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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Joe Dippold, Don Sims, Jason Sarver and Mayor Cathy Rape

OTHERS PRESENT:

Council Meeting
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Bob Zyl
Cathy Rape
JASON SARVER
Cathy Rape
FRANK GRANNON
Joe Dippold
Frank Luek
Phyllis Metz
Susan Altman
Americo Allegretto
Jim Miller
Rockney Garsch
GREG SUCH
Joe White
ALLEN BAYER
Ann John

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CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum was reached and the President Greg Such called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the December 6, 2016 minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported on the EMA Ordinance, Matt had some concerns about the salary and benefits of the emergency officials but was not able to talk with Don Pepe; upon further review it is Matt's understanding that the salary and benefits are not part of the plan. It is a one year agreement with a 90-day termination provision. The Ordinance is ready to be advertised.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the EMA Ordinance. Matt will draft the notice and send it to Amy to advertise in the local paper. Joe Dippold commented that the paid positions may be two to three years down the road.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Such reported that there are a few appointments at this time.

HARB – In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the re-appointment of **Brett Shank** to the HARB for a 5-year term.

Parks Board – In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the re-appointment of **Ron Goehring** and **Greg Such** to the Parks Board for a 4-year term.

Water Authority Board – In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the re-appointment of **Ken Lockey** to the Water Authority Board for a 5-year term.

Planning Commission – In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the re-appointment of **Lori Welch** to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

Zoning Hearing Board – In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the re-appointment of **Russ Ottney** to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term.

Fire Police – In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Don Sims the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to recognize the Harmony Fire District 22 Fire Police as Harmony Borough's Fire Police.

Greg Such inquired if the individuals needed appointed, Mayor Rape commented that they were to be sworn in but they were not at the meeting. Solicitor Matt stated

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Fire Police Cont.:

that they could see Mayor Rape or the Magistrate to be sworn in. Solicitor Matt also stated that if they need the appointment we could ratify it at the next meeting.

COG:

Joe Dippold had nothing new to report.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the HARB meeting will be next Monday, January 9th.

Water Authority:

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that there were 553 registrants for the Silvester (1 less than last year), only 379 ran; due to rain. The Polar Plunge turn out was less than normal, weather was great but there was a Steeler game; will have finals next month.

The cones are back up at Wood Street Park, an estimated cost for the split-rail fence is approximately \$500; also discussed installing it themselves.

Greg Such thanked Susie Altemus for all her hard work pulling together the Silvester and Polar Plunge. Susie thanked Jen Janssen for helping, she worked 4 days in a row and isn't on the Parks Board; Jen and her husband, Chuck pitch in every year.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

Western Butler County Authority:

Greg Such reported that the budget was accepted in December. There are some plan enhancements over the next couple of years on the pumping stations and infrastructures.

Shared Services:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Parking and Signage:

Greg Such had nothing new to report, will reschedule the meeting with Mark Sapienza and the Harmony Inn.

Historic Harmony:

Rodney Gasch, President of Historic Harmony reported they had a successful Silvester. The Heritage Award nominations will be open for a few more days, contact Kathy Luek at the Museum or Rodney at HistoricHarmonyPresident@gmail.com to nominate someone for completed preservation/restoration/renovation projects or to encourage historic appreciation. The winner will be announced at Harmony Fest.

The HarmonieFest has been pushed back until mid-March.

The museum is applying for a matching state grant to replace windows in the Museum and the Wagner House with more historically correct windows.

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Historic Harmony Cont.:

Greg Such reported there is also a John Ruch Memorial Fund that has been established, it also funds a matching grant.

Greg Such thanked Rodney for his support with the Silvester.

Harmony/Jackson Meeting:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Ziegler – 774 Spring Street – Bob reported that he spoke to Jeff Hartzell at Penn Dot, Penn Dot will not fix the berm on Rt. 68, the Borough could fix it as long as it does not interfere with the road surface. Don Sims recommended not doing anything until we receive something in writing. Don suggested contacting the State Representative. Solicitor Matt agreed we should have something in writing. Bob stated that anything under 35mph is the Borough's responsibility, even on state roads. Jason Sarver stated that the second heavy rain he checked the run at Tod's (Domino) to study the flow, the grate is causing a back-up, need to clean it up. One cost estimate was received, one still out. Bob met with Barbish on December 9th and is waiting for Barbish to get back to him. Jason is looking at different grates and designs.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Dave Szakelyhidi commented on an article in the newspaper about a Lancaster Township Police Officer being let go because he (possibly a resource officer) allegedly interviewed students without a parent present. Dave stated that Harmony Borough has a school and we appoint the Zelig Police as our agency, Dave inquired if there is any procedure or guidance in place for these resource officers. Chief Miller commented that Zelig doesn't have a resource officer. Dave inquired if there was a procedure, could the School Board tell Council the procedure. Chief Miller stated there is a Memorandum of Understanding filed with the Police Department with an understanding with the School Board. Any questions Council may have should be directed to the School Board; call the Superintendent's office. Chief Miller commented that there are Rules of Criminal Procedure, there are juvenile laws – a parent or adult must be present.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing to report.

Greg Such reported that the Extern, Shalaine Marchwinski will be starting on January 9th. Shalaine will be working on the Newsletter and the Employee Handbook. The Newsletter will be out by the end of the month.

Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that the lights in the borough garage have been replaced, snow removal, the 2016 Salt Contract has been fulfilled. The black top at 114 Peffer Street, the piece of black top that was damaged during snow plowing is at the edge of the road. Frank had a picture – it is a small chunk. Solicitor Matt inquired if it is in

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Director of Operations Cont:

the right-of-way. Frank stated he could put cold patch in it. Joe Dippold inquired if it could get bigger next plowing. Frank Grannon and Mayor Rape can talk to the property owner. Frank inquired on the the 4'x 8' plywood screwed on to the barricade at the end of Wood Street, Frank inquired if it was art work. Greg Such commented that he would look at it. Allen Bayer, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, commented that it is a signage violation and it should be removed.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

Allen Bayer's report attached.

Susie Altemus inquired about the fire pit at the canoe launch; Allen responded that the violation has not yet expired.

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee Meetings:

Greg Such inquired about the committee meetings. Phyllis Metz responded to keep them the same as last year, April, July and October. Greg commented if Committee members feel they need to meet prior to that, feel free.

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that the Shamrock Shuffle is the next event.

Greg Such inquired if Phyllis could communicate with the new HBA President, Sherry Cepek, owner of the Enchanted Olive.

Business Development:

Mayor Rape reported that the next HBA meeting is January 12th. Mayor Rape inquired if anyone was going to the Radio System meeting. Greg Such suggested that our EMA Coordinator, John Kovacic, attend. The meeting is January 31st from 7:00pm – 9:00pm to explain everything.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver had nothing new to report.

Finances:

Greg Such reported that we received a rate letter from Maher Duessel for a one-year engagement it would be a minimal increase of a couple percent. Greg requested a formal letter be sent to the Borough.

The budget has been posted and accepted.

Streets:

Don Sims had nothing new to report.

Facilities: Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report.

Grants:

Greg Such reported the Reno Grant comes out in January. Susie talked to Dale Pinkerton for guidance on how to write a better grant application for a better chance of getting accepted. Parks Board will put in for its fall chips. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested the grant for the split-rail fence. Susie responded that every time we've

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Grants Cont.:

put in for landscape it has been rejected in the past; but we could try. Jason Sarver suggested not listing as landscape but protection. Solicitor Matt commented that it depends on how the grant is written.

Training & Conferences:

Greg Such reported they are on the Correspondence List.

Other:

Greg Such announced that the Jim Zeigler/Zoning Hearing Board re-hearing is scheduled for January 12th at 7:00pm.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Greg Such reported that the following lists of bills were presented to Harmony Borough Council for approval:

General Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **7,892.03**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ **1,612.91**

Payroll in the amount of \$ **7,287.52**

Silvester Fund Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **3,252.50**

Silvester Fund Already Paid in the amount of \$ **787.50**

Solicitor Matt reported that he did not get his invoice submitted this month due to a death in the family, there will be two invoices next month.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved all bills for payment as presented on the lists.

ADJOURN: 7:48 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the January 3, 2017 meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown
Secretary

Monthly Activity Report
Harmony Borough Code and Zoning Enforcement and Residential
Multi-Unit Dwellings Fire Inspection

December 2016

1. Stopped by the office two times each week to pick up mail, complete Building Permits and sign violations.
2. Filing and administrative work.
3. Created November and December Activity and Time Reports.
4. Attended December HARB meeting.
5. Attended December Council meeting.
6. Created violation notice for US Liner for parking semi-trailers in the Mercer St. parking lot.
7. Prepared fence violation for 101 N. Pittsburgh St.
8. Provided realtor with zoning information for property at the corner of Charles and Grandview.
9. Processed Building Permit for a garden shed at 427 E. New Castle St.
10. Prepared letter for Tim Hawk stating that no Occupancy Permit is required for residence at 213 N. Charles St.
11. Inspected 2 violations.
12. Checked on address at 214 Charles St. as being either north or south.
13. Created violation notice for address at 214 N. Charles St.
14. Called to remind Brad Wise to complete his sidewalk repair.
15. Spoke with Tom Richard regarding permits for install of double wide trailer on his property at 113 S. Charles St.
16. Spoke with Dr. Wahl regarding fence installation violation. Set up appointment with him on 12/13/2016 to discuss violation.

17. Met with Dr. Wahl, his wife and his fence contractor to discuss his fence installation violation and options to remedy the violation. He agreed to correct the fence.
18. Spoke with Jim Zeigler regarding his 1/12/17 Zoning Hear Board rehearing.
19. Spoke with Frank Luek regarding littering violation at the boat launch.
20. Inspected several properties throughout the borough.
21. Created a littering violation at 314 Monroe St. for fire pit and leaves on borough property.
22. Spoke with David Cored of Power Engineering regarding permit requirements for upgrade of cooling system at CVE.
23. Reviewed properties list for residential apartments fire inspection in 2017.
24. Spoke with Michael McGee regarding zoning letter for 179 Perry Hwy., Murphy Tractor. I referred him to Jackson Twp.
25. Spoke with Jim Zeigler regarding R1 zoning clarification of accessory structure.
26. Performed 3 violation inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer