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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sharon P. McParvick  
Susan Atterman  
JAMES HUGHES  
Dorinda  
JACK SHANKS  
4/2/12

MARY HESS  
GARY W. RICE  
Sandy Ferrarolo  
Doris Schott  
Cathy Rape  
Frank Luek  
GREG SUCH  
Phyllis Metz  
Paula Sherwood  
Jim Hulings  
FRANK GRANWELL  
Sharon McParvick

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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:**

Mayor Rape corrected the minutes to read "HBA will reimburse the Borough for the CSX bill".

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Dave Szakelyhidi brought to Council's attention that Attorney Racunas was made a partner of The Law Offices of Patricia McGrail and the name will be changed to McGrail and Racunas.

Attorney Racunas reported that he is waiting for a letter from the arborist in order to proceed with obtaining PennDOT's permission to trim the trees at the water tank. He explained how to get an application on line.

Jackson Manor is being taken care of by Chris Rearick.

The Borough's Engineer, Bill Hummel recommended changes to the storm water ordinance. Frank Luek made a motion to allow Attorney Racunas to put an amendment together to allow the changes. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**COG:** Jack Shanks reported that he had received a report from fire companies that came from the last COG meeting. It will be in the Borough Office.

**HARB:** Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to put the bike racks in by the Center of Harmony and to put one in the square. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Jim Hulings stated that he thinks the bike rack by the Center of Harmony is obstructing the sidewalk. Wade Ion stated that there is approximately 4 ft between the bike rack and the curb. Dave Szakelyhidi agreed with Wade.

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

Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the trim on the log house belonging to Kathy and Frank Luek with the stipulation that it

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is finished in a year. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried with Frank Luek abstaining.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Historic Harmony Museum Shop aluminum sign. (which says "Museum Shop Entrance"). Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water Authority:** Dave Szakelyhidi brought to Council's attention that the Borough had dirty water due to the fact that the firemen had a practice at Seneca. Dave recommended that the Fire Company has to let Harmony know when they are drawing water for anything that is not an emergency. The Water Authority is to look into it.

**Parks Board:** The Bluegrass Festival made a profit. Six new bands want to be included next year.

Susie Altemus reported on money that has come in and donations received. Wayne Seibel will do the fireworks for the Silvester.

Jack Shanks stated that the kiosks at the trailheads need to be put in. They have to be done by next May according to the grant the Parks received.

Jim Hulings reported that there will be a 5K race this weekend. The race is sponsored by Grace Church.

There is a Halloween Party October 13 at the Bottlebrush Gallery. They would like half of the square closed. Council had no objections.

Jack Shanks read the 2012 agreement between Harmony Borough and the Community Park. Harmony Borough donated \$11,000.00 and the Friends of Harmony did two fundraisers for the Harmony Parks. (Which brought in approximately \$8,000.00)

Jack stated that Harmony Borough should donate \$11,000 again.

Jim Hulings stated "wouldn't the people work harder if they thought the money was going to their own parks?"

Mary Hess stated that the Friends of the Park are helping Harmony's Parks.

Susie Altemus stated that all the advertising said that the money was going to Zelig's park.

Mary stated that in the future it will say Harmony's parks.

Jack Shanks stated that it is a community effort.

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Dave Szakelyhidi asked if Jackson Township and Lancaster Township donated any funds. Mary said "No".

Mayor Rape stated that there used to be a line item on the budget for the community park for \$5,000 then it jumped to \$11,000.

John Rice asked if they are in favor of raising taxes by 2 mills to give \$11,000 to the community park.

Jim Hulings stated that this can't be resolved until Council sees the budget.

Jack stated "what about Harmony donating \$4,000 and the Friends of Harmony run their own fundraisers with the understanding that Harmony Borough still have discounted rates to use the pool."

Mary stated that it is not fair to the Zelig residents.

Jack stated that Council will make a decision when they get to the budget.

**Library:** Susie Altemus reported that Harmony donated their old street signs to the Library.

**WBCA:** Harold Herr reported that the Sewer Authority is trying to put a line in to Rock Lake. They are also starting to lay the lines to the airport.

**Staff:**

**Supervisor's Report:** Wade Ion reported that leaf pickup will be October 15 to November 19. The cost is \$800 to dump the leaves at Dambaugh's in Fombel.

**Police Report:** There was a car stolen off McCrackin's lot.

**Office:** Payroll will begin with the new company tomorrow. Wade proposed that the employees on time cards cut off pay on Tuesday so as not to have to write hours in on their time cards. Council had no objections.

**Zoning Officer:** Jack Shanks reported that Harmony Borough is still looking into hiring a zoning officer. Jim Hulings reported that he had looked into some companies.

**Administration:** Harold Herr made a motion to ratify the appointment of Amy Brown to full time as of January 1, 2013, and Sharon McCormick to part time at no more than 20 hours a week as of January 1, 2013. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COG:** Jack Shanks read a letter that he had received from Jeff Smith of COG concerning the incident with the crack sealer. He stated that it implies that it is Frank's fault. Jack stated that he is going to call Jeff. Wade Ion stated that they followed instructions as they were trained.

**Eppinger Zoning Status:** Jack Shanks reported that Tim Eppinger had applied for a variance.

There was discussion concerning the truck route signs.

Jack Shanks is to talk to property owners concerning the condition of the sidewalk at Bluff and Beaver Street.

John Rice made a motion to authorize Attorney Racunas to draft a resolution to get a truck loan. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**No Burn Ordinance:** Jack Shanks read a portion of the current ordinance. He stated that 2 years ago people started to form an environmental organization with a composting site. They wanted to submit a grant application for ¼ million dollars. In order to do so some things needed to be upgraded. One of the things was that there must be a no burn ordinance in effect. Jack read a portion of the new ordinance.

Jim Hulings made a motion to accept the ordinance as advertised. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Discussion. Attorney Racunas stated that the ordinance could be changed slightly without readvertising. The motion was amended to add recreational burning to section one of the ordinance and making the effective date May 1, 2013. Motion carried with Dave Szakelyhidi abstaining.

Jack Shanks reminded Council that newsletter articles are due.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Harold Herr to WBCA. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Hulings stated that he thinks Council should put someone in at the water plant on an apprenticeship.

Gerry Galat requested closing a portion of Foundry Alley and Cherry Alley to have a family and friend get together October 13. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to give her permission for the closing. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resident on Charles Street requested a light where the old water tank was. Mayor Rape suggested contacting Penn Power. Jack Shanks stated that he will call.

Council received a coal petition from COG. John Rice made a motion not to sign the petition. Jim Hulings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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John Rice made a motion to hold Trick or Treat the same as Zelenople. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A master lock is needed for the storage room. Wade Ion is to purchase it.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the bills as presented adding \$800.00 for dumping the leaves. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A 10 minute break was taken at 9:25.

Budget discussion.

Frank Luek made a motion to terminate the agreement between Harmony Borough and the Community Park. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**An Executive Session was called at 9:45.**

**Out of Executive Session at 10:05.**

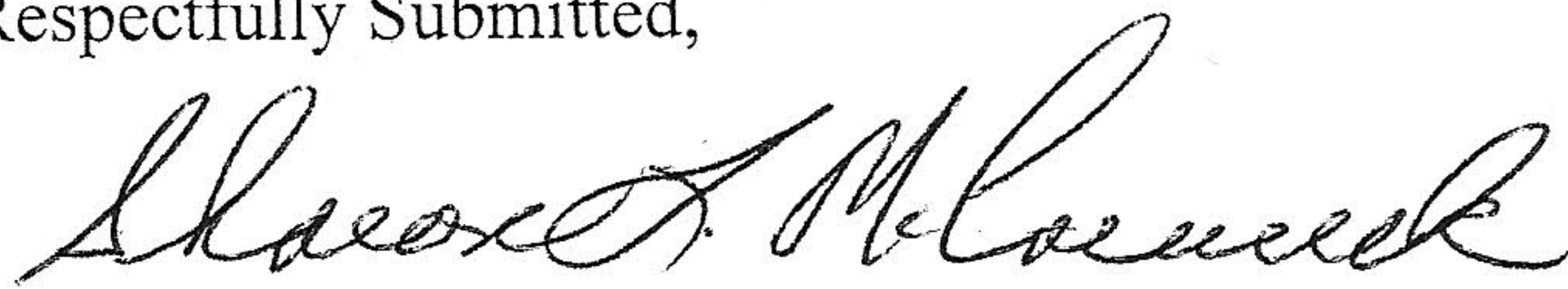
Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion for a 3% raise across the board. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** 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:**

**SUBJECT MATTER**

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber | Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events        |
| 2. BCBA                      | Spouses Night Out                             |
| 3. PSAB                      | October Update<br>Wake up to Issues Breakfast |
| 4. WBCA                      | Minutes                                       |
| 5. COG                       | September Agenda<br>Financial Statement       |
| 6. Butler County Tourism     | Butler Fall Festival                          |
| 7. Musical Theatre Guild     | 51 <sup>st</sup> Season Schedule              |
| 8. HARB                      | August 6, 2012 Minutes                        |