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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING November 13, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

*Council Meeting
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FRANK GRANNON

[Signature]

Jim Miller

Frank Luek

Tom L Gear

Don Sims

Phyllis Metz

Mark Barkley

Janice Barkley

Rodney Gasch

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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 Don Sims and seconded by Jason Sarver, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the October 2, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported that the Calvin Church Planning letter has been sent out informing them that they have failed to use the proper process as far as applying for a Subdivision and Land Development Application, they have 10 days from the receipt of that letter for compliance. Matt also reported on the Pension documents, Randy Rhoades has prepared the documents and ordinance, Solicitor Matt asked for a motion to advertise that Ordinance. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Joe Dippold, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the Pension Ordinance. This will be ready for adoption at the next meeting, please review the documents before then, if you have any questions, reach out to Matt. One issue we will have to look at is the Water Authority is the affect as far as the contribution for the employee vs what we now pay on an MMO, that is something that we will have to evaluate and see, we have 30 days and Matt will discuss at the next Water Authority meeting.

Solicitor Matt also reported on the parking for Barkley's, because this for residential use most of the ordinances discuss minimal parking requirements not maximum parking requirements. There are three ordinances that come into play, general ordinance relating to the construction of driveways and expansion of driveways, this is tied into our Zoning Ordinance, under those two ordinances the property owner wishing to add more than two parking spaces would need to apply for a permit from our Zoning Officer; because we do not have a specific driveway permit they can apply for a building permit and explain what they want to do to their existing driveway. There are requirements under our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) that deals with when an owner wants to enlarge or relocate parking areas and our Storm Water Management Ordinance dealing with driveways, making sure expansion of driveways doesn't affect water run off mostly onto the road. Jason Sarver inquired if it's a gravel surface. Solicitor Matt suggested the owner submit a building permit application and plan of the exact size of lot and the exact size of area to be graveled, it will be passed along to the Engineer for review and possibly go through Planning, what our SALDO says the other should provide the Planning 6 copies of site plan, Matt would like to submit to Planning for comment. He would like a detailed drawing to send to the Engineer to review to make sure it will meet the requirements in the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Mrs. Barkley inquired if the survey would be acceptable; Matt responded yes if it has the size of the gravel area on it. Frank Luek inquired if Bill (Engineer) doesn't have an issue would it still need to go through Planning. Solicitor Matt responded with Planning it would allow for comment from the neighbors. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if they would be using another curb cut; the Barkley's responded they would be using the existing driveway. Mrs. Barkley inquired how long it will take; Mark's concern is the weather is getting colder. Matt responded a week or two. The Planning meeting is next Tuesday, they are non-binding, and they make recommendations to

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT CONT.:

Council. Mark Barkley inquired if he would have to do another PA One Call; Frank Grannon responded they are only good for 7 days.

Solicitor Matt reported that the Cable Franchise Agreement is due in January, he will review and discuss next month.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

No appointments.

COG:

Joe Dippold had nothing to report.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there was a guest speaker at the HARB meeting, Joe Jenkins from Grove City, he's the one who donated the 8 books on slate roofs, he had a book signing and talked for about an hour and a half, he is very knowledgeable. Joe Dippold commented that he clarified the need to protect slate roofs and the cost issues.

Water Authority Board:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that a letter was received from DEP; Frank Grannon reported DEP will be charging the Water Authority a new fee in the amount of \$10,000 according to our customer base. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that it includes the population from CVE School and all three Seneca Schools. The fee would have been \$1,000 without the schools. Greg Such inquired if Paul (Engineer) filed for an exemption from including the population of the schools, Dave responded that he did. Frank Grannon commented that Matt said other municipalities pass that cost on to their customers and list it on the bills as EPA expense. Dave Szakelyhidi reported there may be a rate increase.

Parks Board:

Greg Such reported that Susie was unable to attend; Silvester planning continues.

Library Board:

Greg Such reported that Council received a packet on the Library funds used and funds raised, Council can review.

Planning Commission:

Greg Such reported the next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 20th.

WBCA:

Greg Such reported that WBCA received tentative approval on the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit.

Shared Services:

Frank Grannon reported that Zelig wants to borrow the skid steer to set up the Christmas display in the Park.

Parking and Signage:

Frank Grannon reported that he looked into the "Watch Children" sign. Frank spoke to Chief Miller and a traffic study is no needed. It is a little tight, Frank suggested a smaller sign, Chief Miller commented it needs to be a Penn Dot approved sign. Jason Sarver inquired where it would be placed, Greg Such responded by Crans' to warn drivers. Frank Grannon inquired what should be on the sign, Watch Children, Children at Play, Slow Children. Don Sims responded Watch Children. Dave Szakelyhidi reported on garbage trucks using jake brakes in town. Solicitor Matt commented that we do not have an ordinance; Matt can send an ordinance for council to review. Chief Miller commented that it may be a liability issue. Don Sims suggested sending a letter to Vogel and Waste Management requesting no jake brakes be used in residential areas in Harmony. Frank Luek recommended sending the letter to US Liner as well.

Historic Harmony:

Rod Gasch reported that there was a good turnout for the Christmas Market, received positive comments; Greg Such commented that he heard positive comments from a new vendor, and one negative comment – not enough Christmas music. Rodney reported that parking was better, they added the Steam Fitters with a shuttle, however there were fewer cars. Phyllis Metz commented that Sysco was not used much; maybe it can be advertised more. Jason Sarver commented that the buses should not go into the Square, pick-up points outside of the Square; it is difficult to let buses through but not other traffic, especially if they are tailing the buses. Rod Gasch commented that the planning work on the window project will be made in March. He inquired on prevailing wage and how to put a value on health insurance. Don Sims responded it goes by county and trade.

Harmony Business Association:

Greg Such reported that there was not a representative present.

Other Meetings:

Joe Dippold reported that the EMA Coordinator, John Kovacic is stepping down, possibilities are to merge with Connoquenessing Valley or Scott Frederick may take it.

The Harmony Fire District will have their quarterly meeting tomorrow at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Lozar – 433 Highland Avenue – Mr. Lozar reported that the front of his house is on Rt. 68, vehicles speeding on 68, his neighbor has 3 small children, they wonder down to 68, Penn Dot did a speed study, he volunteered his yard for the sign, he requested a little more patrol from the police, if the Borough could put up a speed limit sign, he will volunteer space in his yard. Mr. Lozar is also concerned about the storm water run-off, silt and gravel needs to be cleaned up. Penn Dot said it's the Borough's responsibility. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired how the state can claim it's our responsibility when we don't get Liquid Fuels. Don Sims commented it's standard Penn Dot. Greg Such commented that historically we have swept Rt. 68 and cleaned it. Jason Sarver commented to address the speed, the speed limit sign should

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go back up since the hill is fixed. Chief Miller reported they did their own study, it was in the 85 percentile that Penn Dot uses, there's not a problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.:

Tom Lozar Cont.:

Greg Such commented that we could order another sign, Slow Children sign. Chief Miller commented anything under 35 mph the municipality is responsible for speed limit signs, Penn Dot does not regulate speed limit 35 or below. Mr. Lozar commented that the temporary traffic light was a God sent for them. Chief Miller also reported they had someone threaten to take it all down, during the single lane the temporary traffic light went out for 3 hours the last 2 days.

Mr. Lozar commented to keep up the good work in the Borough, doing a good job.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email. Chief Miller reported that the driver was cited that was in the Square. Chief Miller commented about the US Liner trucks coming into the Square during events, he suggested sending a certified letter to US Liner notifying them that the street will be closed. Greg Such commented that during the Silvester the DJ blocks the street, they can't get through. Joe Dippold commented that the Swift Reach notification is also sent about street closures. Chief Miller also commented that for events they are going to charge an impact fee; will discuss with Phyllis (Metz).

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing new to report.

Borough Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that the paving on Charles Street is done. Leaf season ends on Friday, November 16th. The leaves have been wet and packed tight, picked up 15 loads so far, will probably have another 15 or more.

Pittsburgh Street had a sink hole earlier this summer; there is another sink hole behind where the first one was. It is near the baseball field, it's about a 6" hole and it is hollow underneath. Frank would like to dig an area possibly 6x6 to see what is underneath. Greg Such inquired if Frank could get it covered back up, Frank responded they should be able to but will need to move pretty quick on it, but he doesn't have any prices being that he doesn't know how big it is going to be. Greg suggested seeing what Barbish or Voelker say.

Frank reported that he got the lights up on the bridge, still have one more to go but it gave us a good look at the difference between how it lit it up. Frank suggested saving money for lights in the Square, the lights shine down on the surface vs. the sky. Frank reported that the Rt. 68 project is wrapped up. Phyllis Metz reported that Mr. Moyer is concerned that the hill slid out 4' already at the bottom. Bob Ziegler has contact information for Penn Dot. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested Bob give us the contact information and the Borough send a letter on Borough letterhead.

Greg Such asked Frank Grannon to take a look at it.

Don Sims inquired if anyone contacted Jackson Township on the pipe on Charles Street, Greg Such will call Chris Rearick.

Zoning and Codes:

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported on the Reindeer Race, Joella's race on the upper streets in Harmony and Zelenople. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Reindeer Race on December 9th.

Phyllis Metz reported on cleaning out the basement, she asked Jason (Sarver) and Joe (Dippold) to help. Frank Grannon suggested taking the scrap to the garage and the rest to the landfill. It was discussed to split the signs and barricades between the basement and the garage.

Business Development:

Greg Such reported that Cathy Rape was unable to attend. Greg reported that Cathy left messages with Robinson's, no response. Dave Szakelyhidi commented the message is to encourage Robinson to clean up the broken concrete coming into town. Greg reported that Cathy met with Peter Smerd; he was to set up a meeting with US Liner representative, himself and the Borough, have not heard anything. Dave Szakelyhidi commented about the fire hazard in the floodway. Greg Such reported from Cathy that the bollard was damaged, will have Amy get the Police Report and send bill to the trucking company. There is a hole in the N.E. corner of yard in the Square. Frank Grannon commented it is by Rodgers. Greg reported that Cathy wanted to publically thank Frank Luek and Jason Sarver for repairing the raised bed in the Square, Jason Sarver and Joe Dippold for refinishing the hall floor. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he would like to congratulate them for picking out a historical color, they picked colonial slate color. Cathy Rape also wanted to thank Joe Dippold for taking pictures of trucks that damage Borough property.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver had nothing to report.

Finance:

Greg Such reported that the Finance Committee will meet and finish off the budget; it needs to be adopted by December 31st. Solicitor Matt reported that we will have a tentative budget to be approved for advertisement at the December meeting, available for inspection for 10 days and will need to be approved after the 10 days. Matt suggested instead of adjourning the December 4th meeting continue the meeting after the 10 day inspection period to approve the budget and then adjourn. Greg Such reported the meeting will be continued on December 18th. Dave Szakelyhidi commented not to forget what Frank said about the street lights, they are obsolete and if they get damaged and we don't catch the driver, it's out of pocket. Frank Grannon commented that the dump truck needs tires. Don Sims inquired how many lights are left to do. Frank Grannon responded about 32; Don stated they will be done in chunks. Greg Such inquired on the cost of one light, Dave responded the head is about \$1500.

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Streets:

Don Sims reported that when the street is cut to do a repair the contractor or property owner pay a bond, when the work has been complete they request their retainage release. He has a current bond in the amount of \$8,640. Don would like to lower the bond and change the retainage to 6 months. A motion was made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi to return \$7,640 of the street opening bond to the resident and retain \$1000 for 6 months. Solicitor Matt reported that this is set through an ordinance, the Street Opening Ordinance. Matt inquired if the borough charges for the permit, Amy responded yes, \$50. Solicitor Matt commented that typically the fee is enough to cover the Engineer to inspect to make sure whatever job was done meets specifications. The Borough's fee is very low, usually there is a linear foot element to it; usually there is a base fee and then a linear foot charge on top of that. Solicitor Matt inquired if we required a curb to curb pave, Don Sims responded no. Solicitor Matt will look at Street Opening Ordinance. Don Sims rescinded his motion; Dave Szakelyhidi rescinded his second to the motion.

Don Sims inquired if a note was sent to the Zelienople Police about not putting obstructions in the road way, Greg Such commented that he did not.

Don Sims told Frank Grannon to make sure he has a tally of the number of loads that went to his dump. Don Sims also reported that he cannot get pricing back regarding the drainage at the Center of Harmony, he has a couple alternate plans he would like to discuss with the Street Committee first. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired on paving for next year, who needs to pave Water Street. Frank Grannon commented that he does not think it is the Borough's to repair, he doesn't plow it.

Facilities:

Greg Such reported that we received a bid for replacing bricks on the Borough building, remove 70+/- bad brick from walls, replace with brick supplied by the borough, re-point all areas as needed, fill in large gaps between foundation stones; total bid \$1,380. Don Sims inquired if we have the money; Frank Luek replied that we have the Heritage Fund. In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the bid of \$1,380.

Dave Szakelyhidi inquired about Rt. 68, it doesn't drain; the resident (Mr. Lozar) was talking about it. Don Sims stated it is the State. Greg Such commented that Mr. Lozar talked about the speeding on Rt. 68 and street sweeping. Frank Grannon commented that street sweeping is \$119/hour; they didn't give an estimate of how long it would take to do. Greg Such commented that at the end of the year, if we weren't over on expenses then we will sweep the street (Rt. 68).

Grants:

Greg Such reported that the signs are due from the Tourism Grant.

Dave Szakelyhidi inquired on the grant the county is pushing, Greg Such commented that it is the Infrastructure Bank; you need to have a project.

Training & Conferences:

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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 \$ **16,394.10**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ **40,820.89**

Payroll in the amount of \$ **8,300.90**

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **51.38**

Silvester Fund Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **325.50**

Liquid Fuels Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ **3,860.00**

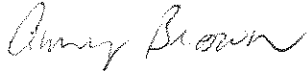
In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved all bills for payment as presented on the lists.

Greg Such called for an executive session at 8:40pm, out of executive session at 8:53pm.

ADJOURN: 8:54 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the November 13, 2018 meeting at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown

Recording Secretary

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

October 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. Researched higher flood plain management in response to Council request pertaining to material stored outside at US Liner.
4. Attended October HARB and Council meetings.
5. Spoke with Kent Addams, Addams Motorcycle, regarding new flood mapping. I referred Kent to Jackson Twp.
6. Discussed Barkley request status with Greg.
7. Updated Mayor on status of US Liner outside storage issue.
8. Created and delivered a letter to the Zelig Post Master regarding changing the address at 415 E. New Castle St. to 415 Unit A and 415 Unit B.
9. Spoke to Mark Barkley regarding status of his request to stone his front yard for parking.
10. Spoke to Tom, 433 Highland Ave., regarding requirement of building permit to install a small bracketed awning over his kitchen door.
11. Spoke with John regarding required building permits for house and patio roof construction on S. Liberty St.
12. Spoke with Tom Murray regarding a vegetation violation. I will meet with him on Wednesday at the site of the violation.
13. Met with Tom Murray to review vegetation violation at CVE.
14. Created reminder violation notice for Calvin Church pertaining to having no sign building permit.

15. Spoke with Mark Barkley regarding the status of decision to stone his front yard.
16. Spoke with Patty Turchin, Caldwell Banker, regarding property on Little Creek Rd. I referred her to Lancaster Twp.
17. Spoke with Kim, About Pittsburgh, questioning if horses are allowed in Harmony Borough.
18. Spoke with Dan Keeny regarding passing out flyers at CVE for day care.
19. Spoke with Bill Thomas, 725 Spring St., about the new FEMA map and his being turned down for a home equity loan by PNC as a result of his location on the flood map.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer