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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING June 5, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harmony Borough
Council Meeting

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Joe Dippold
FRANK GRANNON

Phyllis Metz
Cathy Rape

Joanne Simz

Frank Luek
Dave Szakelyhidi

Sam Mucoby

Rod Rasch
Chris Swartz

ALLEN BAYER

Broad Wise

John Legalis

Mark Sarver
Josh Meehan

Jim John

Alan John

Sherry Ceppek

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council Vice President Don Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Don announced that our Council President and Attorney are both running behind but will be here.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the May 1, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

COG:

Joe Dippold had nothing new to report.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there are two Certificates of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council.

Center of Harmony – 251 Mercer Street – Building painting, the front will be dark grey with lighter grey trim and tinner red accents, side and rear buildings light grey with tinner red trim accents, posts of open space (old greenhouse) red, dark grey on outside open space (now green). In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Center of Harmony.

Josh Meeder – 206 Mercer Street – Mailbox, replace plastic post with black metal post, 2 black mailboxes. In a motion made by Jason Sarver and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the mailboxes.

Water Authority Board:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported they finished installing a surface scatter turbidity meter for the water that comes down the creek that we use as the source, we will have charts prepared for every dosage of what level of turbidity you have. It will save some time doing jar tests all of the time. Frank Grannon commented that it will help cut down on operator time, trial and error. Frank Grannon reported that the Water Authority interviewed Doug Eldridge and makes the recommendation for Council to hire him. Jason Sarver inquired what kind of background. Frank responded a little bit of everything, nothing in the water field. The other trainee we have, is going for his General Exam on the 28th, he is just about licensed now. Don Sims inquired if this individual is prepared to get his license, Frank responded yes. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to hire Doug Eldridge.

Solicitor Matt Racunas arrived at 7:05 pm.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus was not able to attend the meeting.

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PLANNING COMMISSION:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt no update on Premier Craneworks, it's been relatively quiet.

Shared Services:

Frank Grannon had nothing new to report.

Parking and Signage:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported there was an incident this week a truck trying to go to Robinson came straight down and tried to turn right onto Monroe Street, we get a lot of trucks come in and go right back out; it doesn't do us any good and it doesn't do the truck driver any good. In front of the Mantia building on Mercer Street there are two signs a blue US Liner and a white Truck Route Sign, Dave purposes that the Borough removed the truck route sign and put up a blue sign that says US Liner Local Access Only. Don Sims commented that those signs are regulatory signs and we are not touching them. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that there is a problem in town. Joe Dippold inquired if it is a continuation of the truck route signs on Mercer and German. Johnny Mike Ziegler suggested "Local delivery only." Don Sims commented that what Jason did 2 years ago has worked out well; we do get a stray trucker but it's not like it used to be, changing signage on a constant basis is not a good idea, it adds confusion.

Jason Sarver commented that individual interruption on signage is the problem, some cannot speak English, and it needs to be something that is clear to everybody. Don Sims commented that simplicity in signage is the way to go. Don Sims suggested tabling it for now and discussing it later. Dave Szakelyhidi would like it on next month's agenda. Jason Sarver inquired if Dave would like to have it put on a bullet point for a committee meeting. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that it needs resolved. Frank Luek commented that the drivers are following GPS not reading signs. Don Sims commented that it will not be resolved tonight and thanked Dave for the update.

Historic Harmony:

Rod Gasch reported that the Herb & Garden Fair/Plant Exchange is Saturday, June 9th from 9:00-3:00 at the barn. The In Harmony Music Festival will be July 20th & 21st with 16 groups, food, music, beer garden. Will have parking at the Steamfitters', and Sysco with a shuttle bus. They received a \$5,000 grant from the Butler County Tourism to run cable TV ads. Joe Dippold inquired if the window campaign was still going on, Rod responded yes, should find out if they got the grant within the next six weeks.

Harmony Business Association:

Sherry Cepek reported that the FleaTique is Saturday, June 9th from 8:00-2:00. Tables are \$10 if anyone is interested call Laura at the Campground.

Greg Such arrived at 7:15pm.

Appointments:

Greg Such reported there are no appointments

WBCA:

Greg Such reported that he missed the meeting; Solicitor Matt had nothing new to report. Greg Such reported that the Borough received a formal letter that the Act 537 planning was happening.

Parks Board:

Greg Such reported that the Wine Walk is Saturday, June 9th from 5:00-9:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Sapienza – 226 Mercer Street – Mark inquired if there would be any type of security on Saturday (during the Wine Walk). Phyllis Metz responded that Zelenople Police will be present. Office Dodson stated that she will touch base with Chief Miller who is out of town; there will be two officers on duty Saturday night to cover both Zelic and Harmony. If Chief Miller wants to have an extra person come out a half hour before to a half hour after the Wine Walk, Officer Dodson will make arrangements to have someone available for that.

Dave Anton – Grace Church – Dave stated that he was at the HARB meeting last night with a proposal to eliminate the slate roof on the Mercer Street side of the meeting house and sanctuary, have some substantial structural issues with leakage and damage happening. The cost to replace the slate is \$387,000 they received bids for asphalt with the highest grade slate looking asphalt shingle they could secure in an effort to keep as much character as they can. The old box cutters and flashing that was copper they want to retain all of that; they can financially achieve that goal. The shingles that they selected is the same like product as 515 Main Street. There was a motion purposed for the asphalt but there was no second, they left with no decision from HARB; not sure what the next step is. Solicitor Matt reported that how the Ordinance reads HARB has 30 working days after their meeting to approve or deny it. Council can override HARB's recommendation once it is rendered. Dave Anton commented that every time we get a rainstorm it is causing more damage. He contacted 6 to 8 slate companies; nobody wants to touch that roof. Josh Meeder commented that there was a motion to approve the asphalt, no seconded; it is Josh's interruption had there been a second they would have voted it down. Solicitor Matt stated that HARB has 30 working days to render a decision by motion. Solicitor Matt commented that if after the 30 working days they fail to render a decision, it would be assumed as a denial and it could come to Council for approval or denial. Dave Anton commented that in light of the conversation, HARB could have denied it last night and they could have been here tonight moving forward, Matt and Greg responded yes. Solicitor Matt reported that Council can approve or deny HARB's recommendation after HARB renders a decision, but it has to be at the next regular scheduled council meeting. Dave Anton commented that they are losing 2 or 3 months, then they will have to schedule with the contractor. Dave Anton inquired what Council's experience is of HARB holding a special meeting, Mayor Rape commented that they have done an email vote before, Solicitor Matt commented and

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.:

Dave Anton - Grace Church Cont.:

ratified it at the next meeting; they could do that and then it would come back to Council at the July 3rd meeting, HARB would have a regular scheduled meeting before the July 3rd Council meeting anyway. Greg Such commented that Council will consider it.

John Ziegler – 616 Wood Street – John inquired if anyone else thought the Inn's amplified music was louder than it used to be, it really doesn't bother him but his wife is a very light sleeper and it seems louder than it used to be. The Borough does have a nuisance ordinance and his wife said that if they play music that loud again at 10am she will call the police. Mayor Rape commented that when they started that it was supposed to be acoustic music. Mark Sapienza commented that it was really loud; he couldn't hear the phone ring, he took a video inside his garage. Greg Such commented that he will talk to Bob or Mike. Solicitor Matt commented that we do have an unnecessary noise- nuisance ordinance.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Greg Such inquired about the burglary, Mayor Rape commented that it was more of a spouse accusing a spouse of stealing stuff.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing new to report.

Borough Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that he filled a sink hole at the South end of Pittsburgh Street with cold patch. Frank received a quote from Penn Sweeping for street sweeping, it is \$115/hour for 8 hours it will be \$920.00 Frank reported that he spoke to Kevin Gray from the County, the bridge lights are ordered, they are backed up about 10-12 weeks.

Zelie is moving the limb pick-up for June until the next week. Don Sims inquired if the street sweeping is a vac truck or just a sweeper. Frank Grannon responded vac truck. Don also inquired on the electronic vote for the truck inspection that needed to be ratified. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to ratify the \$405.70 expense for the truck inspection. Frank Grannon inquired if we need to get a vote and then ratify it when it comes to a budgeted item. Greg Such responded that he would like us to have a limit. Frank Grannon commented that if he has a truck that is down and he needs it and he can't get it fixed, the truck sat in the garage over the week-end. Greg Such suggested having a \$500 spending limit. Frank Grannon commented especially if it is a line item. Solicitor Matt commented that if it's a line item it would be on the bills already paid list so it would be documented. In a motion made by Jason Sarver and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved a spending limit of \$500 for Frank.

Greg Such commented on the street sweeping, we need to keep the storm drains clean or we're going to end up with another situation like the run. Jason commented

Borough Director of Operations Cont.:

that it's really important for maintenance but he doesn't understand it; do they have to dispose of what they swept up, is there an extra charge. Frank Grannon reported that in the past Zelienople would come over and he'd follow them with our dump truck and then take what they swept up to our dump site. Frank called 3 companies, only 1 called back. Cathy Rape inquired if Zelie just had Municipal Sweepers do theirs, Allen Bayer responded yes. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved street sweeping up to \$1,000.

Zoning and Codes:

Allen Bayer report submitted.

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that she received an Event Form from Laura for the FleaTiques in the Square 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/15, and 10/13. The North side of the Square will be closed from 6am until 3pm. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the FleaTiques.

Business Development:

Cathy Rape reported that the cluster box on Main street went into use on Saturday, June 2nd. Cathy also commented that with the old mailboxes gone maybe signs will stand out, signage for the trucks. Cath also reported the brackets for the light post should be in this week.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported that he and Phyllis have been working on some administrative stuff. The Water Authority has hired another operator. Jason commented that with the higher regulations for the water operators the Borough needs to look at a seasonal part-time employee to help with street maintenance and grass cutting. Jason inquired if the Borough could afford it. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that we've talked about it but it is not in the budget, and we've tried different agencies and they didn't work. Phyllis Metz commented that we haven't advertised it ourselves. Frank Luek commented that it needs to be in the budget. Joe Dippold commented that if we skip the intern and the DCED Early Intervention, we could but it would be tight. Don Sims commented that we need to look at the cost before we jump into this. Frank Grannon commented that with DEP coming down on operators, they are not going to be able to leave the water plant. Joe Dippold inquired how many hours; Frank Grannon responded it usually takes 2 people mowing for 2 days. Don Sims suggested hiring a mowing service. Jason and Frank commented that we need help with other areas, crosswalks and curb painting. Frank Grannon suggested 20 hours per week. Don Sims commented take the mowing off Frank, he could look at other items and work them in. Greg Such commented the waterline project and street paving projects are coming up that Frank will be tied up with. It was suggested to advertise on-line, possibly Facebook. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to advertise for part-time summer help. The Personnel Committee will work out the details/requirements. The pay rate of \$10/hour was suggested, 18 years old or over.

Personnel Cont.:

Mark Sapienza suggested the Zimmerman kid; he's a good worker, he works part-time now at T&M.

Finance:

Joe Dippold requested a committee meeting soon.

Streets:

Don Sims reported that the bid openings for Pittsburgh Street paving was at 11:00 today, we had two options for paving; one option was from New Castle Street to Rt. 68 and the second option was from New Castle Street to Highland Avenue. The project is the removal of existing asphalt and subbase and the removal of the subgrade underneath, underdrains with 3 additional inlets and pipe, aggregate for underdrain trench, GO Tech fabric, aggregate subbase and then asphalt. The drainage work will be done by Barbish with the Borough supplying the pipe and inlets. The cost for Barbish for equipment and labor \$15,850; cost of the pipe \$7691, the drainage cost is around \$24,000.

Paving bids were: Option 1 from New Castle Street to Rte. 68:

Shields Asphalt Paving: \$74,558.53 and Weist Asphalt Products: \$88,595.22.

Option 2 from New Castle Street to Highland Avenue:

Shields Asphalt Paving: \$52,603.24 and Weist Asphalt Products: \$66,754.27

Don Sims made the recommendation to have Shields Asphalt Paving pave from New Castle to Highland and contract Barbish to perform his installation and we will provide the underdrain supplies with the total of \$76,144.24. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired what was in Liquid Fuels; we can't spend all on Pittsburgh Street and ignore the other streets. Frank Grannon responded \$90,740.34 (in Liquid Fuels). Don Sims responded that he is making this recommendation so that we have additional monies to perform the other areas that we're discussed previously. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if \$15,000 would cover the other areas in town. Don Sims responded that we are going to attack them all the best we can. Dave Szakelyhidi would like to patch all the holes in town and then do Pittsburgh Street where it is waffled. Mayor Rape commented that Pittsburgh Street has been done numerous times but this is going to do it right. Don Sims responded that the intension is to try to fix what the probable cause, which is the drainage. Don Sims recommended that we hire a testing company to perform the asphalt core so that we can ensure that we are getting the product that we are paying for. Greg Such inquired on the price to mill and repave, if we wanted to start working on the Square and in front of the Center of Harmony. Don Sims responded that the AC drives the cost of asphalt. Dave Szakelyhidi asked Frank to explain what the Water Authority did on Monroe Street. Frank Grannon commented they paved the ditch line, tarred and chipped; double seal coated and put an inch of top coat on it. Greg Such commented that we are not in a position to do that, Mercer Street needs to be milled out; it is too close to the curb height. Joe Dippold inquired what a ball park figure would be to fix potholes in town. Frank Grannon responded that it is based on square yards, how deep it is, if you're taking anything out. Greg Such inquired if the Borough would do repairs or hire someone. Frank Grannon responded to hire someone to do the repairs. Frank also commented to have Shields do it that would be a change order. Don Sims commented we could get a price; we do not have to go with it. Frank commented that he could get bid from Voelker. A motion was made by Don Sims and seconded

Streets Cont.:

by Frank Luek, to approve Shield's bid of \$52,603.24 for paving Pittsburgh Street between Highland and New Castle (option 2), Barbish's bid of \$15,850 and the underdrain supplies provided by Harmony Borough Manager in the amount of \$7,691.

Sherry Cepek inquired if they will give a bid for everything, Greg Such responded that we will ask them for a bid and the contractor that we generally use for small work (Voelker) for a bid. Mark Sapienza inquired who paved Pittsburgh Street the last time. Don Sims responded Shields. Mark inquired why have them do it again, it was a mess right after it was paved, it was a washboard. Frank Grannon responded that they milled 4" out, binder and top coat; drainage will help.

Roll call vote: Phyllis Metz – yes Frank Luek – yes
 Dave Szakelyhidi – no Joe Dippold – yes
 Don Sims – yes Jason Sarver – yes
 Greg Such – yes

Motion passed. Don Sims commented that with open bids, doing a public bid usually we can't negotiate with them after the bid has been submitted.

Don Sims reported there is a drainage issue on Charles Street, half in Jackson and half in the Borough, we've tried reaching out to Jackson and keep getting the run-around. Solicitor Matt will reach out to Chris Rearick in Jackson Township. Don Sims reported that the Borough will supply all the pipe.

