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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2, 2017

**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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~~Joe Dippold~~  
~~Don Sims~~  
Don Sarver

GREG SUCH  
Phyllis Metz  
Jim Miller  
Cathy Rape  
Nick Hault  
Joe White  
America Allegretto  
Frank Luek

ALLEN BAYER  
JOHN MEYER

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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 Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the April 4, 2017 minutes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Matt Racunas had nothing new to report but requested an executive session to discuss litigation.

**BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

No appointments.

**COG:**

Joe Dippold reported that last month's meeting the topic was on recycling, this month they will be discussing tax reduction for local emergency service volunteers with a credit on their EIT (Earned Income Tax) and/or RET (Real Estate Tax). The Butler County Emergency Services Forum (radio project) will be in Evans City May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**HARB:**

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

**Jeff Byko – 309 German Street** the installation of a white wood picket fence at the perimeter of the property and replace walkway in-kind (concrete). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 309 German Street.

**Kasey Stewart – 428/430 Liberty Street** new accent colors added, elegant ivory cream and dark stormy sky green. Traditional Victorian gable pediments added to cables, notched (shake like) siding added to gables, traditional brackets (Victorian) added to porch posts, existing window headers to receive more detail and top board with overhang, crown underneath overhand both to provide more detail at window heads. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 428/430 Liberty Street.

**Water Authority Board:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority interviewed and voted to hire James Goehring contingent on passing his pre-employment physical and drug screening and recommends Council does the same. Greg Such stated they will discuss in executive session.

**Parks Board:**

Susie Altemus was unable to attend the meeting. Greg Such reported that we were awarded the Reno Grant. The grant money will go towards fall chips and swing mats for the play grounds, a low split rail fence at Wood Street Park, limestone for the hiking trail, pet waste dispensers and signs. Phyllis Metz inquired about the build-up, garbage, stuff left over at the Canoe Launch left from a fire last year; it will need to be hauled out. Frank Luek commented that it's the silt. Jason Sarver inquired what the Borough's protocol is with the Canoe Launch since we got the new equipment. Greg Such responded that we don't have a protocol at the moment. The Borough had asked the Fire Department to blow the Canoe Launch off; the Fire Department said it was too much (silt). Greg sees three options, work with Tim Eppinger to make an attachment for the new Bobcat, hire Cinci or Barbish (a contractor) to clean it out, or we do it by hand with shovels. Jason Sarver reported the he received a complaint from a kayaker that they couldn't get in, it's really bad. Don Sims commented that a fourth option would be to rent equipment. Greg Such inquired if Cinci scheduled (to clean the run out). Jason Sarver responded that we left it in his hands, we got the official approval from the PA One Call, we left it up to him when he feels comfortable enough to pull his equipment onto the land and not sink. Don Sims inquired if the Grant would also be utilized for that. Greg Such responded that it was not explicitly asked for in the Grant. Greg Such reported that we need to ratify consent from Council to apply for the Reno Grant. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council approved to ratify council's permission to apply for the Parks Reno Grant.

**Planning Commission:**

Greg Such reported that we had two variances that were approved. Solicitor Matt commented that Council does not have to approve anything for the variance; the Zoning Hearing Board is its own governing body. In a motion made by Frank Luek, and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council approved the lot line revision for Hewlett's.

**WBCA:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**Shared Services:**

Allen Bayer had nothing new to report. Greg Such reported that branch pick-up will be Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Parking and Signage:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**Historic Harmony:**

Joe White reported that Stewart Hall is getting a new floor, the area around Rapp Seat has been cleaned up and a young man last year put in an installation of art made out of brush and things. This young man was Autistic, and getting things cleaned up around Rapp Seat the Museum entered into a helpful relationship with an Autistic support group in Zelienople. This support group used the Museum's barn to hold an

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**Historic Harmony Cont.:**

Earth Day craft event for families' with Autistic children. Volunteers are needed to show visitors around and explain what they are looking at, if anyone is interested please contact Kathy Luek at the Museum.

May 16<sup>th</sup> West Penn BBQ will donate 10% of your bill to the Museum. West Penn BBQ is at the Bilo Plaza. In the Borough Newsletter the Museum article listed reasons/benefits of being a Museum member; another reason would be that you gain admission to Heinz History Center for free.

Greg Such congratulated Amy on getting the Newsletter out.

**Harmony Business Association:**

Greg Such reported that Laura Ebbert is getting married on Saturday, if you see her congratulate her. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the American Pastoral showing at the Strand on April 30<sup>th</sup> went real well.

**Other Meetings:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Josh Meeder** – Josh reported that he is looking to tear down the greenhouse this month, has the demolition permit from last year. Inquired if Council decided anything on parking from a couple of months ago – he had not heard anything. Josh said they would volunteer to help write a grant for funding the parking lot. They are still experiencing a lot of problems between businesses and residents with overflow parking especially on the week-ends. Most businesses are working together; he donates to the Moose when he has large events to use their lot. Josh also reported that he put about 10 tons of gravel on Aster Lane, and the Museum filled in a large depression that held water in the parking lot. Josh commented that if there are extra millings for Aster Lane let him know, he is willing to help spread. Josh offered to talk to Pat Murray (251 Aster Lane - there is a large depression there and all the runoff on that side pools there and infiltrates Josh's sandstone foundation) regarding the silt and clean fill from the Boat Launch, could use for fill.

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:**

**Police Report:**

Submitted.

**Office:**

Amy Brown had nothing new to report.

**Borough Director of Operations:**

Frank Grannon was unable to attend the meeting. Greg Such reported that 3 catch basins have been completed; waiting on asphalt bids to go around them; they have been brought up to surface with gravel. The three completed were at Liberty & Jackson Street, Monroe Street and German Street.

Greg reported that the Borough will be getting two interns from the Department of Labor & Industry's Intern Program, one intern for mowing, trimming and weeding;

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**Borough Director of Operations Cont.:**

and the other intern for scrapping and painting the curbs, and potentially painting upstairs; they can also empty the garbage cans around town. Joe Dippold inquired if the Borough should put the cans back in Swampoodle Park, Greg responded that we could. Frank Luek inquired about the signs that the Borough put up "Pack it in, pack it out." Greg commented that the interns could empty the cans but after they are done, we'd have to watch it.

Phyllis Metz read an email from Sara Elliott regarding the Interns. The way the program works is our customers are our employees, they go through the regular application process and are subject to the Borough's decision and are payrolled exactly the same. The candidate the Borough choses to hire would need to have on the job training contract signed. The contract enables the Borough to invoice the Department of Labor and Industry for reimbursement; it usually takes approximately 3-4 weeks for the Treasury Department to release the reimbursement.

**Zoning and Codes:**

Alan Bayer report submitted.

**COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Public Safety:**

Phyllis Metz reported that the Event Form Packet has been updated, Joe Dippold brought up a parking area on Wood Street shown on the map that is not a parking area. The Event Form Packet map will be corrected and then the Event Packet will be put on the website.

Phyllis reported on the Youth Triathlon course has been changed so it will not interfere with church. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Youth Triathlon.

Jason Sarver reported that he has a meeting with Scott Fredrick this Thursday on commercial building inspections. He hopes to review the process, make sure they have paid close attention to or have a balance between the old buildings and the current code. Greg Such commented that it needs to be self-supported; the Borough is not hiring or funding a position at the Fire Department. Jason also reported that he sat down with the school and learned what they have; it's pretty thorough.

**Business Development:**

Cathy Rape reported that the next HBA meeting will be Thursday at 6:30 at the Rodger brothers'. Cathy also announced that Mrs. Foreman will sponsor the bench. Don Sims inquired when the mail box (cluster box) was coming, Mayor Rape responded about two weeks. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that it's going to be the plain jane model, Frank Luek commented that the topper could be added later. The topper would need to be approved by HARB.

**Personnel:**

Jason Sarver had nothing new to report.

**Finance:**

Greg Such had nothing new to report but stated that Finance needs to have their committee meeting.

**Streets:**

Don Sims reported that they also need to have their committee meeting.

Don is getting pricing on drainage for Beaver Street; stating that if they do the drainage under the sidewalk they do not have to do the drainage before the street is paved. Don is still waiting on pricing on a set of catch basins, he needs to talk to Frank about where the utilities lie; Frank did the One Call. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the gas company opted out, their lines are already coated; adding that if Zelig paves we will pay for half the paving instead of a third. Frank Luek inquired if there has been any engineering on Pittsburgh Street; Don Sims responded at this time we are not doing Pittsburgh Street. Dick Knapko made his recommendation to Frank (Grannon), Don agreed with 90% of what Dick suggested but disagrees with the sub base recommendation. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if we do the drainage under the sidewalks if the Borough is paying to replace the sidewalk; Don Sims responded that would be correct.

**Grants:**

Greg Such reported that there is a new Inter Bank Grant that the Commissioners are rolling out that basically give smaller organizations like ours the opportunity to get a low rate loan and also engineering services. The program isn't completely rolled out yet, it should be in place in August. It seems like a high impact, low strings type of program.

**Facilities:**

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there are a couple of street lights that need attention but we're waiting on Frank (Grannon) to get back -- one on the bridge, a couple in the diamond, and one at Sapienza's.

Jason Sarver reported that Tim just finished the grate; the Borough really owes him a big thank you. He did a really good job, he did it at cost; he spent some time on it with the design and the putting it together. We need to line it up on the foundation down there put a couple of screw holes in it and send it off to get dipped/galvanized then we will be ready to install it.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Bill Cinci was hired to clean out the run, weather permitting.

Greg Such inquired if the windows were cleaned, Phyllis Metz responded that he did not come yet; she told him to put it on his schedule.

Phyllis Metz also reported that she spoke to the woman at the Butler Eagle and told her we are still not happy about the newspapers, the Butler Eagle will continue to look into it, going to see about how many hooks we need in the Borough. Phyllis stated they are trying to improve the paper situation.

Mayor Rape inquired on the dirt Cinci is digging out of the run, Greg Such commented that Josh (Meeder) said he wanted it. Josh would like to talk to Pat Murray because it is his property on Aster Lane.

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**Facilities Cont.:**

Greg Such also reported that Chris Rearick called and said that Jackson Township is in need of some millings. Greg recommended that Chris talk to Frank (Grannon), we needed enough of the millings to do Aster Lane after that they were welcome to take what they needed.

Mayor Rape stated not to forget to vote on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Training and Conferences:**

Greg Such reported that the PSAB Conference is May 7-10 in Hershey; according to Borough regulations, the Borough will pick up travel and expenses.

**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 \$ 7,959.21

**Bills Already Paid** in the amount of \$ 9,503.60

**Payroll** in the amount of \$ 5,371.01

**Parks Board Bills Payable** in the amount of \$ 26.39

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: 7:52 pm**

Greg Such called an executive session at 7:52pm, out of executive session at 8:45pm.

A motion was made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek to ratify the hire of James Goehring, subject to a full development plan to receive licensure as approved by Paul Cornetti.

**ADJOURN: 8:53 pm**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the May 2, 2017 meeting at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown  
Recording Secretary

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

**April 2017**

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. Attended April HARB and Council meetings.
4. Street obstruction research.
5. Performed 2 inspections.
6. Spoke with Jim McCormick requesting 1 month delay in his violation date due to death in family and his desire to meet with Council about his front yard fence posts height violation.
7. Spoke with Don Rape and Mr. Wise regarding repair to Wise sidewalk.
8. Spoke with Frank Gannon regarding Don's question pertaining to sidewalk repair at the bridge.
9. Spoke with Marcy DeLaney, 114 Peffer St. regarding zoning for rear deck.
10. Inspected sidewalk repair at Wise residence. Notified Matt to cancel hearing for Wise.
11. Spoke with Bob Stevens, 311 Monroe St., regarding issuance of occupancy permit. I referred him to Tom McCosby.
12. Posted two zoning hearing notices, Hewlett and Prater. Created building permit for front fence at 528 Main St.
13. Checked out new roof on Jodi's house on Wood St. They were only recovering the kitchen and a rear room extension flat roofs which are not seen from Wood St. The kitchen roof was caving in.
14. Dropped of the building permit at the office for front fence at 528 Main St.



15. Created burning violation at 344 Monroe St.
16. Spoke with architect Tom Kelly regarding pool at SV School. Referred him to Jackson Twp.
17. Spoke with Tim Sapienza about the burning violation on Monroe St. Stopped by office to sign burning violation.
18. Performed two inspections, US Liner and burning violation.
19. Performed follow up fire inspection at 521 Main St.
20. Spoke with Mr. Williams regarding roof replacement at 320/322 Monroe St.
21. Follow up with Delsa White regarding Murray roof replacement on Main St.
22. Spoke with Brad Wise regarding fine received from District Magistrate.
23. Advised Matt to schedule hearing with the District Magistrate regarding waste stock piling at US Liner.
24. Spoke with Huntington National Bank contact Lynne Leister regarding grass mowing at 562 Main St.
25. Spoke with Ricky Vaughan, Avon Graphic Architects, regarding a project a SV High School. I referred him to Jackson Twp.
26. Attended two Zoning Variance hearings for Hewlett and Prater.
27. Inspected property for ponding water and possible mosquito infestation per resident complaint.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen E. Bayer