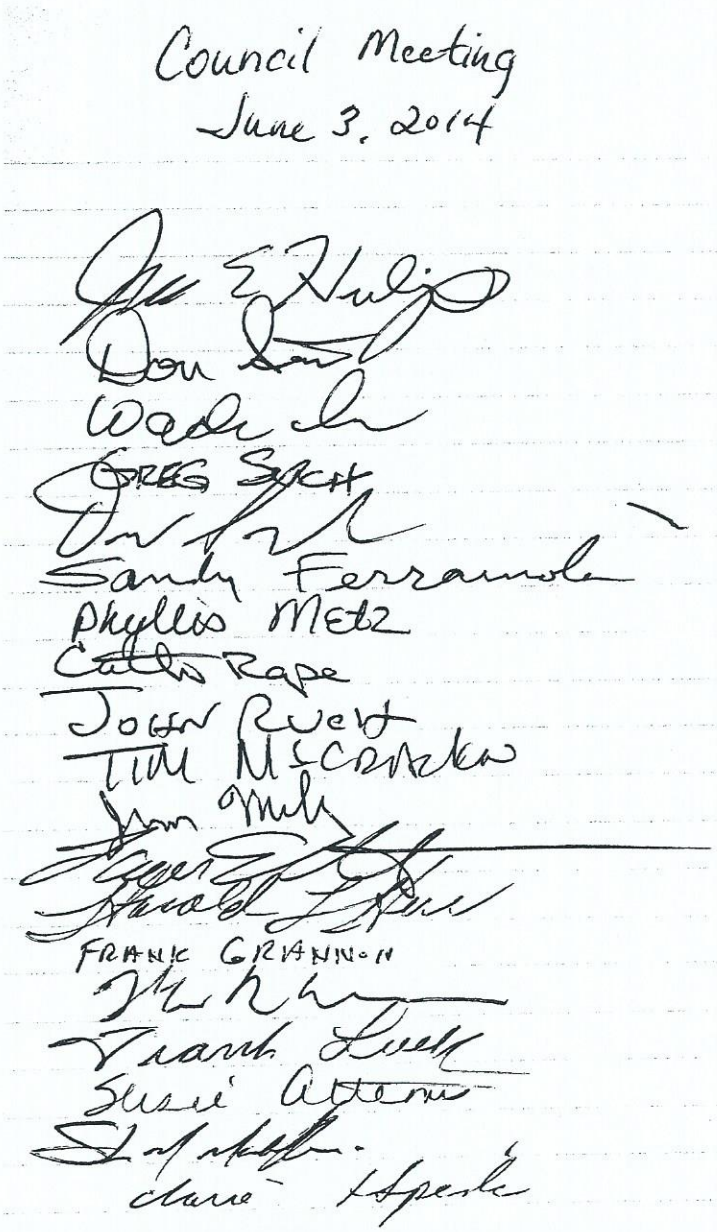
HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING June 3, 2014

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jim Hulings, Jarod Stewart, Don Sims, Greg Such and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:



CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum was reached and President, Jim Hulings called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Phyllis and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the May 6, 2014 Minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Harmony Fire Chief, Neil Nanna, spoke on the purposed House Numbering Ordinance. The purposed ordinance states house numbers must be clearly visible by either direction, be 3" in height, and if the house is more than 50' from the road, it must be marked by the road. Chief Nanna stated he is 100% in favor of the proposed ordinance; it would help both the fire department and ambulance responding to emergencies. "Minutes count when somebody's life is in danger." Council President, Jim Hulings inquired if the Fire Department offered a sign. Chief Nanna commented that this is not a promotional thing, but the Fire Department has been selling signs for the past five years, the cost is $20 which includes the sign, hardware and post. The signs are reflective; numbers are 3" in height and are on both sides of the sign. Chief Nanna also commented on the ECM, which is basically an enhanced dispatcher; it sends a text alert that comes in on a computer screen, or an I-phone. It gives information on special needs, oxygen, wheel chair, hydrant information, number of occupants, Google maps, number of guys on a truck, if more help is needed.

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported that there are two Resolutions ready for approval. These resolutions are pre-approved by the insurance carrier. The first resolution is the **Safety & Risk Management Resolution** (#2014-6-3A). In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Safety & Risk Management Resolution.

The second resolution is the **Seat Belt Policy Resolution** (#2014-6-3B). In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Seat Belt Policy Resolution.

Solicitor Matt reported he drafted an Ordinance relating to CO_2 detectors, the ordinance is ready to be advertised. Jarod Stewart inquired to make it every rental, not just multi-units. Matt stated it may conflict with the fire code, discussion. In a motion made by Jarod Stewart and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, Harmony Borough unanimously approved to amend the **CO_2 Ordinance** to every rental, and advertise contingent upon the legality of it.

The **House Numbering Ordinance** was discussed further; Dave Szakelyhidi stated in the Historic District, the numbers will have to be HARB approved. Solicitor Matt stated that all houses within 50' of the street can have either numbers on the house or at the street, but houses more than 50' from street must be numbered by the street. Don Sims inquired if this would cause a hardship to some residents. A motion was made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz to approve the advertisement of the House Numbering Ordinance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT CONT':

House Numbering Ordinance

Roll call vote: Phyllis Metz – yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – yes
Jarod Stewart – no
Greg Such – yes
Frank Luek – yes
Jim Hulings –yes
Don Sims – no

Motion passed.

The **Drilling & Pipeline Ordinances** have been sent to Planning; Matt reported that a hearing will probably be held in July or August depending on comments from Planning.

Matt asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

BOARD REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

No appointments.

COG:

Jim Hulings had nothing to report.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that HARB did not meet last evening (June 2nd).

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the loan approval is a work in progress.

Wade Ion reported that a website was created for the Water Authority, the CCR Report is available on the website, they will not be mailed out unless a customer request one. The Borough's website has a link to the Water Authority's website as well.

Jim Hulings reported that he and Harold Herr are working on billing proposals; they need to do a cost comparison. Munibilling offers meter readings, creates bills and mails bill out. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that WBCA reads meters for $200 a month, that amount will increase to about three times when the contract is up in August (2014). The Water Authority supplies the meters and replaces as needed. Wade commented on the radio type read meter – Smart meter, they cost about $116 per meter, but the software needed with them is around $30,000. Wade stated in Brady he can read about 355 meters in 20 minutes. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he would like to see the sewer, water, and possibly the electric share in the cost and billing.

Dave Szakelyhidi also reported that Dave Bullman turned in notice he would like to retire as of July 25. Jim Hulings reported that an ad has been put in the local papers, Butler Eagle, Cranberry Eagle, Beaver County Times, Ellwood City Ledger, and Monster.com.

BOARD REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS CONT':

Parks Board

Susie Altemus noticed HB donation to Zelie Library and commented that the Zelie Library placed 12th on a survey done in the whole state.

Susie also reported that Traco Volunteers will be back on Friday, June 6th.

Susie reported that June 26 at 8:00pm is the first concert; the Allegheny Brass Band will perform with fireworks following. Dave Kellner will be doing the fireworks; the cost is about $3,000. Donations will cover the cost of the fireworks.

Parks Board members will volunteer for the Flood Event.

John Ruch reported that the Museum has decided to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the Hurricane Ivan Flood. Rod Gasch, a board member of Historic Harmony is leading the event; it is in the planning stages, a committee of MJ from Bottlebrush, Clair Torso an art teacher from CVE, and Mike Cornell a Parks Board Member and Venture Outdoors volunteer, are working out the details; the committee is looking to have three legs for the event - art, history and environmental issues involving the creek.
They have discussed the possibility of a water theme art show in Stewart Hall, using art from the spring 2014 CVE Art Show; they also have made a 5' yellow rubber ducky. There is a proposal to have a parade from the Moose Lodge up Mercer Street to Wood Street Park, to move the rubber ducky to its display location. A brief street closure may be requested, required paperwork will be completed if a street closure is needed. Music and vocal performers, photo display at Stewart Hall, and guided tours. For the environmental leg - climbing wall, and basic kayak instructions at the canoe launch, aquatic critters display of critters that are found in the creek. The event is planned for Saturday, September 27th; it will be an all day event.

Mayor Rape reported there is a new concrete bench at the boat launch, compliments of Betty Sapienza.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the Pipeline Ordinance. Joe White did have one question; Solicitor Matt stated he spoke to Joe. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired what affect this ordinance would have on the natural gas infrastructure in Harmony. Solicitor Matt stated it would not affect any that is here now, it will be grandfathered in.

Sewer Authority:

Harold Herr reported that everything is moving forward.

Zoning:

Allen Bayer is out of town. Jim Hulings reported that there is a hearing on June 16th for the Tempest variance. John Ruch inquired what the variance was for. Dave Szakelyhidi commented it's for a garage to be built.

BOARD REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS:

Shared Services:

Jim Hulings had nothing to report.

Parking/Signage and Events:

Jim Hulings reported that Simon from Dangerwood Pictures is here. Simon Barracchini stated he is in need of a town, a working location for the production of a film, Mason. This is a low, low budget film, the setting is 1789 America. Simon is interested in the Square, the wine cellar at the Museum, and possibly the Bakery, however if they want fees, because of the low budget, they probably won't use them. Simon did state that the film company shared services with a previous location. The filming would take about two days, June 21st and 22nd if approved by Council. The filming would take place from 11:00am until 8:00pm on Saturday, June 21st and from 7:00pm until 2:00am on Sunday, June 22th, with rain dates of June 28th and 29th. They may need extras that have their own period clothing. The Borough and other organizations that help with the effort will be given recognition and listed in the credits. Simon stated they would sign Harmony Borough's waivers, and abide by their safety rules, and will clean up after themselves. Clair Spinks commented that they will be having their neighborhood yard sale that week-end, there will be signs up along the way and in the Square and asked if the cars coming through would interfere with their filming. Jim Hulings commented that they will only be using the North part of the Square; it would be very easy for the Borough to close off that part of the Square and not bother the traffic very much. Jim also stated that Clair's yard sales signs will not be allowed in the movie. Jim Hulings stated they have provided Jim with a million dollar of liability Certificate of Insurance and the Event Form has been completed. Dave Szakelyhidi requested the yard sales signs not be placed in the flower beds in the Square. John Ruch stated the Museum would be very interested in talking about shared services, they have 9 properties. John also commented that the last movie that was filmed in town was Iron Maze, it was a major production and it did not disturb things very much and everybody had a lot of fun. Tim McCrackin commented that there was a Tom Cruise movie filmed on Knight Road, their dealership was to be a bus station re-recreated, it was cut but people still came to see the dealership because of the movie.
In a motion made by Jarod Stewart and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the filming event. John Rush commented that they are putting a list together of movies filmed in Butler County.

Jim Hulings reported on the YMCA Triathlon, it will be July 26th. An Event Form has been completed and the Certificate of Insurance has been received. This will take place in upper Harmony and Zelienople. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the YMCA Triathlon.

Jim also reported on the Firecracker 5K, it will be July 4th at 8:00am. An Event Form and a map have been received; again it will take place in upper Harmony in the Park area. Jim Hulings commented that Fire Police will be needed, if available; there is a lot going on that day up near the park. Greg Such inquired why the race

isn't held in the lower part of Harmony since there is already so much going on at/near the Park. Jim responded that he thought they worked in conjunction with Friends of the Park.
In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Greg Such, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Firecracker 5K.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORT:

Police Report:
Submitted
Chief Miller reported no trucks taking houses off.

Office:
Amy Brown had nothing to report.
Jim Hulings reported that A1-PC will be installing 2 new computers. Jim also reported that the website will be ready about the same time of the new computers. They will give Council a look at the new website before they shut off the old one.

Borough Supervisor:
Wade reported that the limb pick-up started.
The boat launch has been cleaned; it's an on-going thing.
The streets have been swept.
Line painting was completed.
2700' of curbs have been painted.
Did the Interconnect for the Water Authority up at Beaver & Division Streets.
Purchased everything for the storm drain/catch basin for Robinson Drive, will be put in this week or next weather permitting.
New signs were installed on Pittsburgh Street, No Parking 7 -5.
Put millings on Aster Alley; filled it all in.
Ordered new paint for the garage roof.
A new water tap was completed.
Will order new flags for the Square & Borough Building, have them for the 4th.
Contacted Jim Switzer at the County Correction, he is bringing his crew in next Wednesday for work on the walking trail.
The Borough received a sidewalk violation on Mercer Street at the entrance of the Alley; cost will be $983.35 for 8" thick concrete reinforced, it will tilt towards the street instead of the Alley, there was a complaint about getting water in the basement at the house next to the alley. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Greg Such, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the sidewalk repair in the amount of $983.35.
The Water Treatment Plant Project – replacing all the filters. Bid openings were Tuesday, May 27th, the bid was awarded. The Interconnect on Beaver Street, we may need to have a trailer rover there to overcome Zelie's chloramines because HBWA uses chlorine gas, there is a break point there. There are several upgrades throughout the plant; the project is to be completed by October.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:
Allen Bayer's report attached.
Allen is out of town; Jim Hulings read part of Allen's report.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Cont':
Jim reported they're going to watch limbs hanging down over hydrants and stop signs; need to keep them trimmed back.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personal:
Jim Hulings had nothing to report

Finance:
Jarod Stewart reported he met with Amy and Jim to learn more on the process and procedures in the office to have policies put in place regarding the Auditor's comments/findings. Looking into a lockbox for payments, on-line banking "read only" to review banking activity on the accounts as a secondary check. Jarod also reported on the Liquid Fuels monitoring review, no areas of concern were noted during this monitoring review.

Streets:
Frank Luek commented that Wade covered everything in his report.

Public Safety:
Jim Hulings reported that he bought a camera, it takes pictures at night, and it holds about 9,999 shots. The camera was at the Canoe Launch, it records movement. Greg Such inquired if this was legal, and if it needed to be posted that the area is under surveillance. Solicitor Matt stated it is like a security camera. Chief Nanna commented that Pittsburgh had to pass an Ordinance because they were using them for stop signs. Solicitor Matt asked if the camera was used for enforcement, running stop signs, or for safety issues, damaging property. Jim Hulings will check with our Solicitor to see where it can be used.
Jim reported that he asked Susie Franz for permission to use the Bakery's Wi-Fi for cameras in the Square, Jim would like to have cameras installed in the Square because of trucks damaging property. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired what type of camera Jim was looking for, and how long the security camera(s) could store the recording. Dave inquired if it would be like a security camera at a store. Jim commented it would be like that and the recording would be for days, but the particular camera hasn't been purposed.

Facilities:
Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing to report.

Business Development:
Greg Such reported on the Dirt & Gravel Grant, more budget has been added to it. It is for low volume roads, less than 500 cars per day; and a two day class is required. The next class is in Titusville on June 17th & 18th. Greg will continue to research. Jim Hulings stated he would go if nobody else would.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training and Conferences:
Jim Hulings reported that there are webinars and seminars available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel:

Jim Hulings reported that the Safety Coordinator Job description for Paul Cornetti needs to be approved. Jim read the description (attached). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Safety Coordinator's Job Description.

Finances:

Jarod Stewart nothing new to report.
Jim Hulings reported on the 2015 Insurance. He received a quote from C.W. Howard (Borough's Agent); it would save us about $2,000 a year on insurance. Everybody on Council received a copy of the Summary Page. Jim asked for a motion to move forward with this insurance quote with Glatfelter Public Insurance (carrier). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved moving forward with Glatfelter Public Insurance quote. Jim reported this insurance is our liability and auto insurance.

Streets:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.
Don Sims purposed an amendment to Ordinance #402 that was passed to rectify and exclusion on Pittsburgh Street. He would like to extend the No Parking between New Castle Street and Highland Avenue. Mayor Rape commented that there already is No Parking from Grandview to Highland. Greg Such inquired if that exclusion was an oversight, he was not at the meeting for the initial discussion. Jim Hulings commented his recollection was it was excluded because not all residents have off-street parking and it would be a hardship for them, plus for the church it may be an inconvenience for them. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved advertising the amendment to Ordinance #402. Frank Luek commented that the church has a huge parking lot and didn't think it would be an inconvenience to the church. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired about ball games on Saturdays and what the Athletic Association would do. Jim Hulings stated it is only Monday thru Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm. It shouldn't affect them. Harold Herr inquired what the people who do not have off-street parking were to do. Don Sims commented that everybody does have off-street parking; some have the parking in the rear of the property. Jim Hulings reported that people in the neighborhood are very happy it (No Parking on Pittsburgh Street) was done. Frank Grannon commented that people on the street would like to have parents picking up children at school off the streets, really clog the intersection. Possibly parking in the parking lot in phases to get them off the street. Jim Hulings commented to have the Safety Committee look into it. Chief Miller stated they looked into that already and it is not feasible for them to do because of busing, the buses rotate through. There are two routes; they come in the upper lot by the offices and the transfer buses come in from the other way so you need an open driveway the whole way through. Chief Miller stated they will give warnings first, the tickets will be Borough Tickets which are $25 and paid to the

Borough, the Borough Office will need to let Zelie Police know when they are paid. If they are not paid in 30 days the Police will have to file a Non-traffic violation.

Public Safety:
Jim Hulings had nothing to report.

Facilities:
Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing to report.

Business Development:
Greg Such reported that the Harmony Inn's license was granted.
Jim Hulings reported that he contacted Bob McCafferty and told him Harmony Borough is really interested in doing something.

Grants:
Greg Such had nothing new to report.

BILLS PAYABLE:
Jim Hulings reported that there is an addition to the bills to be paid, an invoice from Casmac Line Stripping in the amount of $7, 049.00 for the line painting and curb painting.
The following lists of bills were presented to Harmony Borough Council for approval:
General Bills Payable in the amount of **$20,899.90** which includes the Casmac Line Stripping Invoice.
Bills Already Paid in the amount of **$6,657.59**
Payroll in the amount of **$5,158.21**
Parks Board Bills Payable in the amount of **$33.26**
In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved all bills for payment as presented on the lists.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
John Ruch thanked Council for recognizing Stanley Whiting at last month's Council Meeting. John stated that Stanley was thrilled to get community recognition.

John Ruch also commented that on May 22nd a tour bus came from Old Economy, I-79 was backed up North bound for two miles because of a super move, the off ramp to Rte. 68 was closed. John spoke to a State Trooper who stated they (the super move) were going right through Zelienople. The Trooper was wrong, they did not come through Zelienople; it was going out Hartman Road. School buses had to come through town because of the move. John's concern is that nobody knew about the super move, and nobody knew they were shutting down the I-79 off ramp; it is a safety hazard. Chief Nana commented that there were two super moves that day, neither knew about the other. The answer he received was that Penn Dot does not notify anybody on super moves, just issues the permits. But it was/is a safety hazard. Jim Hulings stated they will refer that to staff.

Laura Ebbert, owner of Indian Brave Camp wanted to know who complained about her. Ms. Ebbert commented that Mr. Hulings took it upon himself to contact Jackson Township and turn her in for code violations. Ms. Ebbert stated she had the letter with her that was sent to Jackson Township. Ms. Ebbert read that letter (attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Rape commented that she doesn't understand why HB is concerned, it is a private bridge. President of Council, Jim Hulings replied that his concern was if Jackson Township required a permit. If the work was being done in Harmony Borough, a permit would be required. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the bridge has nothing to do with Harmony Borough and everything to do with the Indian Brave Camp and Jackson Township, it is none of our business; but it does not relieve Ms. Ebbert of any responsibility with her township. Ms. Ebbert commented that she had a response back to Mr. Hulings from Chris at Jackson Township. Ms. Ebbert read that letter (attached). Jim Hulings commented that this matter will be referred to staff; he feels this matter has been resolve today with Chris.

Steve Madaffari owner of 213 Utah Street, had filed a complaint about Utah Street not being swept, the only it was swept was after the Ivan flood. This complaint is not against Wade or Frank, Mr. Madaffari just wants to know why Utah Street isn't being swept. He's asked a couple of times before and is given miscellaneous excuses from curbs, not on the list. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if there was a curb. Mr. Madaffari replied there is a wedge curb that is better than the curb on Monroe Street. Harmony Borough paved the street, garbage trucks go in the mill, drag mud and dirt onto Utah Street but HB won't sweep the street. HB picks on his sidewalk because he has a small crack, HB is concerned about his liability, and he's concerned about Harmony Borough's. Jim Hulings commented that it will be referred to staff.

Jim Hulings announced they would be going into an executive session; went into executive session at 8:55pm, out of executive session at 10:45pm.

ADJOURN: 10:45pm
As there was no further business to discuss, in a motion made by Phyllis Metz, and seconded by Greg Such, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the June 3, 2014 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Brown
Amy Brown
Secretary

Monthly Activity Report

Harmony Borough Code and Zoning Enforcement/Multi-Unit Dwellings Fire Inspection

May 2014

1. Attended HARB meeting.
2. Attended Council meeting.
3. Stopped by the office a few times each week to pick up mail.
4. Attended hearing at Evans City District Magistrate regarding sidewalk violation at 562 Main St. Court found in favor of the borough.
5. Inspected several properties as a result of complaints received.
6. Completed and dropped off shed building permit at office.
7. Contacted Ed Piela regarding payment of fire inspection. Has since been paid.
8. Inspected all sidewalks in the borough. 32 violations were noted.
9. Completed and dropped two building permits off at the office for a front porch and cement driveway.
10. Clarified feud between two neighboring property owners.
11. Prepared list of properties with sidewalk violations for Amy to apply names to.
12. Created 32 sidewalk violations and sent them to Amy for mailing.
13. Created one vegetation violation for grass height at 562 Main St.
14. Met with resident to review sidewalk violation.
15. Prepared vegetation violation notice for 568 Main St.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer

Borough of Harmony
Job Description

Title: Borough Safety Coordinator — May 26, 2014

Reports to: President of Harmony Borough Council

Duties Summary

The Borough Safety Coordinator must demonstrate a strong commitment to Safety and Risk Management.

1. This is a supervisory position directing the safety policies and procedures of Harmony Borough's Water Treatment operation and facilities.

2. The Safety Coordinator is responsible for assuring all vendors and contractors are in compliance with the Borough requirement for an annual and/or project specific COI and that COI expiration date(s) are not exceeded.

3. Enforce the Accident Reporting, Investigation and Prevention Policy as set forth in the Harmony Borough Employee Manual.

4. Perform an annual safety inspection of the Water Treatment Facilities.

The preceding duties have been provided as examples of the essential types of work performed by positions within this job classification. Council reserves the right to add, modify, change or rescind work assignments as needed.

Periodic Duties:

1. Review COI Spread Sheet that is maintained by the Borough Secretary.
2. Annual Water Treatment Safety Inspection.
3. Attend Borough meetings as may be requested by the President of Council.
4. Review safety records for the Water Authority.
5. Attend all training classes and programs during the year that Council deems important.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

Must be physically capable of performing the duties of the position. This includes, working outdoors under varying climatic conditions, and having normal color perception.

Minimum Qualifications

Knowledge of safety standards, policies and procedures such as but not limited to OSHA, National Electric Code. etc.

Education: Four year College Technical Degree

Experience: Three (3) years commercial, industrial and/or municipal employment.

Certifications and/or Licenses

Registered Pennsylvania Professional Engineer.

June 3, 2014

Chris Rearick, Jackson Township Manager

Dear Chris

Per my phone call yesterday June 2, 2014 at 4:02 pm:

I received an anonymous phone call concerning construction work be performed on the Bridge at Water Street and Mercer Street that connects Harmony and the Indian Brave Campground in Jackson TWP.

The call stated that there was construction going at the Bridge and in light of the safety issues observed, there were serious safety concerns and he and I both had several legal concerns.

The caller also stated the Bridge structure appeared to have deteriorated and the new decking top surface was not Marine grade.

Harmony did not receive advanced notice the deck was going to be repaired.

A Building Permit was not requested from Harmony even though one may have been required.

Our research cannot verify who owns the Bridge.

The Bridge is not open to the Harmony public.

As I queried, "**was a building permit issued by Jackson TWP"?** Please let me know if a permit is on record.

This Bridge is in a "Floodway" and may be at odds with FEMA laws and Jackson's Flood Plain Management Ordinance.

OSHA has been contacted by the caller concerning the callers safety questions. i.e. PPE, proper use of construction equipment, fall protection, EMS support etc.

Harmony would like the Bridge open to the Campground tenants, however not at the expense of public safety.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. 724-816-3579.

Sincerely

James E Hulings
President - Harmony Borough Council

CC: Amy Brown
Safety Committee
Allen Bayer
Matthew Racunas - Borough Solicitor

From: Chris Rearick
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2014 1:25 PM
To: 'Jim' ; 'Chris Rearick (Jackson Twp. Mgr.)' ; 'Phyllis Metz' ; 'Donald Sims' ; 'Allen Bayer' ; 'Matthew Racunas'
Cc: Laura Ebbert ; 'Jay Grinnell' ; 'Ron Lutz' ; 'Trent Geis'
Subject: RE: Bridge to Jackson

Jim,

After speaking with you yesterday, I immediately contacted our third party inspection agency charged with plan review and inspection of plans in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. I also contacted our Township Solicitor.

Please be advised of the following:

1. Our third party inspection agency stated that no jurisdiction exists within the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code for us to require "building permits" for bridges. Jackson Township therefore has no jurisdictional authority to require a building permit for or inspect the private bridge.
2. Our Solicitor does not believe that any other locally enforceable statues would allow Jackson Township to regulate maintenance of the bridge. While the Army Corps or Departmental of Environmental Protection may have some interest in construction of the bridge, I am not aware of regulations involving maintenance of an existing structure. You can and will obviously contact them if you wish to do so.
3. If Harmony Borough believes it has jurisdiction to require a permit for the bridge, I would suggest you contact your Solicitor and proceed accordingly.
4. Your statement that the bridge is not open to the "Harmony public" seems to either indicate that this is private bridge and/or indicates some frustration or dispute between Harmony Borough and the bridge's owner. This is a civil matter that does not involve Jackson Township.

I have cc'ed Laura Ebbert, the owner of the Indian Brave Campground, on the email and have, by way of this email, provided her with your letter expressing your concerns and your anonymous caller's complaint. As this is a private matter, I suggest you contact her directly with your concerns.

Chris

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