

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING April 2, 2019

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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FRANK GRANNON
Don Sims
Joe Dippold
Greg Such
James McCormick
Susie Antenucci
Phyllis Metz
Frank Luek
Cathy Rape
Daniel R. Cox
ALLEN BAYER
James Sarver
OFFICER BRET HIGGS ZPD
Mark Sykes
Kathy Luek
Sandy Ferrando

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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 March 5, 2019 Council meeting minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported the Wood Street Handicap Parking Ordinance was discussed the past two months and is ready for adoption. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the adoption of the Wood Street Handicap Parking Ordinance.

Matt also reported that he sent out a notice violation at the request of our Code Enforcement Officer and sent one regarding the Church with the subdivision and land development, Matt will report back when he hears something.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments:

Greg Such reported there are no new appointments.

COG:

Joe Dippold had nothing new to report.

HARB:

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

Harmony Square – To remove block raised planters and lower planters to curb height. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Harmony Square. Greg Such inquired if HARB had any thoughts on the Square, Mayor Rape responded that they had a lot of opinions, too many to go over tonight. Jason Sarver commented that we should collect opinions and proceed how we see accordingly; our goal is to beautify the Square. Mayor Rape inquired if we have had any payment for the damage. Amy responded not yet. Joe Dippold reported that one of the drivers is a direct supplier to US Liner and after the 30 days has passed they will start leveraging them. The second driver they do not have much control over, it was a third party.

Harmony Museum – Wagner House, Harmony Museum, and Shed. Paint to match windows and trim. Flat Ultra-Pure White - field and trim, match "Amish Blue" Flat - windows and trim. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Harmony Museum, Wagner House and shed.

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HARB Cont.:

Harmony Museum – Weaver’s Cabin. New natural stone border for front planter. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for Harmony Museum Weaver’s Cabin contingent the Museum Board’s approval.

Parking Signage – Center of Harmony/Healing House. Ten 18”x12” Customer Only Parking signs, green reflective. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Center of Harmony/Healing House.

Sam Hopkins – 528 Main Street. Install new A/C condenser and a new electrical meter, both to be located next to the existing component in rear of the building. In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 528 Main Street.

Water Authority Board:

Frank Grannon reported the Water Authority bought a truck.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that she and Frank are going to work on getting mulch and park clean-up, hopefully Traco volunteers in early May. We have a request to book a wedding at Wood Street Park in September.

Library Board:

Kathy Luek reported on the Library events, the Cash Blast fundraiser will be on April 26th tickets available on Eventbrite and at the Library, the Wine Walk will be on June 8th from 5-9, it is the same day as the Museum’s Herb and Garden Fair; and they will celebrate their Centennial (100 years) in 2020. Kathy reported that Harmony Borough’s population is 890, there are 569 residents of Harmony are registered patrons of the Library, which is 2/3 of Borough residents that use the library, and asked Council to donate to the Library.

Historic Harmony:

Kathy Luek reported that the Coverlet Show is running now and will go through April 13th; next Thursday there will be evening hours from 4:00-8:00pm. There will be a Flea Market on Saturday, April 27th from 8:00am-2:00pm, and there will be a Small Farm Animals Day partnered with Butler County 4H on Saturday, May 11th at the Barn from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek had nothing new to report.

WBCA:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Shared Services:

Frank Grannon reported that branch pick up with start in May.

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Parking and Signage:

Frank Grannon reported that dog signs are not up; he needs to do a PA One call. Frank Grannon inquired if the handicap sign can go up, Greg responded yes. Jason Sarver asked for an update on the truck traffic since the signage was switched around. Joe Dippold commented that the trucks in the Square are significantly down in number, there was one last week that came through but when he saw the fine signs he turned back around.

Harmony Business Association:

Joe Dippold reported the next meeting will be Thursday (April 4th) at 6:30pm.

Other Meetings:

Greg Such reported on the meeting with Mark Gordon and Bill Hummel to discuss drainage around the Center of Harmony, agreed on how we're going to do it, question now is getting prices. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that was before Sam Hopkins was going to build a building there. Greg Such commented that we will need to get Right-of-ways; but first we need prices to see if it is doable. Frank Grannon inquired if Council wants one rough quote or multiple quotes on it. Greg Such replied if it is under the bidding limit, one will do but if it is over the bidding limit then we're going to need three. Frank Grannon inquired if he should get one to start with, Don Sims responded yes, we will need to see the size of the structure he (Sam Hopkins) wants to place and where; we can figure out if we need to extend our inlet, where we need to place it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Cox – Representing the **Connoquenessing Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency**, resident of Lancaster Township, has been involved with the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company and in 2016 became the Emergency Coordinator for Connoquenessing Borough, prior to that he was involved with the Emergency Management with Jackson Township. An Evans City resident, Mrs. Zoelle, contacted him in January interested in what could be done in Evans City about what could be done about the long term flooding. He had mentioned to her that Harmony, Jackson and Zelienople were looking into a study and mentioned they should work with Harmony, Jackson and Zelig to look at this in a regional level; she also has reached out to County Commissioners and others. Daniel met with Joe (Dippold) and Cathy (Rape) in November regarding an Emergency Management Agency, there are three municipalities involved in it; Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, and Evans City Borough and are looking to approach emergency preparedness at a regional level. Mayor Cathy Rape commented that the Borough is currently looking into other areas to join with or possibly go on our own again; but it is an option to go to Connoquenessing. Greg Such commented that one thing that Mark Gordon had mentioned as far as trying to manage the flooding of the Connoquenessing basin is trying to put together a more regional storm water management. Daniel Cox commented the run-off has really been a big thing over the years. That is what got us with Ivan in 2004; we had too much run-off up stream. They were able to help with that through the Hazard Mitigation Grant they put in with Jackson Township; there are programs like that on a federal level that are available.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS CONT.:

Mark Sapienza-226 Mercer Street thanked Council, Mr. Sims and Frank for fixing the potholes. Mark inquired who benefits from the race (Shamrock Shuffle), Greg Such responded the Rotary. Mark inquired how many people came to help from the Rotary. Greg Such responded they bring a pretty good bunch of volunteers. Mark commented that there were intersections blocked with nobody manning them; you have police doing two of the major intersections. Mark also commented that the Harmony Inn probably spends a lot of money on insurance and everything; and they were outside selling beer with their machine and there was a guy, and this guy has been there every year, usually it was a Ford Taurus giving beer, sometimes money is exchanged, out of this green pick-up truck backed right up against the stop sign by the Harmony Inn, it is not fair to the businesses. Josh Meeder commented that it could be a liability to Bob (McCafferty – Inn). Jason Sarver commented that he thought he saw Bob (McCafferty) talking to the guy and didn't pursue it, he thought he was part of the Inn, taking the keg into the Inn.

Kathy Luek reported that the stop sign at Rt. 68 and Harmony Way is down.

Denny McCormick commented that he was not at last month's meeting because he was told he didn't need to be here for the handicap sign. He knows council voted for it, and inquired if they will get it. Greg Such responded that Frank will change it out. Frank Grannon commented that it will be up tomorrow. Denny commented that he will be 99 this month. Greg Such inquired if Saul was the oldest resident of Harmony Borough, Denny responded yes.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Office:

Amy Brown had nothing new to report.

Borough Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that the potholes have been patched, used 3.5 tons; no side streets or up top were done. Have a few more pop back up again, Spring Street is falling apart down from McCormick's. Mayor Rape inquired what the patching cost, Frank Grannon and Greg responded \$2500. The Mayor inquired if we could get that again to do more. Frank responded to see what is coming around, he has a few big ones back on Spring Street he can get to, and a couple up top, there is a sink hole he needs to get dug out and filled in; he would like to get hot mix for them. There is also a low spot in front of the new house on Pittsburgh Street when the sewer was put in, it needs dug out and some good fill put in there. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired about Spring Street, it's not pothole patching. Frank responded Spring Street from Mercer to the Railroad needs paved. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if we needed a motion. Greg Such responded that it's the Street Department's recommendation first. Jason Sarver inquired with warmer weather if we Frank still need the hot box. Frank Grannon responded that it the best way. Greg Such commented that the last two times we had Voelker come in. Frank Grannon commented that about the time you get a hot box rented and a roller, you're about the same cost, and you'd have more labor.

Borough Director of Operations Cont.:

Frank reported that employee evaluations are done, except for his which is scheduled for Friday. Frank if we should run the ad from last year's summer help, Greg responded to go ahead. Frank reported on the street sweeping, same guy and same price as last year, \$115/hour eight hours, dump in storage area, sweep Rt. 68 at night for four hours, \$460 with travel time, will take skid steer up to break it loose, it was suggested to have it done around mid-May. Frank also inquired if he could purchase the new style of paint for the crosswalks once it gets warmer and try to get an earlier start on them this year. Don Sims inquired if it was within Frank's \$500 range, Frank Grannon stated it is around \$80-\$100 for 5 gallons; Don commented that it is within Frank's \$500 range.

Zoning and Codes:

Allen Bayer report submitted.

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz reported that on the Event Form for the Summer Concerts, the June 27th concert with fireworks, need to close the Square from 5:30 – 10:00 pm. Phyllis completed the request for Police Service, will use Mike Cornell and one Police Officer at Main and German Streets. In a motion made by Phyllis Metz and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Event Form for the June 27th Summer Concert. The July 11th, July 25th and August 8th concerts will require closing the streets from 6:30 – 9:00pm; will have Mike Cornell and 1 Police Officer. In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Summer Concerts. Dave Szakelyhidi commented to notify the businesses of the Square being closed. Phyllis Metz reported on an alternative security, it is Wright Company, they do traffic control, they are almost as much as Police. Jason Sarver reported that they have to be certified in non-emergency traffic control. Phyllis Metz will get estimates.

Business Development:

Cathy Rape reported on the invitation from Penn Dot, May 13th from 10am – 11am at the Cranberry Township Public Safety Training Center, the presentation is on transportation improvements and projects under construction in 2019 and the accomplishments done in 2018. Mayor Rape also reported on the Mothers' Day Brunch on May 12th from 10:00am – 2:00pm, \$14.00/per person at Stewart Hall, reservations are required; it benefits the flowers and beautification fund for the Square, also selling totes for \$7.00 each the "Harmony Garden Gnomes." Cathy also reported that the next HBA meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm at the Rodger Brothers.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported that he and Phyllis did the employee evaluations, they have one left then they will be finished for the year. Have the final suggestions for the employee handbook, it will be finalized. Phyllis Metz inquired about the pension.

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Greg Such responded sent a letter to the attorney (Randy Rhodes), waiting on his response regarding what the next steps are.

Finance:

Joe Dippold reported he just received the audit reports, will have a committee meeting to address the normal stuff. Greg Such commented that the audit comments are the same as they have been for the last couple of years, there are some things that we can probably get rid of. Frank Luek reported that he and Phyllis (Metz) went to the Butler County Tax Collection meeting. He inquired if Amy receives reports from Berkheimer on collection, they have an extra set Amy can have.

Streets:

Don Sims stated that he would like to ratify the vote for the pothole patching via \$2500. Greg Such commented that they are on the bills, as long as the bills are approved it's covered. Don inquired if Frank got a price on the slotted grate, Frank responded nobody told him to get one. Frank is to get a price for a round, road rated slotted grate for Aster Lane.

Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if the drain pipe on Mercer Street under Josh's building is 24", Don Sims commented that he believes it is 24". Dave commented that it is terra cotta pipe which is the same as all the sewer pipes in town, WBCA has been using Insight Pipe to line them. Dave inquired if the Borough could do the same thing with that pipe and it will be sealed and no water can come up into Josh's basement; it's cost effective for the Sewer Authority, it would be the same for us. Greg Such responded there are times when the Sewer Authority cannot do that. Dave Szakelyhidi commented you have to have manhole to manhole to do it. Don Sims commented that he has done pipe lining and the pipe has to be relatively straight, when they looked at the film going through that pipe, there are a lot of obstacles in it. Dave Szakelyhidi commented there are not inlets or outlets, it is all under his building and it's a straight building. Don Sims also commented that the pipe has deterioration, and the other idea was to get as much volume through. The problem with Mercer Street drainage at the low point that goes underneath Josh's building is that it's a pipe that has deteriorated, it is only going to get worse. We have come up with a plan for a better location to run the pipe to get it down and to get the water out of that section of town and also to abandon and remove the drainage pipe that goes underneath Josh's building. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that was not discussed with Josh, the Borough is going to plug off both ends and expect Josh to keep that pipe pumped out at his expense; it will be an astronomical price to keep that pumped out. Don Sims replied it's a sump pump. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that ground water is going to infiltrate into it. Josh Meeder commented that he does not understand the risks that Dave is pointing out. He assumed if the pipe was capped at both ends there would be no water that can get in there. Dave Szakelyhidi responded ground water. Josh Meeder commented that he has a sump pump in the basement, if it is going to come up through the pipe it is going to come up through the limestone. The problem with the drain is that it is so deteriorated that there is about a 30' section from the front of the building going back that every time the culvert is filled with water, not when it backs up from the Creek but when there is too much through put, it is coming up straight through the pipe in multiple areas where it is cracked. Don Sims commented Josh's other option is that the ground water that is underneath the basement exist regardless if the pipe is there or not, you can either put your sump in there and pump it out through the pipe or uncover the pipe, bust the pipe in, cave

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the pipe in and back fill it. The pipe underneath Josh's building has deteriorated past the point of repair. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that that is Don's opinion and

Streets Cont.:

inquired if the Borough had Insight Pipe look at it. Don Sims responded that we already had the pipe camered, it is not his opinion, he's been at Josh's when it's rained and the water came up through the floor. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if Insight Pipe should camera it. Don Sims responded no, it would be a waste of money. Don stated the Borough needs to get a variance to get through the properties to do anything, through Sam's (Hopkins) and Josh's (Meeder), Solicitor Matt will contact them. Solicitor Matt stated that he would need a survey to give him the location to do the location of the easement and a construction easement, probably 5 foot on each side. Sam Hopkins commented on the schematics, Don Sims stated after the meeting he will talk to Sam about where his building is and what he is going to do. Frank Luek inquired if Insight Pipe could look at the old tape and make a determination. Greg Such commented that an InSight Pipe guy is on the WBCA's board, they meet next Thursday.

Facilities:

Frank Grannon reported that the LED lights for the storage building were approved a while back but never bought, the prices have dropped dramatically and asked if they could be purchased now. Don Sims inquired on the cost. Dave Szakelyhidi commented they used to be \$200 each, now around \$80-\$100 each. Greg Such commented that they were already approved to purchase, let's do it. Frank Grannon stated that he had the old motion lying on his desk.

Greg Such inquired on the back door for the Borough building. Frank needs to get a price. Phyllis Metz offered to call and get prices from Allegheny Lock & Safe. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he always uses Dambach Lumber but would need someone to install it.

Grants:

Greg Such reported that we did not make the cut on the creativity of our proposal for the Local Government Academy Intern Grant.

Training & Conferences:

Greg Such reported that the PSAB Conference is 6/9 to 6/12 in Hersey, if anyone on council is interested in going the Borough pays for it, others 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 \$ **9,226.70**

Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ **8,494.04**

Payroll in the amount of \$ **6,123.26**

Fire Tax Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **2,279.91**

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

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Greg Such called for an executive session at 8:00pm to discuss personnel, out of executive at 8:16 pm.

In a motion made by Frank Luek and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved to pay raises retro to January 1, 20109.

Adjourned: 8:17 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the April 2, 2019 meeting at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Brown".

Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

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

March 2019

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 March HARB meeting.
4. Attended March Council meeting.
5. Inspected 3 property violations.
6. Created violation notice at 568 Main St. for leaves in street gutter.
7. Created violation notice at 201 N. Pittsburgh St. for non-snow/ice removal along Center St.
8. Spoke with Matt Racunas regarding zoning for no parking signage.
9. Created reminder violation notice for leaves in gutter at 568 Main St.
10. Spoke with Chief Miller regarding enforcement of no parking signage.
11. Spoke with Josh Meeder regarding zoning and enforcement of no parking signage.
12. Completed no parking sign permit for 253 Mercer St.
13. Spoke with Tim, contractor, regarding permitting required for replacement of electric panel.
14. Performed one building permit inspection.
15. Spoke with Tod Crawford, contractor, regarding the Building Permit for an addition at 332 Second St.
16. Created Building Permit for rear addition at 332 Second St.
17. Spoke with Ryan, Roofing Contractor, regarding zoning for roof replacement.
18. Performed two violation inspections.

19. Created violation warning notice for 568 Main St.,
leaves in gutter, and sent to Matt to send to resident.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen E. Bayer