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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING June 5, 2012

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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Wadsworth
JAMES HULINGS
Jack Shanks
Cathy Rape
Susan Attanasio
Jim Miller
Frank Luek
Dave Szakelyhidi
Jodi Corvell
Joe White
Phyllis Metz
Sandy Ferrarola

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had followed up with the Jackson Township Manager concerning the Jackson Township project and the Street Maintenance Ordinance, making sure that the issues with the retention pond are being taken care of. He had assurances from the developer that things would be taken care of. He also said that he is drafting and putting together the street maintenance ordinance

Attorney Racunas also stated that he had looked over the Franchise Agreement with Armstrong. It currently provides a 5% franchise fee. He asked Council if he could call Armstrong and see if he could get the fee up to 7%. Council had no objections.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jack Shanks reported that he will make the COG report available for Council.

HARB: No Meeting was held.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that we received the arborist report.

Parks Board Frank Luek reported that he and Susie attended the County parks and Recreation Survey. They talked about the bike trail and getting grants.

Susie Altemus reported on the Parks Board. Jack Shanks stated that the Borough received \$4,800 for the Butler County Tourism Grant.

Gary Pinkerton came down and walked all the parks. The grant received from Butler County was \$4,400.00. All the parks are to be upgraded for the safety of children so fall chips were the number one thing. Three truckloads are coming in. It is dumped in the back part of US Liners parking lot. That took up all the money from the grant. Harmony Borough will owe \$1,100.00. They will pay \$3,300.00.

The grant came in from the Butler County Tourism. The first thing it is being used for is limestone for the trail. (Wade is ordering it) plus the rental of the equipment to pack it down. Sue is looking at bike racks for the trails and kiosks for the trail heads. Jack suggested getting 2 bike racks and 3 garbage cans.

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Frank Luek stated that a port-a-john is needed at the boat launch.

Frank Luek made a motion to rent a port-a-john for the boat launch for the months of June – September. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A donation came in from Friends of the Park for the Mardis Gras for \$2,805.00. A donation will also be coming in from the Ducky Race.

A commitment was received for \$2,500.00 from Sheetz to be a major sponsor for the blue grass festival.

Sue Altemus passed out a Financial Statement for the Parks. Jack stated that the \$2,500.00 on the statement has been committed but not received yet.

Jack reported that they are still having trouble with one property owner on the trail. He and Charlie Underwood wrote a letter to send to him. Without his approval the trails cannot be connected together.

The boy scouts have committed to patrol the trail, pick up litter, and help maintain the trail.

Eleven volunteers from Traco came in. They mowed, planted flowers, mulched around the trees, and patrolled the trail for litter. They worked from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Borough provided them lunch from Foxes Pizza. A "Thank You" letter was sent to each volunteer and executives.

Planning Commission: Frank Luek reported that the people from Knauf's Feed Mill attended the meeting to report on what they are doing. They had no drawings yet. They are just cleaning up for now.

Sewer Authority: Harold Herr reported that the two secretaries were relieved of their duties. WBCA is taking applications.

Zoning: Wade Ion reported that he had two certificates of appropriateness to be approved.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the paint at Jodie Correl's house. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the signs for Suzie and Bob Franz's bakery. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joint Comprehensive Plan: Jack Shanks reported that a corporation was formed. The bank account will be with Fidelity Savings. They met last week with DEP on grants. Paper work was filled out. Harmony Borough might need to update their ordinance to include burning of brush and limbs. Wes Hamilton is looking into it.

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Jack read a letter that is to be sent to state that Harmony Borough is part of this. The location of the composting site will be the old Zelig reservoirs.

There has to be municipality agreements signed by all. Attorney Racunas is to contact Don Pepe and see what needs done. Attorney Racunas stated that you usually need to come up with an intercooperational agreement with all the municipalities becoming a part.

Harold Herr made a motion to sign and send the letter. Jim Hulings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parking and signage. Jim Hulings reported that the Safety Committee needs to meet. He is working on a list of emergency and business contacts.

Jim also explained about the special election for Jane Orie's position. The election will be held August 7.

Cathy Rape stated that the committee thought that Sharon should be the person to notify everyone. Jim said that they are working on getting a list together so everyone can be emailed.

Jim Hulings reported that Mayor Rape had found a new vender for the fireworks. Jim made a motion that the Borough provide funding for the fireworks on June 28 contingent on that they are properly insured and have proof of insurance and the cost to the Borough is less than \$1,000 to the Borough to be returned and the flower fund provide \$600 for a total of \$1,600. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Harold Herr stated that it was already turned down 3 times. Jack stated that there was already a motion that there would be no Borough funds spent, that it would have to all be donations. Attorney Racunas stated that even though there was a motion, if this one passed it would override the previous motion.

Mayor Rape stated that it was her understanding that they would try and raise funds for the fireworks. She then took it upon herself to make up containers and put them in the businesses. Then Susie Altemus said the money could be borrowed from the Parks board and paid back by money collected in the jars. Then at the next Council meeting it was decided that not one dime of the Borough's money was to be spent for the fireworks which cost \$3,200. Then she went around and picked up the containers because if the money wasn't turned in by June 1st there would be no fireworks. John Rice questioned how much money was collected and asked where it was. Mayor Rape replied that \$274 was collected and she had it in a safe place. So Jack stated that \$274 would be used to pay for the fireworks and \$600 would be used from the flower fund. Now the Borough has to come up with \$726.

Jack asked if this person has ever set off fireworks. Cathy replied that she planned on asking Wayne Seibel as he has his license. If there are no fireworks she will write a letter to the editor so the public knows there will be no fireworks.

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Jodi Correll suggested a way to raise money. Have a shuttle bus and charge \$20 per person to go to 3 bars. She thought the Moose, the Harmony Inn and possibly the Log Cabin would be involved.

Attorney Racunas stated that he sees potential liability problems. He recommended to Council not to go in that direction.

Jack Shanks summarized that it would be \$1600 to do the fireworks by a person that we have no references and have never seen the fireworks. Jim stated that was why he made it contingent that they have insurance. \$600 is coming from the flower fund, \$279 will come from donations, that leaves \$721 to come from where? Jack stated that supposedly this money will be paid back. HBA is not participating. Mayor Rape stated that HBA reorganized and is now non-profit and they can't do it anymore. Jack suggested asking them to donate money to the fireworks. Jim stated that he would like his motion to state "not to exceed \$1,000."

The motion was amended to read "In addition to the flower fund paying \$600."

Amended Motion:

(Jim Hulings made a motion that the Borough provide funding for the fireworks on June 28 contingent on they are properly insured and have proof of insurance and the cost to the Borough is less than \$1,000 to the Borough, to be returned, and in addition the flower fund provide \$600 for a total of \$1,600. Frank Luek seconded the motion.)

Phyllis Metz – Yes

Frank Luek – Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Harold Herr – No

John Rice – No

Jim Hulings – Yes

Jack Shanks – No

Motion carried. Jack would like to know where the money is coming from and the guarantee that it will be paid back.

Jim Hulings will go to HBA and request a donation from them for the fireworks.

Police Report: Chief Miller reported on a meeting to be held with PennDOT. He also discussed problems with trucks going off the Truck Route. Jack requested that the Police enforce the weight limit on the Borough's streets until we hear from PennDOT.

Staff:

Supervisor: Wade Ion asked if the trees could be taken out on the log cabin lot. Council had no objections. The street signs are ordered. The drain on

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Pittsburgh Street is in. He received a load of mulch today. He also ordered salt for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance: A letter was received from Robert and Cathleen DePolo offering to purchase the old water tower lot for \$10,000.00.

Harold Herr made a motion to accept the \$10,000 bid from DePolos for the old water tower lot contingent on the drafting of a sales agreement. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets:

Jack reported that Jackson Township sent money for their share of paving of Edmond Street, approx. \$2,100. They agreed to pay \$6,100 for their portion of Mercer Street.

Wade reported that the drain is in on Pittsburgh Street and they are waiting on the pavers.

Facilities: Jim Hulings reported that he took a decimal reader down to US Liner. He said the noise was no louder than the noise in the Council's meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: There was a Personnel Meeting. A new manual is being written. It is all done except job descriptions. They have a description of the Code Enforcement Officer. Harold Herr made a motion to approve the description. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi discussed the phones which will be switching from Nextel to Sprint. He suggested leaving everything as is for now.

Signature List: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to add Jim Hulings to the signature list to sign checks. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried with Jim abstaining.

Attorney Racunas reported that Harmony Borough came up on the Unclaimed Property list. Council had no objections to him filling out the forms and sending them in.

Butler County EMS: Letter from Butler County EMS stating that Don Pepe is appointed as Harmony Borough's Emergency Coordinator. In order to comply with Pema you either need to appoint your coordinator or adopt an ordinance for an intergovernmental emergency corporation in conjunction with an intergovernmental emergency coordinator. Attorney Racunas is checking to see if Harmony Borough already did it.

Letters were sent out for three yard violations. The yards have been mowed.

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The Farmers Market is starting this Thursday up in the square.

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that a Roach and Ziegler sign was in front of Grace Church. It stayed there until Sunday. Dave removed the sign that was nailed to the Borough tree. Dave stated that he doesn't feel people should be nailing signs to the Borough's trees.

Mayor Rape thanked the people who are watering the flowers in the square and also thanked Rambo for making star holders for the flag holders.

BILLS PAYABLE:

John stated that the bills listed under Liquid Fuels are to be paid out of the General Fund. Dave made a motion to pay bills as presented. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

Joe White commented on how nice the kiosk is at the boat launch. He also discussed the truck route.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called at 8:45 PM

ADJOURN:

The regular meeting was called back to order at 9:00 PM. Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber
2. Patricia Rinebolt
3. Zocklein & Associates
4. WBCA
5. Clym Environmental Services
6. Butler County Tourism
7. Richard Stevenson
8. PSAB
9. Butler Co. Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT MATTER

Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events
PSAB Annual Conference and Exhibition
Grant Writing Workshop
Minutes
Environmental Health & Safety Support
Schedule of Events
Grant and Resource Directory
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