

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2005

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Rogers, Russ Ottney, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jeff Smith, Gary Habsburg, Harold Herr, Chuck Beighey, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

Gary Habsburg made a motion to accept the January 4, 2005 minutes as presented. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received a Heritage Award for the Bicentennial
2. Proclamation from Jane Orie for the Heritage Award

Harold Herr made a motion to spend up to \$200 for frames for displaying the awards that the Borough has received. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Letter from Penn Dot concerning a 2 day session RE: Long Range Transportation Plan for Butler Co.
4. Letter from Diane Brennon concerning Crime Watch
5. Assortment of different training brochures
6. Cross Country Boosters Rader Maze

Harold Herr made a motion to give permission to the Cross Country Boosters to run the Rader Maze Race. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. The firemen received a \$36,000.00 grant
8. Pictures and information on the flood cleanup
9. January W.B.C.A. minutes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

Attorney Marshall requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harmony Water Authority: The Harmony Water Authority Board recommended elimination of the part time position at the water plant.

Russ Ottney made a motion to eliminate the part time position at the water plant effective March 4, 2005. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Safety: The police received one or more complaints on people using cinder blocks along the street. They requested having a form letter to notify people that they are causing risk and disorderly conduct.

Harold Herr made a motion to draft a form letter. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: COG is having a meeting next week.

HARB: HARB made recommendations to appoint Jane Skelly and Brenda Nine to the HARB.

Russ Ottney made a motion to accept HARB's recommendation on filling vacancies. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: The Water Authority received a letter from DEP stating that HBWA had satisfied all the obligations contained in the September 9, 2004 Consent Order and Agreement between the Department and the Authority.

PSAB: The Butler County Borough's Association meeting is March 17 at Conley's Resort at 7:00 PM.

Zoning Hearing Board: Gary Habsburg recommended that a card be sent to the Ayres Family concerning the illness of their son-in-law.

Information is to be obtained on a new gas card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor, Cathy Rape brought to Council's attention that the Creekside issue is to be presented tomorrow night (March 2) at the Jackson Township meeting.

The Tri-County Work Force cannot work for private homes, they can only clean-up along the creek bank.

Dave Rogers made a motion to hire 2 students for part-time summer work of up to 30 hours a week at \$8.00 an hour. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel will work up the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harmony Short Line Bus unveiling April 9. Jeff Smith would like to invite the County Commissioners and State Representative to be Harmony's guests.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay for admission tickets for Council, the Mayor, County Commissioners, State Representative and State Senator. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Rogers made a motion to donate \$500.00 towards the cost of fireworks during the concert series. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Concerts are scheduled for:

June 16, June 30, July 7, July 21, August 4, and August 19.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to shut the streets, as requested, for the concerts. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Harold Herr made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Murray questioned if there was a Planning Commission Public Hearing concerning the Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Marshall stated that a hearing is required at the Council level. Most likely it will be scheduled for the May meeting.

John Rice commented on the Harmony Short Line bus.

Bill Pearsall questioned who determined what houses were to receive letters concerning flood clean-up and MDIA inspection. He commented that he had cleaned up his property and home after the flood.

Jeff Smith replied that if the letter was sent in error, Mr. Pearsall is to write a letter that he has cleaned up after the flood and is back in the house. Attorney Marshall added that a proof of inspection needs to accompany the letter.

An Executive Session was called at 8:25 PM to discuss possible litigation.

Regular Session was called back to order and adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary