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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING May 1, 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

JAMES HULINGS
Charles Herricks
John Rice
Frank Luek
Dave Szakelyhidi

Dave Strawbridge

John Ruel

Phyllis Metz

Jim Hulings

GREG SUCH

Jandy Ferrainola

Susan Atteridge

Frank Luek
Bill McIndy
FRANK GRANON

Cathy Rape

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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:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the April 3, 2012 minutes as presented. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had received a response from CSX in reference to the agreement concerning their bridge. They attached a copy of the agreement that states that the Borough is to maintain the highway as it approaches the bridge including the pavement, gutters, curbs, sewer lines, and any other Borough facilities. Also the bridge is inspected yearly. The last time it was inspected was November 15. The stones missing are the same as previous inspections. Attorney Racunas stated that he will review the agreement and discuss it with Council at a later time.

He also reported that he had received a letter back from Jackson Township concerning the retention pond. They are taking steps with their engineer to review the retention pond issue and get back to him. Jack Shanks asked what they were going to do about the clogged pipe. Attorney Racunas said that it was included in his letter to them and it looked like they were going to take care of all the issues. He will get the most recent update and report back to Council.

A letter was sent to the gas company concerning street opening. They didn't respond but did pay for the street bonding.

A short executive session is needed concerning a legal matter.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: The next meeting is May 17.

HARB: Meeting is next Monday.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board: Frank Luek reported that the kiosk is done. One of the neighbors at the Wood Street area is concerned that the park would be turned into a parking area. Frank commented that some of the residents are happy with Wood Street the way it is – maybe adding a few parking spaces.

Susie Altemus reported that May 16 some volunteers from Traco are coming to work at the parks. Jim Hulings and Phyllis Metz also volunteered to help.

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Also the Blue Grass Festival is scheduled for September 8. Money is coming from sponsors. So far there is \$2500 coming from sponsors. Jack Shanks stated that he is getting another \$500 today. They anticipate about \$8,000 of expenses. Lighting and Sound will be provided free. The person running the sound and lighting will need to be paid. Discussion on plans for different events during the festival. Jack stated that \$4,400 will be needed from the Parks Board to get started. \$2,800 is coming in from the Mardis Gras and there is \$3,700 in the bank. There is a potential of getting from \$5,000 to \$8,800 from fund raisers for the park system. Hope next year the Blue Grass Festival will be self sufficient. Council agreed that they go ahead with the Blue Grass Festival.

The Ducky race is scheduled for June. It is projected that it will raise \$6000 -\$7,000 for Harmony's parks

Jack stated that he had talked to Attorney Racunas concerning opening different funds for the events being held in the Borough. It was decided to use existing accounts instead of setting up additional accounts and renaming the Parks Funds to Parks Events and Maintenance Fund.

Attorney Racunas stated that the Borough should not accept any donation that is specifically earmarked for an event because it becomes too complicated.

Discussion concerning payment of fireworks. Only donations, not Borough money, is to be used for fireworks.

Tickets are ready to be sold for the Ducky Race. Every dime of profit comes back to Harmony Borough for their parks. Friends of the Parks is running it.

Mayor Rape questioned what the modified motion was. Jack stated that it means that they have to modify a motion that was made at the last meeting about funding. Attorney Racunas stated that his recommendation is not to set up separate accounts. The Auditors said that the Borough already has 9 accounts. The more accounts you have the harder it is to track the money.

Jack asked HBA to put a list together for what donations are needed and Sue Altemus will put a list together of what donations are needed. Once the list is together, Jack will begin the fundraiser.

Grants: Jack stated that Gary Pinkerton is coming Friday. He wants to go around to all the parks. Harmony Borough received the Butler County Park and Recreation Grant for \$4,400 of which is 1/3 and 2/3. The Borough has to pay \$1,100 out of Parks and they will pay \$3,300. It is done on a credit card system where they will do all the ordering. The grant is for limestone on the trail and the fall chips at all of the facilities. The state is inspecting all the park systems.

Harmony Borough also won the Tourism Grant for the parks in the amount of \$4,800. It is not a matching grant. It will be used for two kiosks at the trail heads

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and to finish up the limestone on the trail plus bike racks, picnic tables, and garbage cans at the various parks.

Susie Altemus presented prices for port-a-johns to purchase or rent. Susie would like to have one placed at the canoe launch.

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the grant contract for the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department.. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

Attorney Racunas stated that he looked over the document. The Borough needs to pay \$1,100 and they are responsible for the payment of any overage costs. Motion carried.

Library: The donation for the Library will be sent.

Planning Commission: Frank Luek made a motion that the line revisions for Jadco be approved. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks reported that they are in the process of forming a corporation in order to get the DEP grants to run the composting operation (leaves and brush – no grass). The cost to the Borough will be \$400. The entities are Cranberry, Zelienople, Seneca Valley School District, and Harmony. The cost to Harmony is \$400 to get the corporation started. The Board of Directors are:

Don Pepe – President
Jack Shanks – Vice President
Dave Szakelyhidi –Secretary
Jeff Fuller – Treasurer.

The compositing corporation will be put where the old Zelig resourvours were.

Harold Herr made a motion to give permission for Jack Shanks and Dave Szakelyhidi to be on the Board. Jim Hulings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack stated that the \$400 is just to get the corporation started. Nothing will be done except to file the grant. After it is submitted we will know how much it will cost. If it is too much we can back out.

John Rice made a motion to pay \$400.00 to form a corporation for the composting. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack stated that when we file this grant we have to pass a “No Burning” Ordinance. A “No Burn” ordinance is only for those things that are recyclable (leaves and brush). Harmony has an ordinance on leaves but not brush. Also a requirement that we have filed our annual recycling report. Vogel has never got back to us. Jack will let Wes know where the Borough stands with that.

Jim Hulings reported on the event planning guide. He presented the second draft of the guide. The Farmers Market will be the first part of June. The guide is to be used

then. The purpose of the guide is to standardize all procedures and to improve the coordination of the event and also to let people, such as businesses know what is going on. A parking lot survey was done to see where all the parking spaces are in the Borough. A map was created to show where all the parking spaces were and also a map for showing where the signs go if signs need to be put up.

Staff

Police Report: Chief Miller stated that he would like to see the guide and parking map and street closing plans to see what is needed from the Police. Also he said that if the Fire Police are needed, the Borough has to get the permit from him. He needs to sign and the Borough needs to sign.

Borough Supervisor: Wade Ion reported that he had received all the salt that was ordered. Most of the stone is in for the line on Pittsburgh Street. He bought sign posts from U.S. Municipal at \$7.00 less per post than the posts from Walsh Equipment so he will probably be buying the sign posts from U. S. Municipal from now on. Wade also asked if the Borough wanted to sell the tar kettle.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to put the tar kettle up for sale, to set it out and see what happens. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade reported that an email came into the office concerning a sidewalk at Beaver and Bluff Street.

Wade asked Council what size signs the Borough wanted. Discussion. Jack will call Andrew at Zelig and check on the grant to see if the signs have to be legal size or what can be done. Council decided to go with a 24" Sign. Zelig will take care of Division Street.

Lot Sale: Old tower lot sale will be discussed at an executive session.

Parks: Jack stated that he would like to have a monthly statement/report from the Parks Board as to what is going on and what money is coming in and what is being spent.

U S Liner Noise: Several complaints have come in about the noise. Jack talked to several residents. Residents had complaints about the noise and noise from dumpsters and also about the language some of the workers use. Jack and Jim have both gone to US Liner and talked to them. They are doing everything they can. They have over 100 employees now and are trying to do the right thing. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that the door being open is an issue. Jim and Jack will stop down at different times and see what can be done.

Post Office Boxes: Dave Szakelyhidi talked to the post master how some of the people who wanted the post office boxes backed out. The Post Master approves it.

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Industrial Appraisers: Jack called them and told them the Borough is not going to use them this year.

Wood Street Parking: Jack stated that he would like a drawing showing what they want to do so they have something solid to show the residents. Mark Sapienza stated that he would like to see parking there. Jack stated that he would like a drawing of proposed parking at Wood Street and then he would go talk to the people.

