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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 1, 2015

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Don Sims, and Mayor Cathy Rape, Jason Sarver attended via speaker phone.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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*Cathy Rape*  
*Don Sims*

FRANK GRANNO

WAOE ION

*Frank Luek*

*Clara Spink*

GREG SUCH

*Joe Dippold*

ALLEN BAYER

*John Pavesi*

*Sue Altemus*

*James McCosque*

*Harold Lee*

*Sandy Ferraro*

Phyllis Metz

*Jim Metz*

Americo Allegretto

*Joe White*

*Della White*

*Don Syle*

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum was reached and President Greg Such called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Don Sims made the correction on page 8, "standing in water" not watering. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the August 4, 2015 minutes with Don's correction.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Matt reported that the Flood Plain Ordinance is open for discussion, no deadline set by Butler County yet but it is coming, the Borough is working to get a FEMA approved ordinance, the next step is to advertise and the following month adopt the ordinance. Greg Such commented that the DCED Contractor recommended we move along on this, it has to be done by March 31st. The map is to be approved on September 16 and adopted no later than March 31, 2016. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the new map is in comment period, in the meantime, the low lands in Jackson Township are filled in; it's misrepresented on the map now. Greg Such commented that Historic Harmony recommended we send letter stating that it has been changed. John Ruch stated he spoke to Dave Johnson, the Planning Director for the County; he is very concerned about this issue and will follow up with his contacts at FEMA and DCED. President Greg Such commented that the ordinance refers to the map but the map can be changed at FEMA's wishes by using the proper procedure, but it's not a reason for us not to work on adopting an ordinance. Mayor Rape commented that when we sign the ordinance we're accepting the map.

Solicitor Matt commented that the map is used in conjunction with the ordinance but only in terms of what's regulated. The map will designate the area as floodway, floodplain or out of floodplain whatever it is, and if it's in whatever categorize area is on the map that will coordinate with the ordinance. If the map changes, it does not change the regulation in the ordinance, it only changes the area that you're regulating. The map we have is not the newest map that will be incorporated. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that it does not represent the 10 feet of fill that is over there. Dave inquired if we can highlight the fact that it was done to us, or against our will. Solicitor Matt commented that flooding concern should be addressed by Jackson Township and their supervisors; it's not in our borders. He suggested notifying the County that the map is not accurate anymore. Don Sims commented that the State Representative, Senator, Congressman have sway, they should be here discussing the issue with us. John Ruch commented that Dave mentioned that we can't control what's going on in Jackson, neighboring municipality, current flood plain ordinance, County, State and Federal level are not doing their job. Greg Such commented that Preserving Harmony is all over this. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance contingent upon the approval by the FEMA Flood Plain Coordinator.

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**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

Phyllis Metz reported the filming will be September 28 and October 1, the first day will be from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, the second day will be from 7:00 am until 4:00 or 5:00 pm. Historic Harmony, Grace Church, the Moose, Rodgers, Firemen, and the Police have all been notified. Sandy Ferrainola will be the contact person while Phyllis is away. Greg thanked Sandy for volunteering. Greg will send out a Swift Reach announcement prior to the filming.

**BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:**

**Appointments:**

None

**COG:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**HARB:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on one Certificate of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council.

**510 Main Street – Jim McCormick** – Wood picket fence per code at sidewalk, Main Street (front of bushes) white paint or white stain. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Jim McCormick, 510 Main Street. Jim McCormick stated that he was told that chain link fence is not historical; it's been around for 117 years. Jim distributed to Council information on chain link fencing, stating that Anchor Fence was established in 1898.

**Water Authority:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that they hired a new water secretary, Cathy Funkhouser. Greg recommended that Cathy come to a Council meeting to observe in case she needs to fill in for Amy.

**Parks Board:**

Susie Altemus checked on Lawnworks, they received the contract but could not find the check, they may have lost it; they are to get back to Susie. Susie talked to Dilts, have the spot pick where the electric box to be at Wood Street Park; need a ditch dug but with roots Wade will need to rent a digger. Shirts for the Silvester will be ordered pending approval for payment. Traco volunteers will be here October 9, Mike Cornell and Cath Rape will organize the project. They will be edging, weeding, mulching Wood Street Park, painting the back drop of the sign at Wood Street Park, cleaning up around Mercer Street bridge, possibly trim the trees at Main Street parking lot and Wood Street parking lot.

**Planning Commission:**

Frank Luek had nothing to report.

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**Western Butler County Authority:**

Harold Herr had nothing new to report.

**Shared Services:**

Greg Such had nothing to report.

**Historic Harmony:**

John Ruch reported that the Antique Show is coming up this month and continue to pay a lot of attention to Creekside and the floodplain; more to come.

**Fire Company Report:**

Greg Such reported that last meeting was cancelled due to vacations, still waiting on the Attorney General to vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jim McCormick – 510 Main Street** – Jim's called the gas company, about 2 or 2-1/2 years ago they dug up his gas line, took out a curb, there is still a hole there from where they half patched it. Jim inquired if we could send them a letter to see when they will repair the curb, the Borough will be coming through with paving and there's no curb to go to. Dave Szakelyhidi and Wade Ion have also talked to the gas company, Dave suggested Jim try calling again. Don Sims commented Jim's last step would be to contact the PUC.

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

**Police Report:**

Report submitted via email.

Greg Such reported the theft was more of a misunderstanding, someone left their tools behind at Jadco, and went back to get them. There were two robberies in Zelig last month; we should keep our eyes open.

**Office:**

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

**Borough Supervisor:**

Wade Ion reported that the bid opening for the Wood Street/Jackson Street construction project was yesterday, only one bid received from Barbish Contracting in the amount of \$15,650. Wade recommended Council approve the Barbish bid. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the bid and give notice to proceed on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim McCormick inquired how far down Jackson Street they were going, Don Sims responded to the intersection.

Wade reported Marshall Tree Service removed the trees one at Greg's and on Jackson Street, the amount of \$1650. It came in a little cheaper than originally calculated, originally calculated at \$2100. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to ratify the payment for Marshall Tree Services.

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

**Borough Supervisor Cont.:**

Wade reported that Dick Knapko from Penn Dot will come out to prepare formal bid for the Wood/Jackson Street paving project; it will probably be advertised next week.

Wade also reported he did some research on the drain under Dambach's, Insight Pipe quoted \$300/hr.; State Pipe quoted \$265/hr., and Ellwood City quoted \$500/hr. plus \$55.74/hr. per man. Wade suggested addressing it on next year's budget. Solicitor Matt inquired if they gave an estimate on the hours needed. Insight Pipe estimated 2 weeks, Sate Pipe estimated 16 hours. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that we're not sure that it's all the Borough's responsibility; some is Penn Dot's, Dambach Lumber and a couple private property owners. Wade referenced Bill Hummel's report, you have the screen across the drain pipe, Dambach's, the damn that was put in for a weather station which backed all the silt up; you have a 24" pipe with less than 1/2" of pipe exposed. We'll probably have to get permits from DEP to get into the stream to clean it out. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that we just received something from DEP on storm water which goes into effect in 2017. Greg Such commented that we have an issue where an intersection gets flooded pretty seriously, it doesn't drain well, water runs down Second Street and misses a catch basin, water comes down German Street and misses a catch basin and it all ends up there, then we're citing a guy for having a bad sidewalk. Dave Szakelyhidi and Mayor Rape suggested sending letters to the property owners and ask them to do their part.

The four catch basins are completed.

Working on lights, continue to replace lights.

Wade inquired when to take down the trees in the Square, Council had said in the fall. Don suggested at the end of September, Greg Such suggested waiting until after the filming of the movie.

Wade recommended meeting with Lake Forest Nursery to discuss what type of trees to plant in the spring. The borough dumps are leaves at Lake Forest Nursery. Delsa White commented that linden trees were chosen because they are historic. Delsa inquired if individual property owners could trim the trees, the tree in her corner shades her building considerably and in 90 degree weather it makes a difference. Cath Rape commented that she would like to see a package where two property owners agree to trim the trees every two years. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested adding it to the borough's yearly budget, how can you enforce if the property owners don't trim them. Delsa White made another comment that the trees were planted as part of the development of the Square, inquired why the trees doesn't come under Parks and for the publics' pleasure. One of the big comments that were made from the joint report with Zelig and Harmony, we in Harmony to encourage visitors here need tree lined streets. People want to be able to walk around where this is shade and sit on those benches; that point seems to have been lost. Greg Such responded that we are putting trees back. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that we agreed to cut them and replace them that is the best long term solution. Delsa also expressed concern about the root system.

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

**Borough Supervisor Cont.:**

John Ruch commented that Historic Harmony was opposed to the removal of the trees, but if the borough is going to take them out, put something appropriate back in from a growth standpoint.

Wade reported on a 3x10 mat in the hallway of the borough building during the winter months, Cintas rental would be \$5/week. Don Sims asked Wade to email him the information.

**Zoning & Code Enforcement:**

Allen Bayer's report attached.

**COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported that the Mosaic 5K will be September 7<sup>th</sup>; they have requested a dozen cones and vests. Phyllis will get them out for them.

Phyllis reported on the Event Form for the Christmas Market – November 14 & 15. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Christmas Market on November 14 & 15.

**Business Development:**

Greg Such reported that he needs to order a light for the sign. Cathy Rape commented that she needs to get an invoice from Boylan for the time donated for Greg to complete a report for the Tourism Grant we received. Greg inquired about the tree trimming in the triangle; Mayor Rape responded that Tom Murray volunteered to have them trimmed if necessary. Cathy feels the sign is visible enough.

Greg Such reported on the Square Revitalization – it looks good but people aren't seeing them. Cathy is requesting we make parallel parking for 1 or 2 cars if they would fit. Discussion, Greg recommended it go to committee with Jason Sarver heading it, Chief Miller and Allen Bayer as members and two others at large. John Ruch commented that the business owners may have different views on this. Greg Such recommended inviting one of the business owners to be on the committee. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that you can put any law into effect, change the parking, but it won't guarantee it won't be hit again, it's been hit in the past and it's going to be hit again.

Mayor Rape read an article, Design for Appropriate Speeds. Streets need to be designed in a way that induces traffic speeds appropriate for the particular context, (the Square). Roads need to reflect that they are places for people, not just conduits for cars. Desired speeds can be attained with a number of design strategies, including changes in roadway widths, curvature, and intersection design. City and town centers are destinations, not raceways, and commerce needs traffic – foot traffic. Access, not automobiles, should be the priority in city centers. Don't ban cars, but

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remove the presumption in their favor. These articles are out of your Borough News Magazine. Greg commented that the parking in the Square has gone to committee; they can decide what to do with the cones.

Mayor Rape also reported that the Cranberry Rotary contacted her and would like to do something for Harmony; they received grant money from their higher up rotary. Cathy gave them five alternatives:

- Improve Main Street Borough parking lot

- Bench and concrete pad overlooking the Connoquenessing at Mercer Street Bridge

- Brick crosswalks in the Square

- Electric at Wood Street Park, which Parks Board is already getting

- Stoned area at Wood Street Park recommended by Parks Board for ceremonies

Cathy is waiting to hear back from them if they are going pick one of those projects.

Mayor Rape also commented that the Borough pays \$461.10 a year to CSX for Spring Street parking lot; she suggested offering to buy the lot for \$1. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that we tried that years ago. Solicitor Matt stated there is a written agreement for that lot. Council agreed to have Solicitor Matt send a letter to CSX offering to buy the lot for \$1.

John Ruch commented that some of the Business Association members made donations to help cover that expense, they stopped being asked, the Borough may want to pursue that.

Wade Ion reported that September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the last limb pick up. Leaf pick up will begin October 19<sup>th</sup> and run through November 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be printed on water bills to make residents aware of leaf pick up.

**Personnel:**

Jason Sarver reported he is still processing the employee handbook.

**Finance:**

Jarod Stewart was unable to attend the meeting.

**Streets:**

Greg Such inquired if the paving needed to be advertised, Wade explained that it will be advertised after Dick Knapko comes out and does the specs. Don Sims stated that Mil Alley will need to be blocked and a sign posted that construction has started.

**Facilities:**

Phyllis Metz reported she is trying to get in touch with the man from Penn Power, they're playing phone tag. He did leave Phyllis a message that something is in the works; they will be starting construction soon on changing their lights.

**Grants:**

Greg Such reported that the Parks Board started discussing ideas for the Reno Grant, which is due January or February.

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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 **\$13,317.21**

**Bills Already Paid** in the amount of **3,571.03**

**Payroll** in the amount of **\$4,971.72**

**Parks Board Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$142.75**

**Parks Board Bills Already Paid** in the amount of **\$500.00**

**Silvester Bills Payable** in the amount of **\$3,341.12**

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.

Greg Such called for an executive session at 8:20 pm; out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

**RECESSED: 8:50 PM**

Meeting Recessed until September 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Secretary



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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED September 22, 2015

The September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was reconvened on September 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Council members in attendance were Dave Szakelyhidi, Don Sims, and Mayor Cathy Rape, Greg Such attended via speaker phone. Jarod Stewart arrived at 7:32 pm.

Others in attendance: Diane Brenner

The following sealed bids were received and opened for the Wood Street Paving Project:

Wiest Asphalt Products & Pavings, Inc. in the amount of \$54,636.89

Voelker Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$57,189.52

As there was not a quorum, no action could be taken.

Don Sims stated that he would like the No Parking signs removed in the Square, return the town parking to the tax payers. Dave Szakelyhidi stated he would like the orange cones removed around the planters. Mayor Rape responded that she would like to return the parking in town to the tax payers as well, but also wants to protect the planters. Briefly discussed parallel parking on the Northeast corner of the Square (next to the Rodger's building).

**RECESSED: 7:55 PM**

Meeting Recessed until September 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Secretary

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED September 24, 2015

The September 22nd meeting was reconvened on September 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Council members in attendance were Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Don Sims, Jason Sarver, Greg Such and Mayor Cathy Rape, Jarod Stewart attended via speaker phone.

Others in attendance: Joe Dippold

Don Sims reported the low bidder on the Wood Street paving project was \$54,636.89

Dave Szakelyhidi reported at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Water Authority meeting the Board discussed their portion of the paving project. Paul Cornetti, Engineer and Wade Ion put figures together. The Board agreed to pay \$12,000.00 towards the paving of Wood Street, Jackson Street, Main Street and by Dave Eberle's.

Don Sims reported that he calculated it out if we paved it ourselves, renting equipment, using a base course, wearing course, Lindy paving \$32,000 for superpave, and \$2,000 in man power; the total would be \$56,000. Don also commented that it was budgeted to do Wood Street, Jackson was incidental.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved low bidder, Wiest Asphalt Products & Pavings, Inc. in the amount of \$54,636.89

Don Sims reported he talked to Wade regarding the work he and Frank are doing for the filming company, removing street signs, and etc. It was recommended that the Borough bill the filming company for Wade and Frank's time and materials; estimated at \$1200.00. Greg Such will call Jason Calabro (filming company) to discuss. Wade will replace the U shaped post with square post when putting signs back up.

The no parking signs and cones were removed from the parking spaces in the Square. Jason Sarver commented the solution would be to change or adjust the parking. Bill Hummel, Engineer, and Chief Miller agree that it's a better way of parking. Greg Such received a letter from the Harmony Borough Business Association regarding the parking in the Square. Greg read the letter from Dennis McCurdy, the two parking spaces are necessary for successful business and the restoration of a third parking space was proposed. Jason Sarver commented that there used to be three spaces, Greg Such commented that the third one needed to be removed when the mailboxes were placed. The Business Association also stated there is an offer on the table to lease 60 plus parking spaces behind the Center of Harmony which could be developed by the Borough to help alleviate congestion and support growth and development.

Mayor Rape read Bill Hummel's letter. Bill recommends two parallel spaces. Jason Sarver commented that Chief Miller said legally nothing needed to be done to change it to parallel

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parking. Don Sims commented that the Engineer was presented with an issue saying we're not doing anything with the planters, make everything work around the planters and he did. Bill's letter stated that, in maintaining the planters this is the best way to do it. Jason Sarver commented that the project was approved and supported, it looks good; he's proud of it. The problem is someone backs into the planters, the solution is an easy fix and a safer environment. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the borough mandated break-away stuff, the post are not legal, a motorcyclist could hit the bollards and take his leg off. Jason Sarver commented that the Engineer approved the bollards. Mayor Rape commented the bollards are inside the crosswalk, the design has a decorative black chain from bollard. Don Sims commented on the email he sent with corrections that need to be done with the planters; the dirt against the panel box and the flag pole; discussed.

A motion was made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims to remove the planters from the Square. Roll call vote: Frank Luek – no

Dave Szakelyhidi – yes

Don Sims – yes

Jason Sarver – no

Greg – no

Motion failed.

A motion was made by Frank Luek and seconded by Jason Sarver to put two parallel parking spots in (the Square next to the Rodger's building).

Roll call vote: Frank Luek – yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – no

Don Sims – no

Jason Sarver – yes

Greg Such – yes

Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi asked to have the cones taken out of the Square, it was agreed that the cones would be out by next weekend. Cathy Rape stated the pipe would be straightened. Discussed having Bill Hummel or Solicitor Matt research if the bollards are a liability for the borough; it was agreed that we would check with the insurance carrier first.

Jason Sarver inquired on the hillside falling along Rte. 68; it's worse now. Mayor Rape is to go over to Representative Marshall's office and Senator Vogel's office with pictures.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that an Ohio truck driver stopped at the Borough garage inquiring about the local delivery signs being down; it may have fallen over the hill. He was fined by Jackson Township for being overweight \$4,000.00


Greg Such reported he received a phone call from a resident about the excessive speed in front of the Wunder Bar, the resident suggested putting a speed bump in. It was agreed to have Chief Miller do another study.

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**ADJOURNED: 8:20 PM**

As there was no further business to discuss the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the September 24, 2015 meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Amy Brown  
Secretary