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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 7, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Such

Phyllis Metz

Frank Luek

Dave Szakelyhidi

Joe Dippold

Don Sims

Jason Sarver

Mayor Cathy Rape

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susie Altemus - virtually

Allen Bayer

Frank Grannon

Sam Hopkins – virtually

Don LeFebvre

Chief Jim Miller

Andrew Orient

Solicitor Matt Racunas – virtually

Engineer Tom Thompson

Joe White

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Greg Such called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in-person and remotely through Zoom virtual meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE:

MINUTES:

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the August 3, 2021 Council meeting minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Racunas reported on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, better known as Airbnb. Matt has drafted a Short-Term Rental Ordinances for other communities, it may not apply because we have a situation that is commercial opposed to residential but will work with Allen and Greg to get something together for Council to review. We should regulate the Airbnb because they can become a real nuisance.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments:

Greg Such reported there are no appointments.

Council of Governments (COG):

Phyllis Metz had nothing new to report, three people showed up to the meeting, they may have it after the Community Outreach Meeting to get more attendance.

HARB:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there were four Certificates of Appropriateness that HARB approved and recommended to Council:

550 Main Street - Black 4" house numbers above the front door and a motion flood light at rear alley corner. Joe Dippold inquired if the light would bother neighbors. Dave responded it depends on where it is aimed.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 550 Main Street.

516 Main Street – Rear roof – replace slate with Owens Corning Quarry Gray shingles and replace 10 windows (front and sides) with Weather Shield Aluminum-Clad Double Hung 6 over 6 Cameo Red (brick red).

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 516 Main Street.

538 Main Street – Grace Church Office – New windows Anderson Double Hung 6 over 6 White.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Phyllis Metz, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 538 Main Street.

HARB Cont.:

508 Main Street – New paint, siding color is Sherwin Williams Archipelago HGSW3311 and the trim color is Sherwin Williams Napery HGSW2167.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Frank Luek, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness for 508 Main Street.

Water Authority Board:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that there was a waterline break on Thursday (September 2nd) we lost 60,000 gallons in 5 minutes, the guys worked until midnight to repair the break. Seneca Valley School campus was isolated, Evergreen Nursing Home, the houses on Evergreen Mill Road and Hartmann's Restaurant were without water. Engineer Paul Cornetti contacted DEP; a boiled water advisory was issued; Frank posted the houses. BacT samples were taken for two days, Frank took the samples to the lab in Kittanning and Sunday the sample came back negative and the boiled water advisory was lifted. We are in good shape, a lot of hours for the employees this week. Cathy Rape inquired what the Nursing Home does without water. Frank Grannon replied that the water was back on by 9:30 or 10pm but couldn't drink, he talked to a manager and bottled water was brought in to get them through until Wednesday. Dave Szakelyhidi mentioned that he spoke to Al and Zelenople has/had a water buffalo, not sure if it is still in use; will look into it. Greg Such thanked Frank Grannon for keeping it together. Allen Bayer reported that Amy was not able to do a Swift Reach notice because it was after Zelig's hours, discussed possibly training Amy to send the Swift Reach notices out or give her personal contact numbers for Zelig's employees who do the Swift Reach notifications.

Parks Board:

Susie Altemus reported that all the concerts went well, there will be trees planted at Swampoodle Park in October. Cathy Rape is donating another tree for Swampoodle Park. Greg Such reported they started working on the Silvester. Frank Luek reported that people are leaving trash at the Canoe Launch. Greg Such inquired if a trash can should be placed there, then it would need to be emptied. Dave Szakelyhidi commented to put a sign that says Pack it in – Pack it out. Susie Altemus and Greg Such stated there is a sign there already. Jason Sarver suggested posting a reminder on Facebook to clean up. Susie will have it posted on the Harmony Parks Board Facebook page and Jason Sarver will post a reminder on his as well as Next Door. Don Sims inquired if signs are going to be purchased. Greg Such responded yes, it will just come out of the Parks Board. Frank Luek commented temporary plastic signs.

Library Board:

Frank Luek reported that on September 23rd there is a virtual presentation by artist Kim Beck. The Library is trying to put together a concert at Zelig Park with Eugene and the Nightcrawlers as a fundraiser on Sunday, October 10th. They're also starting to get some drawings of their addition.

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Planning Commission:

Joe White reported that the paperwork for the Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 4A was review and filled out by the Planning Commission and will be sent to HRG.

WBCA:

Greg Such reported that there is a meeting on September 15th of Zelianople Council, Lancaster Council, and Harmony Representatives to plan for the new sewage processing plant. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that there is no limit, if all of (Harmony) Council wanted to go they could. Cathy Rape commented that she is unable to attend on the 15th. Phyllis Metz inquired on what the meeting was about. Cathy Rape responded that Zelianople and Lancaster did not agree to paying for their portion of the deal. Harmony and Jackson have approved it. Cathy Rape stated that it is at 7:00 at Lancaster's Community Building.

Shared Services:

Frank Grannon reported that the last limb pick up will be Thursday. Greg Such commented that there will be limbs at Wood Street Park. Leaf pick-up starts in October.

Parking and Signage:

Greg Such had nothing new to report.

Historic Harmony:

Rodney Gasch was unable to attend the meeting, Greg Such reported that Rodney thanked Council for the basket of flowers that were sent. Cathy Rape and Andrew Orient reported that on September 17th there is a concert, the Wayward Tavern, the cost is \$30.

HBA:

Cathy Rape reported that Sweet Water Farms is having an Oktoberfest on September 18th at the Wunderbar patio from 5:00pm-10:00pm. They will have a couple breweries, they are looking for a winery, will have food, and acoustic music. They were hoping some of Council would come down and introduce themselves so Council gets to know the businesses and they get to you Council. Cathy also reported that other businesses can set up there to promote their businesses. Cathy Rape also reported Sleepy Hollow will be October 9th from 9:00am-5:00pm, kids will be out trick or treating during the Sleepy Hollow, should have a Swift Reach for that.

Other Meetings:

Harmony Inn - Greg Such that there was a meeting with the Harmony Inn, the week after the last Council meeting; they were very gracious and have already turned the music down.

Robinson Fans – Greg Such reported that there was a meeting with Patricia from Robinson Fans talking about Robinson Drive and the parking there. The decision was to hold off on doing anything as far as changing any parking signage until the building/business is operational. They also discussed cleaning up the cracked

Robinson Fans Meeting Cont.:

concrete on Rt. 68 and agreed to figure out a way to collaborate on that. Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Robinson also agreed to participate in community events including the use of their parking lots for the Silvester. Jason Sarver inquired on ideas for the cracked concrete. Greg Such responded that Dave (Szakelyhidi) had an idea to remove all the concrete and put black top in and some beautification along the side. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that there are two curb cuts, he floated the idea that Robinson remove all the concrete and put a small driveway between the curb cuts to access their shed they use for snow plowing and plant flowers or shrubs between the sidewalk and the new drive thru. Patricia volunteered that they have associates that would like to participate in planting flowers and maintaining it. They discussed how Traco sends employees in to help with the Parks clean up; Robinson asked to be included in that.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don LeFebvre – 332 Monroe Street – Don commented to US Liner, stating that Council needs to ride down there. If we got the rain Pittsburgh did, there would be water up to here (Liberty Street). Greg Such and Mayor Cathy Rape commented that they have been cited. Allen Bayer reported that they have been sent a violation and they have until September 23rd to clean it up and if not then it will go to the Magistrate. Greg Such commented that Council is aware of it, we have pictures, we have to give them sixty days. Greg also commented that WBCA sent them a complaint letter as well. Don LeFebvre also commented that on average there are 5 trucks a week that come down and 5 minutes later are going back up. Greg Such commented that they're probably Robinson trucks, that was discussed in their meeting. Greg reported that we log the trucks that come into the Square. We have NO TRUCKS painted on the street; we have NO TRUCKS Signs. Jason Sarver commented that it is an ongoing problem, we put a lot of time on it. Cathy Rape commented that they need to buy a truckers GPS, and some cannot read. Joe Dippold commented that it has decreased. Greg Such commented that we have made some progress, there's not as many. Don LeFebvre commented that he paints his curbs, we wanted to paint the crosswalks. Don Sims commented that Don needs to remember once you start painting lines on public roads, not only do you encourage other people but you also take on the full responsibility of anything that happens. Jason Sarver commented to put it on the line painting schedule and make sure we do it. Frank Luek commented about putting a height limit by German Street but the expense of it. Don LeFebvre commented that they would take it out.

Andrew Orient – 516 Main Street – Andrew inquired about Aster Alley not being maintained by the Borough. Mayor Cathy Rape responded that no alley is maintained by the Borough. Andrew inquired if it was up to the residents to do something about the potholes? Mayor Cathy Rape inquired if the Borough had any millings. Andrew Orient also mentioned that Josh (Meeder) would sell that back lot and inquired if the Borough would be interested in some way acquiring that to make it a parking lot. Don Sims responded that Josh had brought that to Council a couple of times over the past 4 or 5 years and the answer is no. Andrew inquired if the Borough would have a problem if Historic Harmony applies for a grant and buys the property and makes it a parking lot. Greg Such responded as long as what they do the Borough Engineer agrees with. Cathy Rape commented that it cannot be paved.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.:

Andrew Orient – 516 Main Street Cont.:

Jason Sarver commented that to keep in mind whatever you put there will be washed away. Greg Such commented that it is in the floodplain. Andrew Orient also inquired about the storm drain and the sewer line under the Center of Harmony. Don Sims responded that the Borough had gone over everything with Josh for multiple paths to try to get the water/drainage. Unfortunately, every time there were complications, Josh himself had stipulations and the best path was through someone else's property and that's where it ends. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that Greg was to confirm with WBCA that there is a major sewer line running through Mantia's building. Greg Such responded that he did not check, it didn't make the minutes. Don LeFebvre commented that he's been here 55 years, that water backs up all the time. Don Sims commented that the water doesn't stay up forever, and once it does the idea was to try to drain it. When there is a major event we're done, but when there are a lot of minor events then it becomes major. Don LeFebvre inquired if the Borough tried cleaning it out. Don Sims responded that the Borough has done a lot of investigation over the past 5 years and cleaning it out is not the issue. The pipe itself is failing. Greg Such commented that it has been scoped, we've talked to Insite (or one of the reliners) said it can't be done. Don Sims commented that they can discuss it after the meeting.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report:

Report submitted via email.

Office:

Nothing new to report.

Borough Director of Operations:

Frank Grannon reported that he met with Cory Shaffer from Penn Dot and Cory signed off on the paving and stopped in the office to help Amy file the completion report. Frank reported that last year at the end of snow season, started having problems with a valve on the spreader, US Municipal in Evans City and the cost is \$358.

In a motion made by Dave Szakelyhidi and seconded by Don Sim, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the purchase of the valve in the amount of \$358.

Frank also reported that with leaf season starting he contacted Lake Forest Gardens for a price, they want to upgrade the facility and put a concrete pad in, the cost to deposit leaves will be \$1500, last year it was \$750. Frank also contacted a place in Butler, long turn around time and the same price, Seneca Landfill charges by the ton.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Dave Szakelyhidi, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the leaf deposit of \$1500 at Lake Forest Gardens for the season.

Borough Director of Operations Cont.:

Frank Grannon also reported that the flag in the Square is getting tattered and needs replaced, that flag is on back order with Carrot Top. A smaller flag will be purchased along with the larger flag for the Square, the smaller flag will be put in the Square until the larger flag comes in and then the smaller flag will be moved to the Borough Building.

In a motion made by Don Sims and seconded by Joe Dippold, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved the purchase of two flags not to exceed \$200.00

Solicitor Matt Racunas stated that he will purchase the flags for the Borough, he has done that the last two years. Council thanked Matt for paying for the flags.

Zoning and Codes:

Allen Bayer report submitted via email.

Engineer Report:

Engineer Tom Thompson reported that Frank Grannon gave him a tour of the Diminno grading and Dambach drainage issues, where he also met Mr. Diminno. Tom commented that putting a larger pipe in by Dambach's would cause more water to hit the smaller pipe and make the problem worse. More study is needed. Mayor Cathy Rape reported that Bob Ziegler couldn't be here tonight but asked Cathy to convey what Tom (Thompson) found plus he wants the committee of himself, Jason, Joe, and Greg about a plan to get something done on this. Monies need to be put into the budget for when the Engineer comes up with a plan the Borough can do it. Jason Sarver commented that he doesn't want to spend money on an Engineer coming up with a plan when it might be way out of our league. Greg Such commented that we won't know until we have a plan. Cathy Rape commented that we do have some money from the state. Greg Such commented that he thinks Dambach's is paying their own way. Phyllis Metz inquired if we could use part of the \$87,000, we got from the state. Jason Sarver commented that this is based off of Tod saying that it floods and his basement floods all the time, we've been monitoring it and he hasn't seen it flood since the new grate was put on. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that is why the Engineer is looking at it. Greg Such commented that we need a professional opinion. Cathy Rape commented that the Engineer is going to tell Dave Magill what kind of pipe to put under their property and have specs. Jason Sarver inquired who hires. Greg Such commented that it's okay that Borough hires, it is our spec. Don LeFebvre inquired if the guy who is getting the water in his basement, if he checks his gutters.

COMMITTEE and OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Safety:

Phyllis Metz had nothing to report, will need an Event Form for Sleepy Hollow. The Christmas Market Event Form has been voted on, still need the Certificate of Insurance.

Business Development:

Mayor Cathy Rape reported that she wrote a letter to the Railroad on July 15th regarding the parking lot on Spring Street for us to buy it, improve the looks of it and

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had safety concerns; she did not get a response. Sam Hopkins commented that CSX has a system online that you can submit an offer online and type all that in and they will get right back to you, he will get Cathy the link to the system. Greg Such thanked Sam (Hopkins). Cathy thanked Frank Luek for repairing the bollard in the Square that was hit; an invoice was submitted. Mayor Cathy Rape also inquired about the EMA Director; he is not communicating. The water buffalo was mentioned, maybe that is something they need to buy, there is money in the account. Greg Such commented that the EMA Director is absent. Frank Grannon commented the water buffalos are a high expense because they have to be maintained and dechlorinated, it has to be licensed, inspected and tested to take drinking water out. Joe Dippold commented that he thinks that is why the EMA got rid of it. Greg Such commented that the main issue is that the EMA leadership is absent. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he talked to Tim Sapienza to see if he would want to do it. Tim is going to reach out to Carl Johnson, Joe Dippold and Carl are on the EMA. Mayor Rape inquired what other municipalities are doing. Greg Such commented that he talked to Don Pepe about it and Don agreed it is a problem but he is too busy to take it over again. Greg talked to Chris Rearick; he agreed this a problem but he did not give any volunteers. Cathy inquired about the #2 EMA Coordinator, John. Greg and Joe commented that John didn't do anything when he was #1. Joe Dippold commented as long as the Borough is covered legally that we can take care of ourselves like we always have. Greg Such commented that he attended the meeting that they requested, and spent an evening filing out forms so the Borough is covered. It would be nice if Tim could help in some manner, he is a good choice to talk to. Cathy Rape inquired if Council was concerned about the treasury. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he is concerned about the money Harmony raised and it's sitting there and requested his name be taken off the check register. Greg Such commented he doesn't think they can spend the money. Greg Such suggested bringing the EMA up at the Lancaster meeting. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that he would like to see it mirror the same municipalities as the Fire District. Greg Such commented that we're not looking to disband the EMA, we're looking for new leadership. Mayor Rape inquired on the report on Rt. 68 and the things that Harmony Borough maybe had to do like changing the speed limit. Greg Such responded that we are waiting on the State. Frank Grannon commented that we are waiting on the State and our phase isn't until 2023. Chief Miller commented that the Borough would need to do a speed study to lower the speed limit under 35 mph. Mayor Cathy Rape inquired if she could contact a couple people to see what they want us to do so that when the State does come through in 2023 it will be on board. Don Sim commented to wait until 2023 when they come through; Don is not in favor of changing the speed limit and he does not want the Mayor to call and badger Penn Dot. Greg Such commented that it needs to be coordinated with Zelig and Jackson because it needs to be the same.

Personnel:

Jason Sarver reported that they had their quarterly committee meeting, discussed various HR topics and planning; nothing to report.

Finance:

Joe Dippold had nothing new to report, Greg Such commented that we're solvent.

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Streets:

Don Sims commented that Frank (Grannon) covered everything, Don asked Frank if the paver was paid, Frank Granno responded yes, it's on the Bills to be paid list. Don commented that in the spring they will talk about paving. Greg Such inquired if we had any stormwater boxes that are deteriorated. Frank Grannon responded yes, he has quite a few stormwater items to discuss but does not have numbers yet. The one by US Liner, the drain on Parkway. Dave Szakelyhidi commented his neighbor across the street. Jason Sarver inquired how many stormwater boxes. Frank Grannon responded that he doesn't want to guess. Don Sims commented that we prioritize and not all are the same size. Cathy Rape commented that the Borough was doing 5 per year. Frank Grannon responded that we were but Don quit on us. A big problem they are running into is the drain pipes being totally shot. Jackson just did a drain pipe on Old Little Creek from their side to Harmony Place. Dave Szakelyhidi commented that is part of the Stormwater Project we have. Greg Such commented that he asked Jerry Ondre to schedule another meeting on that.

Facilities:

Dave Szakelyhidi had nothing new to report. Frank Grannon commented the new lights and posts should be coming in. Phyllis Metz reported that she typed up minutes from the Community Outreach meeting and will send an email to Council members.

Grants:

Greg Such reported on the RACP loan for doing the work in the Square, the Finance Committee put 5 letters out and got 2 positive responses; one from Nextier, our current depository and the other from Mars Bank.

Mars Bank is much more aggressive on interest rates than Nextier. Greg did some analysis on that summarizing the terms that were sent and running some numbers (attached). Greg inquired if Council wanted to go with one of these banks. Dave Szakelyhidi inquired if Tom Thompson was aware of the offers, Greg gave Tom the loan comparison sheet during the meeting to review. Joe Dippold recommended Mars Bank because of the lower rate and the amount of interest paid. Don Sims inquired if there was a penalty for early pay back, Greg and Joe responded no. Greg Such commented that terms with Nextier was the first 10 years then the next 10 years at an adjusted interest rate that is a little higher. Mars Bank wants to adjust every 5 years, if everything goes according to plan, we will pay it off in 6. Tom Thompson recommended getting RACP's approval on the loan before starting the process. Don Sims inquired how long the offer is good for, Joe Dippold responded he believes 90 days but will double check with Rob.

In a motion made by Joe Dippold and seconded by Don Sims, the Harmony Borough Council unanimously approved going with Mars Bank on the loan for the RACP Grant based on RACP's approval.

Don Sims inquired if there was fee to start the loan, it is \$295.

Training & Conferences & Correspondence:

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 \$ **3,857.47**

Fire Tax Fund Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **14.94**

Liquid Fuels Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **30,627.26**

Parks Board Fund Bills Payable in the amount of \$ **261.90**

Payroll in the amount of \$ **6,304.08**

General Bills Already Paid in the amount of \$ **8,453.96** (After HBWA \$ 8,167.00)

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

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.

Greg Such called for an executive session at 8:28 pm to discuss personnel, out of executive session at 8:44 pm.

Adjourned: 8:44 pm

As there was no further business to discuss, the Harmony Borough Council adjourned the September 7, 2021 In-person and Zoom virtual meeting at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

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

August 2021

1. Stopped by the office periodically to pick up mail, complete Building Permits and sign violations notices.
2. Filing and administrative work.
3. Attended August HARB meeting.
4. Attended August Council meeting.
5. Prepared sidewalk documentation for Council meeting.
6. Spoke with Anna Metzger regarding building permit to replace siding.
7. Helped Jean at 759 Spring St. to contact Tom McCosby for pool inspection.
8. Responded to email from Autumn Crawford, WBCA, regarding US Liner problems at the pumping station.
9. Processed reminder violation notice for 401 Center St. vegetation violation.
10. Spoke with Bob Riley regarding a camp site set up on the Lake at Lake Dr. It took a while to convince him that he is calling Harmony Borough which does not have a lake.
11. Spoke with Toni, Weather Shield, regarding having a building permit at 1125 Seneca Dr. for siding and windows.
12. Spoke with Rodney regarding need for a building permit for sidewalk repair following drain replacements at the museum.
13. Prepared zoning approval letter for Riggin Specialty Automotive and dropped it off at the business.
14. Spoke with Margaret regarding permit requirement for kitchen remodeling.
15. Prepared vegetation violation reminder notice for 401 Center St.
16. Preparation for 9/7/21 Robinson Industries meeting.

17. Spoke with Wendy, 508 Main St., regarding how to address HARB to have her house painted a different color.
18. Spoke with Lauren Wilson 401 Center St., regarding tree trimming violation. Tree will be trimmed on 9/7/21.
19. Inspected 2 pending violations.
20. Prepared August 2021 Activity and Time Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen E. Bayer