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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING October 4, 2016

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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*Don Sims*  
WADE BON

Joe Dippold

Cathy Rape

Susan Altemus

Frank Luek

Greg Such

Phyllis Metz

John Rice

FRANK GRANNON

Steve Schoppe

Americo Allegretto

ALLEN BAKER

MATT RACUNAS

Kevin Mikulas

Sandy Ferraro

Kevin Donnell Ottney

Russ Ottney

Greg Such

John Rice

KEVIN MIKULAS

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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 September 6, 2016 minutes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Matt reported that the terms for the Lease Agreement on the Triangle have been approved by Historic Harmony. Historic Harmony leases the Triangle for \$1.00/year, they will be responsible for the lawn cutting, and will control the signs posted; following Harmony Borough's guidelines; the Agreement can be terminated by either party within 30 days. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Triangle Lease Agreement with Historic Harmony. Joe Dippold inquired if Harmony Borough would still control the Harmony sign; Greg Such responded yes.

**BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Greg Such reported that he invited John Kovacic the EMA Coordinator to report on where the EMA is headed, Zelienople being in discussion with Jackson Township to join our EMA. John Kovacic was not in attendance.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that high-level nuclear waste will be moved on I-79 from Canada to Georgia, the Butler Eagle article states there will be 150 truckloads. Dave contacted DEP and our Engineer called DEP. The Water Source Water Protection Program mapped out our water shed all the way up to almost Butler. A good portion of it is in Muddy Creek Township up I-79. Dave would like the blue signs "Water Supply Area" installed along I-79 before the nuclear waste is moved. Dave did not get any answers on who installs them or who covers the cost for the signs. Greg Such commented that the EMA should have knowledge of the transport and when it is coming.

**COG:**

Joe Dippold had nothing new to report.

**HARB:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there are three Certificates of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council.

**Sandy Ferrainola - 317 German Street – Sign for Creative Harmony.** In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Sandy Ferrainola/Creative Harmony.

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**Flag Lights – Harmony Borough Square** – Lights to light up the flag in the Square. Mayor Rape explained that she had received complaints about the flag in the Square not being light. She was given some information on RAB Lighting, they have a program Less We Forget; they will give a free light as long as you hook it up. We have two lights, one is attached to the corner of the Harmony Museum building and the other is on the back of the monument. Cathy thanked Dave Szakelyhidi for installing the lights. Cathy asked Greg to take two pictures of the installation and email to the company, they keep a brochure. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Cathy Rape/Harmony Borough.

**Erik Christensen – 552 Main Street** – Rebuild original double deck porch with/original details. Approval of attached “Proposed Improvements & Alterations” #1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10 (note: #3 and 7 are not HARB issues). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Erik Christensen.

**Water Authority:**

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

**Parks Board:**

Susie Altemus reported on the September 11<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Day, Greg, Frank, Joan and nine volunteers from the Lutheran Churches worked in Wood Street Park, and Swampoodle Park; finished up at Swampoodle with mulching. Susie inquired about the millings at Swampoodle Park. Wade Ion responded that they use them to fill holes, or drainage. Wade commented that we could try selling the millings. Solicitor Matt stated that some of the municipalities he represents allow residents to take it, or deliver it for \$50. Susie inquired what residents would use it for. Solicitor Matt responded it can be rolled for a gravel driveway.

Susie also reported on the first wedding at Wood Street Park, it rained but they were pleased with the park. Susie received a letter regarding the creek clean-up, it was the most successful to date. They will be coming back to this area next year.

The Silvester is moving along.

Susie reported on a focus group from Jackson Township, there were several people there, representatives from Seneca Valley Athletic Department, the Superintendent, John Stevenson, he designed the Rachel Carson Trail, Jeff Barkley and Mary Hess from Zelenople Park Board, Fred Lochner from the Water Conservatory, Tom Francisco from Waterways, Andrew Spencer from Zelig Borough, they were all there brainstorming to come up with ideas to bring more recreation to the area, bicycling, cross-country skiing, kayaking, hiking; and ideas to try to hook up with North Country Trails. Susie was very enthused with it, but hasn't heard anything since the September meeting.

Cathy Rape reported that she received a complaint about the wedding, about parking. Somebody said they tried to get through and it took them a half an hour to get from Jackson to Seneca Drive. Mayor suggested putting up cones in the future. Russ Ottney also commented that people were changing their clothes in their cars,

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something should be done about that. Karen Ottney commented that they just need to use common sense, you don't park on a bend, you don't block people's driveways, and you don't park in the grass.

Greg Such inquired when Wood Street would be replanted, Susie commented that we asked for after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Planning Commission:**

Frank Luek reported that they spoke briefly with Sandy (Ferrainola) about her plans for the building but no action taken.

**Western Butler County Authority:**

Greg Such reported that the next meeting was moved up a week due to scheduling.

**Shared Services:**

Wade Ion reported that brush pick-up is all done, leaf pick-up will start October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parking and Signage:**

Greg Such reported that the signage on Wood Street is up, the Harmony Inn needs to move their handicap parking; Jason Sarver will follow-up with Bob McCafferty.

**Historic Harmony:**

John Ruch was unable to attend the meeting.

**Harmony/Jackson Meeting:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Bob Ziegler** – Inquired if any decision was made on fixing Tod Domino's "Pit of Death" what would it be and when. Solicitor Matt commented there is no decision at this time; Council is aware of, and Matt is investigating and looking at as far as potential liabilities. Bob inquired if they would have anything by the end of the year; we're running out of time with the weather. Greg commented that he would separate that from the rest of the run which needs clearing and has some other obstructions that can be removed as well. Wade Ion asked what Council wanted them to do with it. Greg responded remove the concrete bridge, there's another earth and damn somebody built; and look for spots that are definitely sludged over and try to figure out how to clear it and make the water flow. Bob Ziegler commented the bridge would probably be the biggest thing. Wade stated to remove that bridge we may need a mini excavator. Solicitor Matt inquired whose property is the bridge on. Greg stated we were given permission to remove the concrete bridge behind Bottles. Jason Sarver wanted to clarify, these are two separate issues, one it's a safety issue and a water flow issue. Mayor Rape commented that it should be the property owner's responsibility to clean out their section; and if the Borough is going to do it we should charge them. Greg commented that there is still a lot of sentiment and sludge in it.

**Stephen Schoppe** – North Pittsburgh 5K, event form submitted on September 26  
Will discuss in Public Safety.

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**Karen Ottney** – Karen reported the parking was really bad at Wood Street during the wedding. People were parking on either side of the street. Karen also commented about the creek clean-up, stated tires are still lying on the bank. She has the phone number for the girl in charge, will contact her.

**Jodi Correll** – Jodi reported that she contacted seven companies for estimates and only received one in writing; five came out to look at it, two flat out said they weren't interested in the job and three gave a verbal estimate. Jodi gave Greg Such the estimate from Ritzert.

#### **BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Police Report:**

Report submitted via email.

##### **Office:**

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

##### **Borough Supervisor:**

Wade Ion reported that the signage for Wood Street is done. The sidewalk by the Fire hall has been started, crosswalks have been painted. Leaf pick-up starts October 17. Wade also announced that he will be retiring on November 23. Greg Such thanked Wade for his years of service and stating he will be missed. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously accepted Wade's resignation with regrets. Dave Szakelyhidi congratulated Wade on a job very well done.

##### **Zoning & Code Enforcement:**

Allen Bayer's report attached.

##### **Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported on the North Pittsburgh 5K to be held on October 15 at 10:00am. Approximately 50 people, no street closures requested. Need the Certificate of Insurance. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the North Pittsburgh 5K pending the Certificate of Insurance.

Phyllis also reported on the Get Fit Families Reindeer 5K to be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am. Approximately 100-150 people. Need Certificate of Insurance. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Get Fit Families Reindeer 5K pending the Certificate of Insurance.

Greg made the recommendation that Trick or Treat be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 until 8:00pm, the same as Zelienople. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council approved Trick or Treat to be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Business Development:**

Mayor Rape reported on the triangle sign, previously discussed putting something on the back of the sign. Jodi Correll was going to paint on the back of the sign "Established 1804" on one side and "A Pennsylvania Treasure" on the other side, Jodi priced the paint and brushes and then talked to Sign Innovation, they will make vinyl lettering for \$74.00 and Jodi will volunteer to install it. It would be Old English font. Greg Such suggested the font to match the front of the sign. Cathy Rape commented that she will work on private funding for the purchase of the lettering. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Joe Dippold, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the installation and purchase of the lettering for the back side of the Harmony triangle sign pending private funding is raised.

**Personnel:**

Jason Sarver will work with the Water Authority on the open position, and the handbook continues to make its round.

**Finances:**

Greg Such would like any purposed project ideas before the Committee meeting on October 12.

**Streets:**

Don Sims inquired with Wade on the asphalt, Wade responded that we're on their schedule. The inlet pipe has not yet been grouted but will be. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to ratify the sidewalk bid adjacent to the fire hall for Don's Cement. Greg Such commented that the sidewalk was tore up due to bad drainage.

**Facilities:**

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

**Grants:**

Greg Such reported that a whole list on grants came out from PSAB, one was for small water/sewer companies and another for fire companies.

**Training & Conferences:**

Greg reported it was the usual for training and conferences.

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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 **\$17,134.24**  
**Bills Already Paid** in the amount of **\$6,913.29**  
**Payroll** in the amount of **\$5,270.90**  
**Parks Board Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$115.00**

In a motion made by Don Sims 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 to discuss personnel and litigation at 7:48 pm; out of executive session at 7:53 pm.

**ADJOURN: 7:53pm**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the October 4, 2016 meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Secretary

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

**September 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 August Activity and Time Reports.
4. Attended September Council meeting.
5. Spoke with Laura Ellis regarding zoning pertaining to temporary business signs.
6. Completed 2 building permits.
7. Inspected 3 property violations.
8. Spoke with Trudy Hartman regarding a business zoning variance.
9. Spoke with Eric Christensen regarding HARB approval for work at 552 Main St.
10. Spoke with lady wanting to talk with the water dept.
11. Spoke with Denny Bintrim regarding replacement of back porch.
12. Called Josh Meeder concerning his being upset over receiving the vegetation violation.
13. Spoke with Tom Murray regarding sidewalk violation, roof replacement and house painting.
14. Mr. Mantia called to say the grass has been cut behind his property on Mercer St.
15. Performed 10 violation inspections.
16. Spoke with Tim Sapienza regarding the contract between the borough, the railroad and the fire dept. pertaining to maintenance responsibility of the sidewalk at the Main St. entrance to the fire dept. building.
17. Spoke to Wade regarding my conversation with Tim.



18. Spoke to Pat Murray regarding status of sidewalk violation.
19. Spoke to Trudy Hartman regarding zoning variance application.
20. Created 2 violation notices, 4 violation reminder notices and 1 violation warning notice.
21. Inspected 6 violations.
22. Spoke with Jim Clark regarding rubbish violation on Monroe St.
23. Responded to Post Master regarding house at 311 Monroe St.
24. Created Warning Violation Notice for 614 Wood St. house number violation.
25. Created vegetation violation at 558 Main St.
26. Spoke with Eric Christensen regarding painting of house at 552 Main St.
27. Spoke with Mark Prolkay to answer property zoning district questions for appraisal.
28. Spoke with Daniel Winzel regarding tree violation.
29. Left message for Susanne Erlacher regarding Occupancy Permit for double wide trailer.
30. Left message for Jim Ziegler to return my call pertaining to questions he has.
31. Performed 25 violation inspections. 10 violations have been corrected and 15 violations have not been corrected.
32. Met with Sandy Ferratnola to review signage for her new business on German St.
33. Sent information to Sandy Ferratnola regarding signage zoning requirements.
34. Spoke with Karen Howell regarding garage on Pepper St.
35. Sent email to Matt to schedule a hearing with the District Magistrate for house number violation at 614 Wood St.
36. Updated violations database.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen E. Bayer