

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 4, 2012

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JACK SHANKS  
Shaheed McCarroll  
James Hulings  
Cathy Rape  
James Hulings  
FRANK D. GRANNON  
Frank Luek  
Phyllis Metz  
Sandy Ferranda  
GREG SEXT  
Jim Muth  
Suzanne Aptone  
R. Godwin

**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 November 6, 2012 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Racunas commented on the beer issue for the Silvester. He stated that he has concerns about liabilities. His opinion is that he doesn't like mixing municipal events with alcohol.

Harold Herr made a motion to advertise the tax ordinance for 2013. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**COG INITIATIVE:** Jack Shanks reported that he had submitted the paperwork for:

1. Requesting a web page person to help with the Borough's web page
2. Requesting someone to review the Borough's updated employee manual

**HARB:** No Report.

**HWA:** Discussion on getting an arborist. Cathy Rape stated that the one she had talked to was not interested as it is too extensive of a report.

John Rice is up for reappointment on the Water Board. Harold Herr made a motion to appoint John Rice to the Water Authority Board for 4 more years. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Parks Board** Susie Altemus gave a report on the Parks Board and upcoming activities:

1. She is pricing benches for along the creek
2. She reported that she needs the invoices for the grant money that was spent
3. The Silvester Celebration is coming along great and there is already a profit
4. There seems to be a lot of interest in the Polar Bear Plunge
5. The medals for the race are ordered
6. The shirts for the race are in
7. She is working on a volunteer list

**W.B.C.A.** Harold Herr reported that W.B.C.A. is hooked up to Rock Lake and it shouldn't be long before the airport is also hooked up.

**Planning Commission:** Discussion on the Eppinger status. The Zoning Hearing Board's decision was that he had to attach the house to the breezeway. Wade Ion is to check to see if Mr. Eppinger has a permit.

**Shared Services:** The leaf pickup went well. Harmony helped Zelig.

**Composting:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported on the status. Cranberry, Harmony, and Zelig applied for grants for recycling at the old reservoir property in Zelig. The reservoir has been drained and the grant application has been submitted for \$250,000.00.

Jim Hulings reported on the truck route signage. US Liner has the same address as 3 others. There are 3 Ziegler Streets. US Liner is in the process of changing their address.

**Staff:**

**Police Report:** Submitted:

**Office:** Council approved new office hours for 2013. Beginning January 2, 2013 the new office hours will be 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

**Borough Supervisor:** Wade Ion reported that the leaf pickup was done. They picked up 37 loads for Harmony and 7 loads for Zelig. The total cost for leaf pickup was \$1,700.00.

The new truck should be here the first of the year.

The launch was cleaned up for the Polar Bear Plunge.

Jim Hulings reported that he and Harold interviewed a person for the position of Zoning Officer. They have another interview scheduled for Thursday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Employee Manual.** Jack stated that he feels Council should implement the manual. Changes can be made later if needed after the review has been completed.

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the Employee Policy Manual. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. John Rice stated that he felt they should wait until the review is over.

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

Motion carried.

**Budget:** John Rice made a motion to adopt the 2013 budget. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the tax rate with no increase. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Swift reach:** John Rice recommended that the cost of the notifications should be charged to the event hosts. Chief Miller is to check on what the unlimited cost would be. It can't be changed until August.

Penn Power installed the light on Charles Street.

Frank Grannon's accident still needs looked into.

Jack Shanks reported that he had notified Industrial Appraisal and told them that Council didn't want them to do the updated appraisal. They sent a bill anyway. Attorney Racunas will check on it.

A question had come up as to who the Open Records Officer is. It is the Borough Secretary.

The check was received for ACT 13, gas impact fee. It has to be reported how it was used.

The address change is in process for U.S. Liner.

The Fire Police will do the blocking of the street closures for the Silvester.  
Main and German Streets to Main and Foundry Alley  
Spring and Mercer to the Borough Building.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close the streets for the Silvester Celebration. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Safety:** Discussion on having fire inspections done. PCI would do the inspection and bill Harmony Borough then Harmony Borough would bill the resident plus a \$5.00 fee. The Public Safety Committee is to look into it with Tom from PCI and discuss the UCC Code.

**BILLS PAYABLE:** Harold Herr made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Wade Ion resigned as Zoning Officer as of December 31, 2012. Harold Herr made a motion to accept Wade's resignation. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Shanks resigned as Council Member as of December 4, 2012, at the end of the meeting.

Jack made recommendations to Council:

- Greg Such replace him
- Committees have regular meetings
- There is a purchasing process – over \$500 has to go to the Finance Committee to make a recommendation before coming to Council.
- Reorganize tonight
- Jim Hulings as president

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John Rice made a motion to accept Jack's resignation. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Rape thanked Jack for all his hard work and devotion to Harmony

Jim Hulings, Vice President stepped in to run the meeting.

Harold Herr nominated Greg Such to fill Jack Shank's unexpired term. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rape swore in Greg Such as Council Member.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to nominate Jim Hulings as Council President. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion.

Phyllis Metz – Yes

Frank Luek – Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

John Rice – No

Greg Such – Yes

Jim Hulings – Abstained

Motion carried.

Frank Luek made a motion to appoint Greg Such as Vice President. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Phyllis Metz made a motion to nominate John Rice as president protem. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An Executive Session was called at 8:20 PM

Out of Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

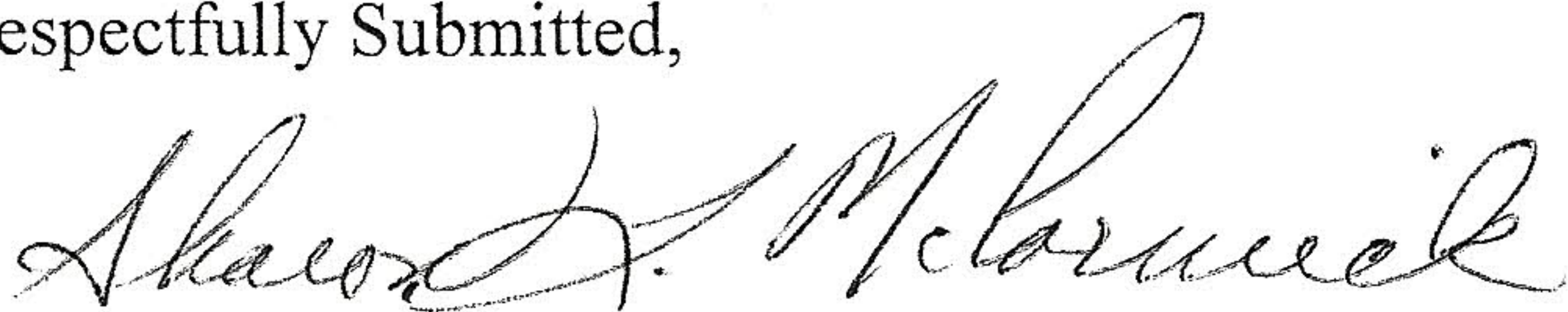
John Rice made a motion to pay Sharon McCormick her original rate at \$15.50 starting January 1 to be evaluated May 1<sup>st</sup>. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURN:**

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary

# CORRESPONDENCE

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## FROM:

1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber
2. WBCA
3. COG
4. Butler County Planning Commission

## SUBJECT MATTER

Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events  
Minutes  
Act 14 Notification as required by DEP  
Butler COG Public Comment Survey Results  
Contemplating Governing Program  
Revised Butler County Subdivision  
And Land Development Ordinance