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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 4, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Greg Such, Joe Dippold, Don Sims, Jason Sarver.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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Joe Dippold
FRANK GRANING
Don Sims

ALLEN BAYER
Frank Luek
GREG SUCH
Don Sims

Suzie Alterkus
Jim Miller
David L. Lee
Joe White

Phyllis Metz
Rodney Gorch
Sandy Ferranolo
Josh Meeder

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Greg Such called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the August 7, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported on the drainage issue on Charles Street, we worked through the issue with DEP, confirmed with the Engineer his plan and a letter was sent to the homeowner stating to remove the debris within 5 days or we will remove it. The 5 days has passed, we can now go in and remove it. Greg Such reported that Frank has requested security when they unclog the drain, Greg inquired with Chief Miller, Chief replied to call and give the police notice when we want to do it. Mr. Tomo stated that he would like to know a date, it keeps dragging on and on, the Engineer said that it needed cleaned out six weeks ago. Greg Such responded by next meeting (it will be cleaned out). Mr. Tomo commented that they are reviewing their rights, if they need to do something then they will do something; they've been dealing with this for 30 years. Greg (Such) replied that it has been to this Council twice and we are moving it forward, we said that there would be a process and we did the process. Solicitor Matt commented that we are trying to do the step procedurally correct to put the issue to bed so you (Tomo's) or anybody else can't complain. Mr. Tomo responded that realistically that cannot happen; as soon as you open a drain there is going to be complaints. Solicitor Matt commented that we can say that we've already conferred with DEP, with legal, with the Engineer instead of just going out and pulling it and then saying oh wait a minute let's back track, what do we need to look at; we've already looked at it, we already know what we are doing. Mr. Tomo commented that six weeks ago the Engineer said that it needed cleaned out, Solicitor Matt responded that this Council only meets once a month. Greg Such responded that we had to wait until DEP did their investigation and then we had 5 days waiting for the property owner to respond. Solicitor Matt commented that we did this the exact way he thought this should be done, we're sorry if you are not happy, you do have your rights you can certainly can confer with whatever rights you have; Solicitor Matt suggested we go through this process in order to protect his client's rights, we've taken all the steps that Matt feels is necessary on our end, Matt thought they (Tomo's) would be happy about the outcome, he's a little surprised that they are not but as far as he's concerned we would have addressed the issue on our end. Solicitor Matt also stated that he's talked to the Manager over in Jackson so he's aware of it. Greg Such commented that we've talked to DEP twice, we've talked to Senator Vogel's office twice, we followed the process, our goal is to have this done in 30 days. Mr. Tomo responded that he hopes it's addressed by the next borough meeting.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

No 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.

Bottlebrush – 539 Main Street – Replace floor boards at second floor balcony, tongue and groove natural pine boards (natural finish) and paint balcony ceilings (both levels) Sherwin Williams North Holland Blue. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Bottlebrush.

Peter Donovan – 522 Main Street – Replace 3 windows at front of house (double hung) install new wood trim (white), house number and trim garage door (white to match windows) trim optional depending on ease of construction detail. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Peter Donovan.

Water Authority Board:

Frank requested approval to proceed with hiring Joseph Yusko, he was interviewed, has experience with testing but no license. In a motion made by Jason Sarver and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to hire Joseph Yusko contingent on the pre-employment drug test and physical.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that Lawnworks agreed to split the Wood Street Park extra charge of \$150.

Library Board:

Susie Altemus reported that September 27th is Book the Night at the Library, there will be a Chinese auction, proceeds go to the Library. October 13th is the Zelig on Tap beer tasting at the Park, there are two sessions from 2-5 and 7-10, there will be bands, and the proceeds go to the pool and the library.

Planning Commission:

Greg Such reported that a letter was sent to Calvin Church, it went out around the time of the August Planning meeting, will give them another month to come to the Planning Commission meeting before we pursue. Greg inquired what action we could take if they do not come to Planning. Solicitor Matt commented that we can issue a citation because they are in violation of our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Frank Luek inquired if Allen Bayer, Zoning Officer, has talked to Calvin. Allen responded from a zoning standpoint yes.

WBCA:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Shared Services:

Frank Grannon reported the last limb pick-up is going to be Thursday, September 6th.

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Parking and Signage:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Historic Harmony:

Rod Gasch reported that they had a great turn out for the gun show. The Antique Show & Sale is coming up on September 15th and 16th at the Harmonist Barn. In late March or early April there will be a special exhibit of quilts and coverlets, teaming up with the National Museum of the American Coverlet in Bedford and the McCarl Coverlet Gallery at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. It will be a two week show with three week-ends with speakers. Something that is in the planning stages, some commercial photographers use their facilities, a couple of weeks ago someone set up a tent next to the barn so their client could change clothes, did not ask permission, trespassed on the land, not sure if they were insured; they are in the process of putting a form together to charge people \$20 per day if they are going to use the meeting house, the barn for commercial photography. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired about the Museum's parking lot in front of the Harmonist Cemetery on Edmond Street, how many people use it on a continual basis; Dr. Wahl uses it and probably Shu Brew uses it. Rod responded that he thought there may have been an agreement with the doctor's office but will look into it.

Greg Such reported that ShuBrew is having a big event in September, would like Cath (Rape) to speak to them before the event, Greg will email her since she was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Phyllis Metz commented that it seems like they've been trying pretty hard, they have no parking signs everywhere. Jason Sarver commented that he spoke to Patrick; they are doing what they can to be respectful and courtesy. Greg Such commented that if they know or are expecting a large crowd maybe they can arrange some overflow parking with Sysco or somebody.

Harmony Business Association:

Greg Such reported that a representative was not present.

Other Meetings:

Greg Such reported on the Butler County Bylaws, we have a vote and we have to vote this month on the purposed changes to the Tourism Bylaws. The gist of it is the change to the objectives to the organization which is definitely broader which is now to promote Butler County as a premier tourism business destination as opposed to something that was a little bit more economical development oriented. The other gist is allowing online voting for board member votes, and the third was opening membership up to allow members like us and members from out of the county to be free members, not to charge an annual fee and the exchange for that is basically giving the hotel association a bit more leverage which is the hotel association will have the right to place a board member.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council accept/approve the bylaws changes of the Butler County Tourism Bureau.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Delsa White – Delsa reported that their house has been invaded several times since last September, it has slowed down due to Patrolman Goldie, who has been very helpful, the only thing missing is food, they have changed their locks. There was an

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announcement (Swift Reach) about car break-ins, Delsa inquired if the car break-ins have been resolved. Delsa also commented that there are Crime Watch signs on Jackson Street and Spring Street, she inquired how did they come about, what does crime watch mean, is it a real community involvement and how is it decided where a sign would be placed. Solicitor Matt commented that neighborhood crime watches are not Borough run it is residents who decided to get together and operate together and to walk around the neighborhood. The Borough or Township may put up the signs. Jason Sarver suggested an inexpensive home security. Greg Such commented that the Borough would install the signs if some were provided. Chief Miller commented that the Mayor put those signs up; there was a push for a neighborhood watch about 15 years ago, there was a meeting then nobody came back. Greg Such inquired if they caught the car break-in people. Chief Miller responded that he can't guarantee it but there's a pretty good chance, adding that every car hit was unlocked and stressed that residents should lock their doors.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Chief Miller commented on the car break-ins, purse, pencils, laptop were some items taken. Chief also reported on the new body cameras the officers will be wearing, they also have new cars and car cameras. The cameras run constantly, they do not tape everything they only tape the prior 30 seconds from the time they hit the button; car cameras operate the same way. It is a 5 year program, will replace every 3 years. People are aware they have them on. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that the Borough had to post signs for surveillance, is police required to post it. Chief Miller commented that law enforcement does not have to do that. Dave also inquired if it operates like the Fire Departments' man-down, Chief responded no. The new body cameras also allow officers to go into houses. Joe Dippold inquired who owns the data; Chief Miller responded that the Police own it. Josh Meeder commented that with an accident you can request a Police Report, Josh inquired if you can request the body cam data, Chief Miller responded it would be a Right-to-know Request.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing new to report.
Greg Such suggested a Newsletter to go out at the end of the month.

Borough Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that the 6 lights for the bridge are in, the 6 on there now need to go back to the County. Crosswalks and school signs have been painted. The summer help was finished on August 16th, it was a great help. Frank reported that Pittsburgh Street has been paved, had a few confrontations, poured the binder in the rain, short 2 loads to finish, came back in the following Tuesday brought the 2 loads with it and it started raining, and when they got up to New Castle with the top coat it started to rain. Greg Such inquired if that was detrimental; Frank Grannon responded that he's not sure. Don Sims inquired if Frank told them what he had told Dave, and if he had someone with him; Frank responded he was on the phone. Frank inquired if Council would like a new catch basin and a new piece of drain pipe installed on Charles Street, that catch basin is starting to collapse. Frank has the materials, will need someone to dig it out and put it in. Don Sims inquired if Barbish was available; Frank responded if he can get him in, he's getting pretty busy. Greg

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Such commented that Cinci may be available. Frank Luek commented that Don Rape may be available. Frank emailed Insight Pipe about the drain under Dambach, no response. Penn Dot working on the slope on Rte. 68, lights will be set up, 1 lane will go in to stage on Moyer's property. Greg added that it was supposed to start today. Frank commented that Penn Dot was tied up on a bridge inspection today, an excavator hit the bridge and fell off the trailer then a fracking truck came through with a big piece of equipment and got stuck under the 79 bridge on Rt. 68. Greg Such stated to keep after Insight Pipe, Jason Sarver commented that it is a low water time of the year, this is the window.

Zoning and Codes:

Allen Bayer report submitted.

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that she received an Event Form from MJ for the Sleepy Hollow on September 13th for the dog race, no street closures. Phyllis also reported on September 27th at Wood Street Park 6:30-8:30 the Women's Drum Group will be in, no street closures. Phyllis also reported that the Even Form has been successfully revamped, removed the Fire Police section, used Josh's suggestion and added Harmony being beautiful, but couldn't justify charging charities to hold the event in the Borough. Phyllis also suggested that he do what other's do and put sandwich boards out that say private parking/patrons only when there is an event. Josh Meeder commented that people using the access of town, he thinks the Borough should benefit from it. Greg Such responded that our cost is minimum, end up taking money off the charity. Josh Meeder commented that there is a cost transfer, it may not cost the Borough but it does cost businesses with lost profits.

Greg Such reported that Mind Hunters will be shooting/filming Friday under the Hartmann bridge, a letter was sent stating that we accept the detour with the stipulation that there be a policeman directing traffic in the Borough, they agreed to that and it went to Penn Dot. Chief Miller commented that they are trying to get an officer, limited on manpower, vacations, etc. Greg commented that they came back and said maybe they won't use the detour and just hold traffic periodically while we shoot. Greg told him that we welcome the filming and the publicity but what we don't want is trucks in the Square and how can we protect the Square if we do not have a police officer in the Square. He suggested taking pictures of the Square and if there is any damage they have insurance to cover that, they have a certificate of insurance for us.

Business Development:

Joe Dippold reported that the Business Development Committee had a meeting.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported that the Personnel Committee had a meeting and is moving forward with the employee retirement.

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Finance:

Greg Such reported that the 2019 Estimated MMO is \$41,255 for Harmony's portion, in a motion made by Joe Dippold and seconded by Phyllis Metz; the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the 2019 Estimated MMO.

Streets:

Don Sims inquired on leaf pick up, Frank Grannon commented that it will start in October and go until the week before Thanksgiving, after that the leaves can be bagged, it was suggested to put it in the next Newsletter.

Frank Grannon reported Shields was under on the binder and stone, and were over on topcoat from the spec sheet from Dick Knapko (Penn Dot Rep) did.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi suggested putting in next year's budget to replace some lights, possibly the 8 in the Square to match the 6 new lights on the bridge.

Greg Such commented that now is the time to be thinking of projects or a wish list for next year's budget. Phyllis Metz inquired if we need to put money in the budget for the floor or if there is money in this year's budget. Greg responded that there is money in the budget for repairs.

Jason Sarver will look at pricing for flooring; Jason and Joe (Dippold) are willing to lay it. There is approximately 230 sq. ft. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested Kessner Flooring.

Grants:

Greg Such reported on the finals for the Tourism Grant, Sign Innovation did not have our art for the signs, unfortunately Greg had to incur the cost for the art work, will need to get it out of the install which he thinks we can based on the price of the post and things like that they quoted. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that IBs Tek may have it. Greg responded that it's too late now; he was told Sign Innovation had it. Greg reported that we had a request for a No Exit Sign at the last block of Main Street because they have trouble with people driving down there and trying to turn around. Greg will get the signs ordered, the sign guys would like to have a walk through just to make sure they are messing anything up when they make them, Frank can join them.

Training & Conferences:

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

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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 \$ 7,414.59

Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ 3,803.46

Payroll in the amount of \$ 6,037.29

Liquid Fuels Bills Payable in the amount of \$ 451.05

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of \$ 27.45

Parks Board Bills Payable in the amount of \$ 160.35

Parks Board Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$500.00

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: 8:10 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the September 4, 2018 meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown
Recording Secretary

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

August 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. Attended August HARB and Council meetings.
4. Completed August Time and Activity Reports.
5. Completed building permit for outdoor stairs at 523 Main St.
6. Received call pertaining to illegal burning.
7. Spoke to Schultz Company regarding installation of a handrail on front steps.
8. Spoke to Thayer Miller regarding neighbor's bush planted on his property. I told him that this is a Civil Matter and not a Zoning issue.
9. Performed one vegetation violation inspection.
10. Performed three violation inspections.
11. Spoke with Tim Sapienza regarding Zelenople sign on Fire District fence. The sign is temporary in support of a children's fund raising program taking pictures throughout the country and will be down in 4 days.
12. Spoke to Grahame Keith regarding zoning for 134 Perry Hwy. I referred him to Jackson Twp.
13. Spoke with Rod Cerami, Howard Hanna agent, regarding property on Evergreen Heights. I referred Rod to Jackson Twp.
14. Inspected two properties for nuisance violations.
15. Spoke to Linda Brown, Hathaway Realty, regarding zoning at 508 Grandview Ave.
16. Received first Written Complaint Form, didn't know we had one, regarding outside lighting at Robinson Fans. I was previously informed of this issue and had reviewed the

Zoning Ordinances and extracted what was applicable to this complaint. This evening I drove over to Robinson Fans and around Harmony at Mercer and Monroe to witness the complaint.

17. I spoke with Tom McDonald regarding a winter temporary covering for his vehicle.
18. Prepared violation notice for Robinson Fans lighting.
19. Stopped by the office to sign Robinson Fans violation.
20. Spoke with Mayor Rape about having the blue van removed from the property at the corner of Robinson Way and Main St. I then spoke to Chief Miller and he will follow up this coming Monday.
21. Spoke to Elizabeth Krantz regarding replacement of front step. Informed her that no permit was required however, she must present this to HARB at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer