

August 7, 2012

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING August 7, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jack Shanks, Harold Herr, John Rice, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

JACK SHANKS

Sharon K. Kowalski
Nancy L. Herr
Doreen M. Herr

TIM EPPINGER
Rhonda Eppinger

Jim Miller

Frank Luek

Cathy Rape

John Rice

Frank & Andrea Grammon

Joe White

CALL TO ORDER:

Jack Shanks, Council President, called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the July 3, 2012 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Heidi Keefer requested permission to use Harmony Borough as a base for a 5K race on October 6 @ 5:30 PM. There will be a 5K race and a 1 mile walk. The race is to support adoption care and orphan ministries. The route will start at Grace Church, go behind Dambaugh Lumber, back to Mercer, out Evergreen Mill Rd to the nursing home and back to Mercer Street. Harold Herr made a motion to give permission for the race. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Hulings will contact Heidi, and Mayor Rape concerning the safety committee, street closures, fire police, etc.

Rick Brown, representing the Allegheny Aquatic Alliance explained the creek cleanup they are planning for September 22. The rain date will be September 29. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion for them to use the boat launch. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that the PennDOT application is ready to send as soon as he gets a few more pieces of information.

The closing was done today for the sale of the water tower property. The deed needs recording.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to adopt the EMA Ordinance to reappoint Don Pepe as the EMA Coordinator. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There needs to be a short Executive Session on a litigation matter.

Thank you from YMCA for Harmony Borough's support of their 10th Annual Triathlon.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: Jack Shanks reported that there are two certificates of appropriateness for Historic Harmony that need approved. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that he had received a letter from John Ruch asking Council to postpone the certificate of appropriateness for the shop sign.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Historic Harmony information sign. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Storm Water Management DVD will be at the Borough Office.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there was an incident with rusty water. The lines were flushed.

Parks Board Frank Luek reported that Wade got the limestone for the trail. Barbish is going to spread it. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to place one of the bike racks at the center of Harmony and one at Stewart Hall at the 1st parking space in the parking lot. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The park chips are going to be scattered on Monday. If any chips are left, Wade will see if Zelig needs any.

The donation was received for the Ducky Race. The money will be used for the park system.

Jack Shanks reported on the planning of the Blue Grass Festival.

Two Trail Kiosks need to be put in as part of the grant. One will be put at the red barn, smaller than the one at the boat launch.

There will probably not be a trail that goes around Harmony and Zelig. Three property owners will not give approval for the use of their right of way.

Sewer Authority: Harold Herr reported that WBCA hired a billing clerk and will be hiring a secretary.

Zoning: Jack Shanks brought to Council's attention that there are two families on a single family lot at Spring Street. Attorney Racunas stated that the way the property owner is using the lot is in violation of Harmony Borough Ordinances and can be cited. A variance can be applied for but he cannot guarantee the results. You cannot have two single family houses on a single lot. Mr. Eppinger stated that he had talked to Tom McCosby and that everything is OK. Attorney Racunas will call Attorney Lope and talk to him about it. Jack Shanks, Wade Ion, and Tom McCosby will look at the residence in a couple of weeks and see if everything is up to code. If it is, nothing has to be done. But if it is in violation, it will have to be torn down.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported on how the composting service is going. Dave was appointed to fill a couple of positions. The building is designed and Zelig is making some changes for their use. It is a work in progress. The grant has been filed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report: Chief Miller reported that they had a safety meeting. They are working at getting people's email addresses.

Supervisor's Report: Wade Ion reported that most of the street signs were up. The curbs are painted. They used the crack sealer for a week. Jack Shanks reported that there was an accident with the crack sealer. Hot tar went on Frank's face. Cranberry Twp overloaded the crack sealer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: The Personnel Manual is done. Attorney Racunas is to review it. The committee is reviewing employees' job descriptions.

Zoning Officer – Jack talked to Tom McCosby from PCI about being the zoning officer for Harmony Borough. Tom said he would think about it. He also has a friend and friend's wife who might be interested.

Finance: Discussion on getting a new truck.

Jack stated that Friends of the Park wants to know if Harmony Borough is going to donate \$11,000.00 to the community park again in 2013. Discussion. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that it is part of Shared Services.

Jadco Stormwater Management. Joe White stated that Jadco submitted a stormwater retention plan. The Borough's engineer, Bill Hummel, approved the plan.

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the Jadco Storm Water Plan. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: There will be a personnel meeting with the employees in September to go over the job descriptions.

Finance: If anyone has a request for the budget, they are to give it to Jim Hulings by the end of August.

Council had no objections for the borough secretary talking to a payroll company about doing payroll for the borough.

Streets: John Rice stated that he had received bids from Voelker Paving for \$3,980.00 and from Brandt Paving for \$5,387.00 to do repair work on the streets.

John Rice made a motion to accept Voelker's Paving bid of \$3,980.00. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