Armstrong Agreement: Jack brought to Councils Attention that the Armstrong Agreement needs updated. Attorney Racunas will look it over.

Jim Hulings wrote a letter stating that he will be abstaining from voting for anything having to do with U.S. Liner and Glass & Machinery Works because he does business with them.

Employee Meeting. Jack will schedule an employee meeting the week after next.

Jackson Township Paving Letter: A letter and bill was sent for \$2,026 for the paving of Edmond Street for last year. They agreed to pay \$6,100 for their portion of Mercer Street paving. There is an intergovernmental agreement between Jackson TWP and Harmony Borough for the maintenance and upkeep of Evergreen Mill Rd. and Old Little Creek Rd. Chris, from Jackson TWP is going to rewrite the agreement to include all the streets where Harmony Borough and Jackson TWP are together.

Sidewalks: An email came in from a resident complaining about the condition of the sidewalk between Bluff St. and Division St. The sidewalk is the responsibility of the owner. Attorney Racunas stated that once we receive a complaint, it is up to the Zoning Officer to investigate it. Wade will talk to the property owners.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Sapienza commented that parking is needed at the Wood Street Park. It would help to keep Wood Street open in case the fire truck needs to go down the street.

Mark also stated there should be some kind of procedure to honor firemen who have died.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 8:45 PM. Out of Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

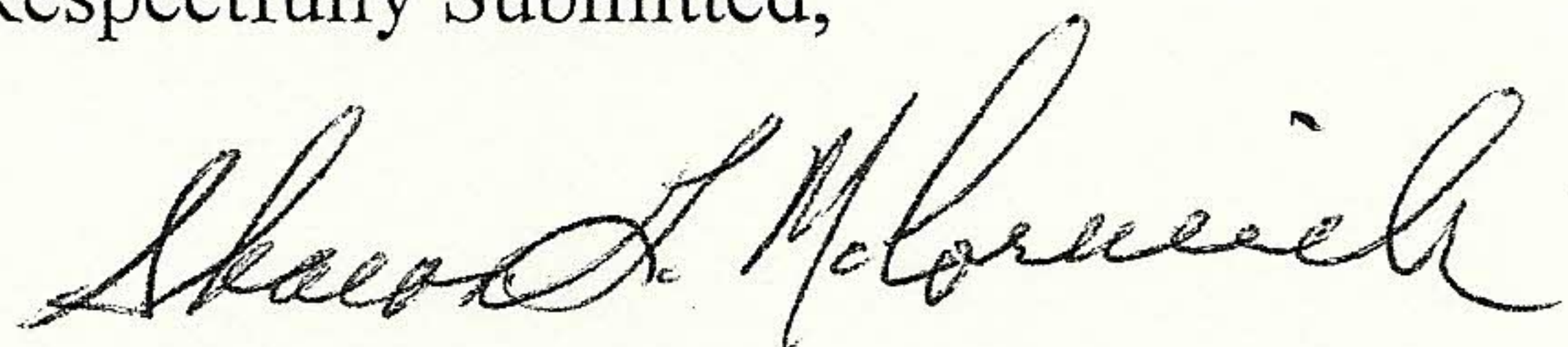
Harold Herr made a motion to pay Bill Hummel \$100 to put a pin in at the water tank property. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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ADJOURN:

Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. McCormick".

Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

SUBJECT MATTER

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| 1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber | Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events |
| 2. Harmony/Zelie Ministerium | National Day of Prayer |
| 3. Dept of Recycling & Waste | Spring 2012 news |
| 4. Butler Co. Tourism | Tourism Membership Meeting Toast to Tourism Reminder |
| 5. COGCARE | Progress Report & Invitation to Seminar |
| 6. Terri Dickow | PSAB April Update |
| 7. BCBA | Dinner Meeting (Don Pepe, Guest Speaker) |
| 8. WBCA | Minutes |
| 9. Butler County Tax Committee | Update |
| 10. First Commonwealth Bank | Junior Achievement |
| 11. Cobalt Community Research | Health Funding Strategy |