

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 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:

Sharon McNamee
Dawn
JIM HULINGS
JACK SHANKS
Cathy Rape
Gloria Boyle
Harold Herr
John Rice
Jim Metz
Susie Attomas
Frank Luek
Debra Luek
Sandy Ferrarino
John V. W. P.
GREG SUCH
FRANK GRANNON
JOHN RICE
Phyllis Metz
TIM MCCRACKIN

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 August 7, 2012 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had submitted the application to PennDOT concerning trimming the trees at the water tower.. The application was rejected and sent back because the arborist report didn't meet their required criteria. The application needs to list the value and type of trees. PennDOT said that they would rather have the trees cut down then trimmed. Attorney Racunas had a sample of what they want. Attorney Racunas will resubmit the application. The two issues remaining are the arborist report and whether they will waive the \$10,000.00 bond.

Attorney Racunas talked to Chris Rearick from Jackson Township. He is waiting on an email from him.

Concerning the truck loan, Harmony Borough qualifies as a small borrowing, so they don't have to go through the DCED application process which will save a lot of time and money. We just need to adopt a simple resolution.

Bill Hummel had sent some comments on the JADCO Stormwater plan. Attorney Racunas will look at Bill Hummel's recommendations and see if they can be changed on the plan.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Kelly Conger from Alliance for NonProfit Resources gave a presentation concerning grant writing services.

BOARD REPORTS:

Water Authority: John Rice reported that Rick Zoelle is resigning from the Water Authority as of September 6, 2012.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Ken Locke to the Water Authority Board to fill Rick Zoelle's unexpired term. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks Board: Susie Altemus presented the budget for the Park's Board. She stated that they would probably have to borrow funds from the Silvester account.

Frank Luek made a motion to transfer, not to exceed \$3,000.00, to the Parks Board Fund from the Silvester Fund with the understanding that the Silvester Account will

be paid back when proceeds come in. Jim Hulings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The T-shirts and wrist bands are in for the Blue Grass Festival. Motion carried.

The Parks Board would like to use Wayne Sieble for the fireworks for the Silvester Celebration. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to contact Wayne Seibel to do the fireworks for the Silvester. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Shanks stated that a motion had been made at the last meeting to put the bike racks at The Center of Harmony and in the Museum Parking lot. Susie Altemus stated that she would like one of the racks in the diamond in front of McFarlands.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize Wade and Frank to rent a stump grinder and pour a pad for the bike rack. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Harold Herr suggested asking Rick Zoelle if he could lend the Borough a stump grinder. Delsa White asked if the tree stump is on private property. Jack Shanks will check on it. Delsa also stated that she would like someone to go to HARB about the placement of the bike rack. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that someone will go to HARB. The motion was amended to "Authorize contingent on HARB'S approval." Motion carried.

Wade Ion stated that hopefully the limestone will be put down on the trail next week.

Harold Herr made a motion to donate the old street signs to the Library to use as they see fit. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: The Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Shaw lot plan. The drawing needs modified to say "line to be deleted".

PSAB: The PSAB Fall Conference is October 12-14.

Shared Services: The recycling grant was denied. They want proof that there is a No Burning Ordinance for Harmony, Zelianople and Cranberry.

Jim Hulings made a motion to advertise the "No Burn Ordinance". Frank Luek seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Borough Supervisor: Wade Ion reported that all the street lines and curbs are painted. The Street signs are up. A new flag needs purchased for the town square.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: Jack Shanks stated that they are still looking for a Zoning Officer. The Personnel Manuel needs to be approved by the first of November.

Finance: Jim Hulings has a wish list that he will email to Council by tomorrow. He asked that Council prioritize the items on the list and return it to him ASAP.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to proceed with outsourcing payroll with ADP. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion on whether to donate \$11,000.00 to the Friends of the Park. Council decided to wait and see where they are when they work on the budget.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay the CSX bill. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Historic Harmony will reimburse the Borough)

Streets: Jackson Township paid their portion of paving Mercer Street.

Jack reported on the Spring Street zoning issue. He stated that Mr. Eppinger has to get a variance or will be cited.

Safety: It was discussed that Harmony Borough is welcome to attend Zelianople Borough's meetings but in order for it to count for a deduction on our insurance, the Borough as to have their own meetings and follow specific state guidelines. Jim Hulings commented that it is a good idea to take advantage of training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Streets: Discussion on the unsafe sidewalks between Bluff Street and Division Street. Jack Shanks and Wade Ion will talk to the property owners about fixing their sidewalks.

Meeting Date Change: Jack Shanks brought to Council's attention that Jim Hulings, Phyllis Metz, and Sharon McCormick would be absent for the November meeting due to them being on the Election Board. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to change the meeting to the 2nd Tuesday in November. John Rice reminded them

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that they would have to pay to advertise the meeting change. Dave Szakelyhidi rescinded his motion.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Attorney Racunas stated that his bill should be \$1,303.00 instead of \$4,022.00. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all bills as presented, changing the bill to The Law Offices of Patricia McGrail to \$1,303.00. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

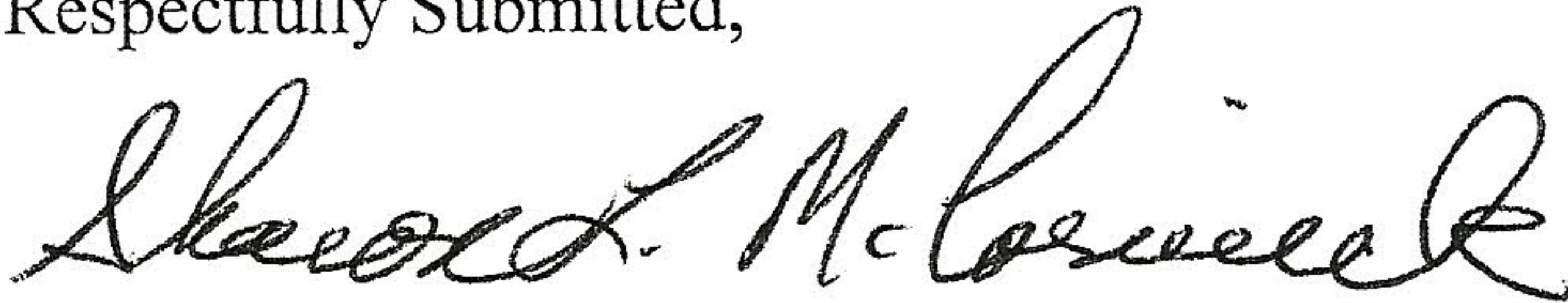
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe White commented on Act 13.

ADJOURN:

Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

1. Zelienople-Harmony Chamber
2. BCBA
3. Local Government Academy
4. PSAB
5. Historic Harmony
6. Strand Theater
7. WBCA
8. COG
9. Butler County Tourism
10. Fema
11. Armstrong
12. St Gregory
13. Debbie Borowiec
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SUBJECT MATTER

Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events
Meeting – Borough Code Updates
Grant Writing Workshops
Community Report Card
100 Years of History
September Update
German Dinner
Schedule of Events``
Minutes
Audit and, Financial Statements
Revised Income Statement for July
LGA Program Calendar
August Agenda,
Board of Directors Meeting
On Line Survey
Independent Customer Service Award
Great Pumpkin Race
Act 13