

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 6, 2005

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Sharon M. Bruner*  
*Harold Herr*  
*Charles Beighey*  
*Ken J. Habsburg*  
*Cathy Rape*  
*Diane Bruner*  
*Jeff Smith*  
*Ken Ottney*  
*Russ Ottney*  
*Dave Szakelyhidi*  
*Gary Habsburg*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Jeff Smith called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES:**

Harold Herr made a motion to accept the November 1, 2005 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:**

**Mark Sapienza** questioned how many times Wood Street has been surveyed.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Rick Santorum letter regarding Connoquenessing Creek concerns
2. Dept. of Health -- summary of surveys
3. Thank you from Betty Sapienza
4. Request from Diane Brenner to purchase Christmas Decorations for the town
5. Invitation from Connoquenessing Township to attend a forum for elected officials December 19 at 7:00 PM to discuss a regional police force
6. Letter from Sheffer and Co. that they are applying for a permit for intake for the Creekside plan
7. A reminder from BCBA to appoint a representative

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

An electronic copy of the Codification will be ready by the end of the week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Russ Ottney questioned what the 2006 wages were. Harold withdrew his motion.

Dave Rogers made a motion to give the employees two additional sick days. Russ Ottney seconded the motion.

- Dave Rogers -- Yes
- Russ Ottney -- Yes
- Dave Szakelyhidi -- No
- Jeff Smith -- No
- Gary Habsburg -- No
- Harold Herr -- No
- Chuck Beighey -- No

Motion defeated.

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the 2006 wages. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

- Dave Rogers -- Yes
- Russ Ottney -- Yes
- Dave Szakelyhidi -- Yes
- Jeff Smith -- Yes
- Gary Habsburg -- No

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

**2006 WAGES:**

Corey Wearing - \$13.00

Sharon McCormick - \$13.50

Sharon Goehring - \$9.75

Bob Beighey - \$8.50

Wade Ion - \$17.00

Bruce Ziegler - \$15.50

Dave Bullman - \$15.50

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – No

Russ Ottney – No

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to set the tax rate at 13 mills and the Fire Tax at 1 mill for 2006. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith presented a letter to council to send to Doris Schott requesting that she explain the taxes she collected (Real Estate and Fire Tax)

**Public Safety:** Russ Ottney made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 for traffic control to the Zelenople Police contingent upon Zelenople matching it 3 – 1 of new donations. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.

The police reported that a check point was set up on Beaver Street and Mercer Street and determined that the average speeds were not excessive.

**Boroughs Association:** The BCBA meeting is March 16, 2006 will be at the Garden Gate restaurant.

**W.B.C.A.** – No one has come forward with tap-in fees.

New Construction on Beaver Street is causing water to run out on the street and freezing. The Solicitor recommended:

1. Talking to the inspector from MDIA to see if it was built to code
2. If it was built to code, why is there a problem