Don Sims also reported on the potholes by the Harmony Inn, half is in the Inn's parking lot and half is on our street. Greg Such will write letter stating that we will repair out section and they repair theirs. Don Sims commented that back filling with gravel is not the solution.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported the Knox Box is here, Frank Grannon met with Tim (Sapienza) for the height and location the firemen want it, it needs installed. Dave also reported that the parking lot here looks terrible. Dave commented that he tried dealing with the truck traffic and got nowhere. Jason Sarver is to look at it with Dave this weekend. Phyllis Metz reported that the floor in the hallway (borough building) is worn through. Greg Such inquired what type of wood the floor is, Frank Grannon will look to see what type of wood it is.

Grants:

Greg Such reported on the Façade Grant, working with two communities; there is a proposal on the table. We will need to have a public meeting, we will have a facilitator in and we need to draw up Façade guidelines, and MOU's should be put in place with Zelienople and Mars. We are hoping that Butler County will help buy down cost of these things, which will basically reduce the out-of-pocket to Harmony by \$1500, we are waiting to hear back from Mark Gordon regarding where that stands. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired who would get the grant money. Greg Such responded that we would need to identify an area where the Façade Grant Program applied, probably in the Historic District, there is an application process, basically the building owner would get the grant.

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Grants Cont.:

Greg Such reported that we received the Tourism Grant, we got the ok to go ahead to purchase parking signs. Greg talked to the company that provided the low bid, we need to verify that the quote we put in is actually what we want; they need our art, Sign Innovation may have it. The signage needs done by the Christmas Market.

Training & Conferences:

Greg Such reported training and conferences are listed on the Correspondence List.

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 \$ 10,154.17

Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ 11,238.86

Payroll in the amount of \$ 6,225.00

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of \$ 3,433.60

Fire Tax Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ 78.20

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

ADJOURN: 8:30 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the June 5, 2018 meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown
Recording Secretary

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

May 2018

1. Stopped by the office two times each week to pick up mail, complete Building Permits and sign violations notices.
2. Filing and administrative work.
3. Prepared violation notice at 132 Old Little Creek Rd. for PMF trailer parked in side yard along Seneca Dr.
4. Spoke with Jenna Malone questioning if there is a setback for a pool from property line.
5. Spoke with a lady asking the same question. Must be Jenna's neighbor.
6. Spoke with Lisa from Barona Appraisers regarding R1 zoning at 114 Old Little Creek Rd.
7. Created Building Permit for garage addition at 1134 Seneca Dr. and for Patio Roof at 1104 Seneca Dr.
8. Created violation notice at 248 Mercer St. for upholstered furniture on front porch and violation notice at 300 Ziegler St. for trailers parked on Mercer St. parking lot.
9. Spoke with Libby Altner, resident of Harmony Townhouses, regarding firewall in house. I referred her to Jackson Twp.
10. Spoke with Kayle, subcontractor of PA Municipal Police, confirming that I was the Flood Plain Administrator for Harmony Borough.
11. Attended May Council meeting.
12. Created Building Permit for deck at 766 Spring St.
13. Completed Peoples and Columbia Natural Gas Surveys.
14. Spoke to Cherie Siefert, 441 E. New Castle St. regarding a patio and walkway in rear yard.
15. Responded to Greg Semel regarding a climate controlled center at the Fire District property.
16. Created building permit for deck at 1120 Seneca Dr.

17. Created House Number violation notice at 755 Spring St.
18. Sent email to Zelig Post Master confirming address at 116 Jackson St.
19. Spoke with Ian Smith, EIS Solar in Pittsburgh, regarding solar panel on Center St.
20. Spoke with Itasha Clay, Kathy Deemer Agency, regarding inspection for house sale on Center St.
21. Spoke with Frank regarding holes in street on Division and Pittsburgh Sts.
22. Spoke with Jason regarding scheduling of fire inspection at US Liner.
23. Spoke with Lisa Kasper about a deck around her pool.
24. Completed building permit for business sign at 253 Mercer St.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer