Council President, Greg suggested going through the draft and have one more comment session. Solicitor Matt requested any comments be emailed to him no later than 1 week before the next council meeting, if no more changes are required (other than the Zoning Officer as the Administrator), Matt will submit the draft ordinance to Leslie Rhodes at FEMA for approval, he should have it back by the next Council meeting and have it ready to advertise and to adopt.

Greg Such stated an executive session will be needed at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments:

Greg Such reported that Harmony Borough's Tax Collector, Doris Schott had passed away. Doris was the tax collector for 25 years or so and will be sorely missed.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS CONT.:

Appointments Cont.:

Karen Schott became the Deputy Tax Collector at the end of 2014. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the appointment of Karen Schott as Tax Collector. Mayor Cathy Rape swore Karen in. Greg Such reported that we will need a Deputy Tax Collector, if anyone is interested please contact the borough office.

Greg Such reported that Tom Ayers resigned as the alternate from the Zoning Hearing Board. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the resignation of Tom Ayers from the Zoning Hearing Board. An alternate will be needed.

COG:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on five Certificates of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council.

133 Jackson Street – Skelly – Replace rotted wood railing and balusters with new vinyl railings and balusters (off white). Balusters to be “turned” as they were originally (side porch). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 133 Jackson Street.

Harmony Information Log Cabin – Railing at front porch, stair, and high/low railing at handicap ramp all to be wood split rail (natural). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Information Log Cabin.

223 Mercer Street – Rodgers – Remove old cement block garden wall, replace with new Belgian block double thick wall with flower planter in between walls. In a motion made by Dave Szekelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 223 Mercer Street.

421 Liberty Street – Tomayko – Paint front door and garage door white; Install vinyl fence to hide garbage cans, slightly wider than cans, slightly higher than cans, solid fencing (slats very close together) white vinyl. Jarod Stewart stated he was opposed to the fence; it doesn't meet the setbacks and garbage cans shouldn't be stored in front. Frank Luek commented that a fence can be placed on the property line. Solicitor Matt read the ordinance; it read storage of waste, trash and garbage shall be hidden from public view by a fence or similar structure; the Ordinance also states no collection site for trash shall be located within any front yard area or along any street frontage. Mayor Rape inquired if anyone asked why the garbage couldn't be stored in the garage (underneath the apartment).

BOARD REPORTS CONT:

HARB Cont.:

421 Liberty Street – Tomayko Cont.

Sandy Ferrainola (HARB member) commented that Tom (Tomayko) was asked that question; Tom said it couldn't.

In a motion made by Jarod Stewart and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the front door and garage door white. The fence was not approved.

229 Mercer Street – Webb – Replace existing rotted wood siding with Hardiboard product; paint green to match existing front color. Paint window trim red and cream to match existing building color detailing. Copper flashing above window head to match existing. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 229 Mercer Street.

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported the Wood Street/Jackson Street Project has started, waiting on the contractor.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus inquired on "no alcohol" in parks; Susie would like to investigate special permitting, like Zelienople has, to allow alcohol for special events such as weddings at Wood Street Park. Solicitor Matt will look at it.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek reported that the Planning Commission is looking for a new member. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Western Butler County Authority:

Harold Herr had nothing to report.

Shared Services:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Parking/Signage Events:

Greg Such reported that the Canoe Launch sign is up.

Historic Harmony:

John Ruch was unable to attend the meeting.

Fire Company Report:

Frank Luek reported that the April Merger Committee meeting notes were emailed to Council. There was discussion on the Zelig Fire Department building and property; the Fire Police and their equipment. The Fire Company will work with the Fire

BOARD REPORTS CONT:

Fire Company Report Cont.:

Police to see if and how they will operate. Greg Such commented that it (the merger) is making good progress.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority has been giving the Fire Department (Harmony) free water; there is a meter on, to show no lost water to DEP on the end of the year reports. If the new Company will serve Harmony, Zelig, Jackson Twp., and Lancaster Twp. Dave feels they should receive a bill. He will take it to the Water Authority Board. Greg inquired what Zelig's position is on it; Zeligople pays for water used for sanitary purposes not water for the fire trucks.

Creekside Report:

Josh Meeder reported that they're making great progress, about \$3,000 has been raised; there has been some significant developments working in their (Preserving Harmony) favor; such as a letter of deficiency for the application filed with the DEP has been issued, there are 14 different points, and a whole bunch of sub points. Some are very engineering in measurements specific and some that apply directly to Harmony Borough Josh urges Council to pass the Flood Ordinance with the most restrictive. There will be a need for this to pass, there will need to be a consistency letter between Harmony and Jackson Township; the Flood Plain Ordinances are in compliant and consistent. If we can show a stronger flood restriction here, it goes a long way. Now at a waiting stage for Don Rodgers to file an amendment; he has to refile that application. Not sure what the next step is until Don appeals, files or closes up. If Don Rodgers refiles, it starts the process over and possibly reset the public comment period. Greg Such commented that Josh is suggesting that Harmony Borough's Flood Plain Ordinance needs to be more restrictive than Jackson's. Josh commented that Jackson Township is 2 years behind their Flood Plain Ordinance schedule. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if there has been significant fill upstream from Harmony Borough. Josh Meeder responded that they are filing the appropriate Right-To-Know Act to try to find out what's been approved, what's been permitted and how much is there; it's a long process.

Police Report:

Submitted via email.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on the utility poles with transformers, a lot are missing the ground wire; some on Division Street, Pittsburgh Street, New Castle Street; someone is sealing the copper, up to about 4' high. Dave suggested contacting Penn Power if you have a pole near your house and the ground wire is missing. If you see anyone (trying to take the wire) call 911.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

Greg reported that the Newsletter went out and Harmony Borough won second place from the Borough News Newsletter and Website contest; largely due to the hard work of Amy and Joan and those of you who contribute, and to Jim Hulings before that. Mayor Rape inquired if we received our award, Amy commented not yet.

BOARD REPORTS CONT:

Office Cont.:

Mayor Rape thanked Tom Oliverio for agreeing to get the award for us; he went to the meeting and was going to get the award for us, but they said it was already mailed.

Borough Supervisor:

Wade Ion reported that he completed the COG Survey for rock salt for '15-'16 year; about 100 more ton than last year.

Frank Grannon reported that the lights are done; Frank thanked Cathy (Rape) for directing traffic on the bridge. The salt box is off, lube and put away for the year. The banners are down from the bridge, Cathy (Mayor Rape) made the decision to not to put them back on the bridge due to the cost of renting a lift; will relocate the banners in different areas. Repaired a pump at the plant; met with the contractor for the Wood Street project, mowing started, bench mounted, canoe launch cleared; found somewhere to dump; removed 40 tons of silt/sand from the canoe launch. Frank checked with Vogel's landfill, would have to go through the DEP, Departments of Wetlands to dump there. Frank also reported that he received a complaint that Harmony Heights has a sink hole starting, concrete gone, catch basin needs repaired. The Canoe Launch sign is up, a couple other signs repaired. Mayor Rape commented that they lost 2 banners on the bridge because of wind, discussed placing the banners in town to avoid renting the lift; possibly in the triangle, Square, and at the borough building. Greg Such inquired in principal if Council was okay with moving the banners; Council was in agreement with moving the banners. Josh Inman (resident on Spring Street) commented that he works for United Rentals; he can get a good deal on a lift.

Greg Such reported that limb pick-up would be starting Thursday, May 7th.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

Allen Bayer's report attached.

Jarod Stewart commented that he attended the Hearing on the variance; his property is cattycorner from it. He feels Council needs to look at what the Zoning Hearing Board is doing, what HARB is doing. This particular variance there are five reasons for hardship, Jarod outlined them all. Others spoke up against the variance and the (Zoning Hearing) Board still approved it with no basic justification. It seems like a lot of these things going before these Boards are being rubber stamped, not getting challenged, we have zoning ordinances for a reason. If we are not going to enforce our zoning, why are we spending the money to write these ordinances.

Greg Such commented that the decision can be appealed within 30 days.

Solicitor Matt commented that the Zoning Hearing Board operates separately, independently, have their own solicitor. The Borough on any matter before the Zoning Hearing Board can intervene; likewise any adjoining property owner has a right to go to the hearing and intervene. If you are unhappy with that decision you as an adjoining property owner, can file an appeal then it would go to the Butler County Common Pleas Court. Another option is when the current board's term expires, appoint new people. Don Sims commented that we live within constrictive boundaries; variances are probably the life blood of keeping this community going,

Zoning & Code Enforcement Cont.:

unless we want to keep re-writing ordinances that can be very lengthy, variances have their place. Jarod Stewart agreed that variances have their place; this particular one didn't meet any of the hardships. it seems like everyone is getting rubber stamped without being challenged, without being pushed back. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that they (Zoning Hearing Board) has legal counsel, maybe he's not doing his job. Dave asked Matt to explain the criteria for asking for a variance. Solicitor Matt commented that a variance is granted for a unique hardship, the hardship cannot be self-created; an example was given if you have a corner lot, and two front yards you can apply for a variance for the setbacks. Dave Szakelyhidi gave an example if you purchased a small lot before zoning came through in 1972, you could apply for a variance to build on that lot because zoning created that hardship on you. In this instance, they created their own undersized property. The hardship cannot be self-created. Greg Such inquired on Council to proceed to appeal. Solicitor Matt needs to check if the borough has a right to appeal because they did not intervene in the underlining appeal (at the variance hearing). Don Sims commented that the past cannot be changed, can only change the future; if something is going to be scrutinized, we need to send representative to the next variance so we can be part of saying yay or nay.

Dave Szakelyhidi inquired who selects the solicitor. Matt will look into, the Borough says for the solicitor. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Jarod Stewart, the Harmony Borough Council agreed to solicit request for proposals for the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor contingent upon Matt making sure it's Council's decision. Harold Herr commented that part of the problem was when the Borough closed the alley and gave them half that property. John Rice commented that you didn't just close that alley and give away the land, the property owners signed to bring it back into their own. Council needs to make sure they have qualified people on the Board, and a qualified solicitor, leave it go; send representative to the next variance.

Don Sims opposed. Roll call vote:

- Phyllis Metz – yes
- Frank Luek – yes
- Dave Szakelyhidi – yes
- Jarod Stewart – yes
- Don Sims – no
- Jason Sarver – yes
- Greg Such – yes

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Finance:

Jarod Stewart reported we covered the Pension and the Accounting System. Nothing pressing, a few months out at the next finance committee meeting they will start looking at what they want to do next year.

OLD BUSINESS CONT.:

Streets:

Frank Luek reported the waterline project has started.

Don Sims reported an email was sent requesting a sit down with Penn Dot regarding the Rt. 68 guide rail issues.

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that a Swift Reach announcement will need to be issued for the Jumping for Java 5K on May 16th and for the Tour de Cure on May 17th all paperwork has been submitted.

The Event Form for the Zelienople Library Wine Walk on July 17th has been submitted, will supply the Certificate of Insurance. They are requesting the West ½ of the Square to be closed. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to close the West ½ of the Square for the Wine Walk, contingent upon the receipt of the Certificate of Insurance.

The Dangerwood Pictures, (Mason: Season 1) requested date changes from July 10 thru July 12 to June 26 and June 28. Times will be from 6:00 pm until 12:00 am, and 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Street closures requested Mercer and Main Street, the Square. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the date change and street closure for Dangerwood Pictures making films in the Square, contingent on the Certificate of Insurance being received. Greg Such reported that a liaison is needed to go between the Borough and Simon during the filming, if anyone is interested please let the Borough know.

The Parks Board submitted the dates for the Summer Concert Series, July 2, July 16, July 30 and August 6, street closures from 5:30pm until the crowd leaves from Main and German down to Mercer, Mercer to the Borough Building and Mercer to Spring Street. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the dates and street closures for the Summer Concerts.

Truck Traffic Committee:

Jason Sarver reported on April 28 Cathy (Mayor Rape), Chief Miller, Dennis McCurdy, Bill Manual and himself met for their first Truck Traffic Committee meeting. Their purpose was to deter trucks from ignoring designated truck routes and causing damage to property in the Square. Their first objective was to identify what the problem was other than just trucks, were there different drivers, repeat offenders. What they learned was they are all different drivers outsourced from all over the country by Jadco, Butler Refrigeration and US Liner and over the past years have caused thousands of dollars in damage to the property in the Square. They review possible solutions, they reached out to the community, and themselves and came up with 20 submitted ideas that were presented and discussed. One idea that

stood out with being both practical and cost efficient was to put a stop sign at the intersection of Main and German Streets. In addition to that they felt a 3-way stop sign at Mercer and Spring Streets would give the trucks adequate time to make the turn on to Mercer. Their thinking there was with Mercer Street becoming more populated with traffic coming down; it has become harder and dangerous for trucks to pull out. The committee consulted with current and retired truck drivers, who all agreed forcing the drivers to come to a stop and view a simplified signage. There are several signs there now, would like to clean it up a bit. Currently Chief Miller is working with Bill Hummel with cost and Matt for legal acceptance. Chief Miller reported that Council would need to approve/authorize a traffic study done by the Borough Engineer to put a stop sign in. The cost for signage would be about \$300.00 Wade Ion inquired what if a Truck Route Sign with flashing lights (LED solar) to draw attention was put up vs. a 36" Stop Sign. Chief Miller reported the cost would be between \$1500 and \$1800. Don Sims inquired if a stop sign is up and it does not cure the problem, how hard is it to remove the sign. Chief Miller commented you would need to repeal the ordinance. Jason Sarver recommended cleaning up, remove some signs that are there now, simplify it. Don Sims commented on the GPS that send drivers through town and non-speaking English drivers come to the stop sign, are they going to continue to go straight. Frank Grannon and Wade Ion were concerned about the location of the stop signs, trucks taking it out on the turn, trucks will also be stopped in the on-coming lane to make that turn but the cars coming the opposite direction will not be stopped, discussion. Solicitor Matt stated that Bill Hummel, Engineer will look at that in the traffic study. Greg Such asked for a motion to proceed with the Engineering Study. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to proceed with the Engineering Study. Josh Meeder thanked Council for considering a 3-way stop at Mercer and Spring Streets. The Engineering Study would also include the 3-way stop. Jarod Stewart commented that the stop sign on Main and German does address an issue, but suggested looking into a Stop except for right turn sign as well.

Commercial Fire Inspections:

Greg Such requested Jason Sarver to get a quote from the Commercial Fire Inspector.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi inquired about the alarm system for the Borough building; talked about putting a fire alarm and panic button in. Greg Such recommended taking it to the Facilities Committee and bring it back to Council.

Business Development:

Greg Such had nothing to report.

Grants:

Greg Such reported the Parks Board did not get the Park Reno Grant.

Solicitor Matt reported that the Zoning Hearing Board appoints their solicitor. Council approves their recommendation; tabled until January.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Claire Spink – 116 Old Little Creek- requested to include ½ front of house in the garbage ordinance. She also inquired about the trailer problem on Old Little Creek, Greg Such reported the property owner agreed to remove it by May 8th.

Josh Inman – 754 Spring Street- commented that he is having a problem with a neighbor and wanted to address it with the community because it is starting to get out of hand, doesn't want to have any confrontations with anyone in it and asked for suggestions on how to resolve the problem. He spent \$2,000 on trees to help separate both lawns – trees are environmentally friendly. Josh commented that he was hoping she would be at the meeting to address it and get it resolved. Greg Such inquired if there was some type of third party that could work with neighbors to help get it resolved. Greg also commented if Josh feels at risk contact the police, if it violates zoning contact Allen Bayer (Zoning Officer), and try to talk to the neighbor. Greg stated Dennis McCurdy has a background in counseling and law, perhaps he could help. Greg will talk to Dennis.

Josh also commented that he works for United Rentals any rental needs he can help the Borough out; they have trench boxes, road plates. He can pass his savings on to the Borough; Josh will give Wade a card.

John Rice – inquired on street sweeping, and Rt. 68 we need to get the debris cleared off, it is not Penn Dot's responsibility to clear drains. Wade will talk to Mark at Zelig on Thursday when limb pickup starts.

John also reported that at the Water Board meeting last Wednesday the Board voted to drop the QuickBooks and return to RA Services and inquired why they (Water Authority) is still be swept into QuickBooks. Greg responded that it is economical for both to be using the same system. John Rice commented that the Board makes decisions for themselves, the fact that Council did not get a vote from the Board to proceed. Greg commented that he is under the impression if they can rectify the problems with QuickBooks, Council will get a revote from the Board. John responded that this has been going on and on and on. Greg agreed. John commented that Council has a vote from them, it is the Board's action, they can dissolve the Board or follow the rules. Greg stated they're going to make it work. Don Sims inquired if the Board answers to anybody other than themselves; they do not answer to Council. Solicitor Matt responded they are an independent board, operate on their own, they were created by the Borough; they ultimately could be dissolved by the Borough, but their operations and actions are all independent, as long as they are in existence they are a separate board, they have their own budget and solicitor. Jarod Stewart commented that it's shared services center with Amy and Joan. RA Services is a DOS system that went out of existence 15-20 years ago, there is pain in transitions, in the long run it's going to save both the Borough and Water Authority money. Solicitor Matt commented that he thinks the issue is from hearing everybody, his independent opinion he thinks is not so much of what they want to use or not want to use but the Water Authority was told they were going to do this, he thinks it would have worked better if everybody said this is what we think we're going to do and here's why, the system is out dated let's all get on the same page.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.:

John Rice Cont.:

John Rice commented that the Water Authority thought okay they're just switching over, a couple of months to get this ironed out. This is really making a mess of their billing system and keeping track of things. They didn't have a problem keeping track of things before. Greg Such commented that their billing system is largely manual and we have issues with accuracy out of the water bills and those are things they can rectify by making the switch. John commented that we need to get this put in in a proper manner so that it functions for everyone involved. Greg agreed. Don Sims commented that he's been badgering for 3 months, we want to get it resolved. Greg commented that we have a punch list, there is blame on both sides, we accept it and we're going to fix it. We are not asking the Water Authority to work with a broken system; there are 7 -8 months left on the Water Authority's agreement so we have some time. Greg commented that she is not being impeded to the best of his knowledge and asked John not to encourage her insubordination in the office. John responded that he's not encouraging insubordination; she comes to him with legitimate issues that seem to be getting dusted off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training and Conferences:

Greg Such reported there is a webinar on how to be a borough council president.

Personnel:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Finances:

Jarod Stewart commented that he will talk to the consultants with the accounting software; hopefully get it resolved this week or next week.

Streets:

Frank Luek reported on the street sweeping.

Greg Such inquired on the catch basin that needs repaired. Frank and Wade will do.

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz had nothing new to report.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

Phyllis reported on the Security System, the cost would be about \$1200 and \$43 per month for 8 smoke detectors, a motion detector, panic button and controls. Greg Such suggested run it back through the committee and bring back a recommendation.

Mayor Rape reported on the Monument area, a packet was distributed to Council. Cath would really like to get something done there, with the truck traffic problem; she feels the Square needs to be more visible. The Mayor stated she would like to fund it through donations and volunteer work. Frank Luek inquired if she had a cost on the bollards. Mayor stated she was going to go see Harmony Castings to see if they could make what she wants. She would like to get something in there that is

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NEW BUSINESS CONT.:

Facilities Cont:

more permanent and higher so the salt won't kill them. Cath would need HARB approval. Frank Grannon commented that if we get a lot of snow they need to get the skid steer in there to remove the snow, it's going to get hit. Cath commented that the interlocking blocks can be rebuilt. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved going to HARB with a more detailed design.

Business Development:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Mayor Rape also inquired if Council and their families would like to ride on the wagon in the Zelig parade to promote Harmony. Jason Sarver stated his family would be interested.

Cath also reported that there will be a Memorial Day service on May 25th at 9:00am at the monument. A few years ago they read a list of deceased veterans, Cath would like to do that again this year; if anyone would like to add a name let Cath know.

Greg Such announced there is a ribbon cutting ceremony a week from Thursday at the bridge sponsored by the campground (Indian Brave Campground) and the merchant association (Harmony Business Association). Ceremony is on May 14th at 6:30pm.

Mayor Rape inquired if she and Greg (Such) could be reimbursed for the Toast of Tourism dinner, hopefully will be receiving grant money. Don Sims commented if they bring back grant money.

Grants:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Mayor Rape also reported that at last month's council meeting council discussed extending tonight's meeting, the Tourism Grant will be awarded at the dinner on May 7th. Cath reported the Borough has currently received \$4,050 towards the new sign, \$1750 has been promised by 3 businesses, totaling \$5,800. She has someone who will guarantee the rest of the money if we are not awarded the Tourism Grant, Cath inquired if she can order the sign so Council won't have to meet again. Don Sims inquired if she can wait until the 7th; Greg Such commented that it's only 2 more days. It was determined to wait until after the 7th.

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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 **\$15,075.62**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of **\$7,632.36**

Payroll in the amount of **\$4,644.87**

Parks Board Bills Payable in the amount of **\$128.15**

In a motion made by Jarod Stewart and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved all bills for payment as presented on the lists.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


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

Council unanimously agreed to fund the remainder of the LED street lights.

RECESSED: 9:30 PM

The Harmony Borough Council recessed the May 5, 2015 meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown

Secretary

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

April 2015

1. Stopped by the office a few times each week to pick up mail and sign violations.
2. Attended April Council and HARB meetings.
3. Returned numerous phone calls to real estate agents and residents pertaining to property zoning, code and building permits.
4. Inspected semi-trailer violation at 132 Old Little Creek Rd. Issued violation notice for semi-trailer in side yard. Issued second violation notice for semi-trailer in rear yard after it was moved from side yard. Referred issue to Matt to speak with resident's attorney. I have received assurance from resident's attorney that the semi-trailer will be removed by 5/8/2015.
5. Inspected rubbish violation at 434 Liberty St. 2nd floor apt. Issued violation notice to resident and rubbish was removed.
6. Responded to emails regarding flood plain ordinance and commercial fire inspection.
7. Inspected rear yard at 136 Old Little Creed Rd. regarding rubbish complaint. Issued violation notice accordingly. Resident has had surgery on both hands and has agreed to clean up the rear yard by 6/15/2015.
8. Inspected open violations for abandoned vehicle, rubbish and US Liner fire hazard. All three violations have been corrected.
9. Inspected home for in-ground pool and inspected home for fence. Processed building permits for in-ground pool at 1129 Seneca Dr. and fence at 638 Wood St.

10. Dropped off Chapter 8, Flood Plain Regulations, to Ann McGee.
11. Attended Zoning Hearing Board meeting for lot variance width for home construction.
12. Completed inspection of homes for numbering not confirming to Ordinance 407 in the 16063 zip code area.
13. Filing and administrative work.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer