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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING April 3, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Harold Herr, John Rice, Jim Hulings, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McLaughlin

JAMES HULINGS

Gerald J. Spina

Jim Rice

Wade L. ...

Susan Atterton

Sandy Ferranola

John Webb

Cathy Rape

FRANK ANDREA GRAYNBH

Frank Luek

JoAnnette Gynkar

Jim Mill

Clara ...

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CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Hulings, Council Vice President, called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES: Mayor Rape amended the minutes to note on the last page that permission was given to close the streets for the Farmers' Market. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had sent a letter to Jackson Township in reference to problems with the retention pond but had received no response back. He will keep trying to get in touch with them.

The CSX letter did go out but haven't heard anything back from them. He will follow up with them.

A letter was sent to People's Natural Gas Company concerning their unauthorized street opening. They were sent a form and required to pay a fee and told that any other street opening had to follow the Borough's ordinances.

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the Weight Limit Ordinance. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

An Executive Session is needed concerning litigation.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness for the lighting at the Center of Harmony. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to endorse the cluster boxes that HARB recommended. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Jim Hulings stated that this should be contingent on the Post Office's approval. Motion carried.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi stated that HBWA is waiting for the arborist's report concerning trimming the trees by the water tank.

Parks Board: Susie Altemus reported that the Parks Board is trying to get more cyclists in town. They are looking at a group coming to town July 14. She requested a port-a-john placed at the Canoe Launch for the summer months. Attorney Racunas is notifying a person he knows about the cost. Also help is needed for traffic control.

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Traco offered to send volunteers over to help with landscaping, mulching, etc. on May 16. Jim Hulings and Phyllis Metz offered to help.

JoAnnette Cynkar stated that the Business Association can no longer pay for the fireworks.

Jim Hulings asked if the Borough could take the responsibility for the fireworks and could they set up a fund for it?

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the Borough taking charge of the fireworks and setting up a fund for it.

Phyllis Metz – Yes
Frank Luek – Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Jim Hulings – Yes
Harold Herr – Yes
John Rice – No

Motion carried.

Jim Hulings reported that they would like to have a Blue Grass concert and set up a fund to get it organized and rolling.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to set up a separate fund for the Blue Grass Concert. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Attorney Racunas questioned where the money is coming from for the accounts. Discussion. Jim Hulings replied that the money will be coming from donations. It will not be the Borough's money. Dave Szakelyhidi confirmed that it would not be the Borough's money that it would be self sufficient.

Attorney Racunas stated that he would like to talk to the auditors before the funds are set up because he is concerned about the accountability of the money coming in and going out. He will check on it. Jim stated that the funds would be opened contingent if the auditors approved it.

John Ruch stated that you need sponsorships not donations.

Repeat of the motion: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to set up a separate fund for the Blue Grass Concert. Jim Hulings added "contingent if the auditors approved it". Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Phyllis Metz – Yes
Frank Luek – Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Jim Hulings – Yes
Harold Herr – Yes
John Rice - No

Motion carried.

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Frank Luek reported that the framework is done for the kiosk at the canoe launch. The young man building it has spent \$81.15 out of pocket and needs reimbursed.

Mark Sapienza donated \$100.00 towards the cost of the kiosk.

Frank Luek made a motion to reimburse Tyler Sienkowitz for \$81.15. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek reported that the owner of the property at 202 Mercer Street had their property surveyed to put up a garage and found that there were two pieces of property. The Planning Commission approved a reverse subdivision.

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the reverse subdivision at 202 Mercer Street. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank reported that the Planning Commission is concerned about the property the water tower was on. They feel it is too small to build on and recommend that when advertising to put in the advertisement that the property does not conform to requirements to build on the lot. Dave Szakelyhid stated that they could get a variance.

Attorney Racunas stated that they don't have to put it in the advertisement but they have to disclose it when they sell the property. You can sell the lot contingent on getting a variance.

Matter tabled until next meeting.

Sewer Authority: Harold Herr reported that the sewer line was approved at Rocklake and also going to the airport..

Zoning:

Vacancy Officer:

Shared Services: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday morning. Half the money for the street signs was received from the state. They were going to check and see if the low bidder would accept half of the order. Half the money was received so that is all the money that is being spent.

Composting: Jim Hulings reported that the Borough has been asked to join a corporation for composting. The cost would be based on population and usage per population. In order to be eligible the Borough would have to adopt a "No Burning" ordinance. John Rice stated that it was no burning only if the articles are recyclable. Discussion. Dave Szakelyhidi said that Harmony already has an ordinance concerning leaf burning. He recommended adding the recycling to that ordinance. Jim stated that the details need cleared up before writing or amending the ordinance.

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Parking and Signage: Jim Hulings reported that there was a meeting with several people to discuss event planning and what needed to be done to hold an event such as closing a street, port-a-johns, police protection, fire protection, etc. Jim drew up a document that addressed as many issues as he could think of and handed it out at the meeting to be discussed. They are giving them back with all their suggestions and then Jim will consolidate them into one document to pass out. One item that will be with the document is an application to fill out to have an event. The document will be filled out and given back and then in turn they will receive information on who to contact. Another thing added is what to do in an emergency. Goals of the committee are: Public Safety,
Communication
Coordination

Staff Reports:

Police: Written report submitted.

Supervisor Report: Wade Ion reported that he had picked up the truck route signs. Brush was picked up on the walking trail, new flag was put up.

John Ruch stated that signs are need that say a lot is for parking. Wade will put up Municipal Lot sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance: Harold Herr made a motion to approve the audit. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Jim Miller reported that Zelianople will be opening bids May 8 or May 14 for paving.

The truck loan is paid off.

Salt: Wade reported that he has to take 2 more loads of salt.

New truck and spreader: To be put on the 2013 budget. Council had no objections.

Liquid Fuel Funds were received and direct deposited in the amount of \$24,657.66 and \$160.00 was direct deposited for road turnback.

Streets: John Rice reported that he and Wade had looked at paving Mercer Street by the bridge by the Moose. ½ the street borders Jackson Township. They will bring it up at their meeting to reimburse Harmony Borough. The cost to Harmony Borough would be \$12,333 more than was budgeted for paving.

Harold Herr made a motion to add \$12,333.00 to the paving project for 2012. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Industrial Appraisal: There is no premium reduction for having an industrial appraisal. Harold Herr made a motion to table the appraisal until next year. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Shanks to contact them.

Business and Development: Jim Hulings reported that Mark Sapienza is having an architect look at how many parking spaces can be put in at Wood Street Park.

Newsletter has been mailed.

Donations: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all donations (Emergency Management, Library, Community Park) contingent when the tax money comes in. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to have a policy that non-residential EIT funds be accepted as revenue after 3 years. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Facilities: Mayor Rape asked for permission to take everything out of the monument area and have planters with flowers. Sign Innovation is designing a sign that says (Welcome to Harmony.)

Frank Luek made a motion to spend not over \$400 for flowers for the planters. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Harold Herr made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into an executive session at 8:45 PM. The executive session ended at 9:30 and Council went back into regular session.

ADJOURN:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber
2. Local Government Academy
3. Dept of Recycling & Waste
4. Jack Cohen
5. COG
6. Terri Dickow
7. Zocklein & Associates
8. WBCA

SUBJECT MATTER

Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events
Upcoming Programs
Marcellus Shale Legislation
Recycling Renaissance
Course in Community Planning
Movie "Living Downstream Today"
Tourism Summit
March 8 Agenda
Free Internet
PSAB Annual Conference
Grant Writing Workshop
Minutes