

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2006

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McNeill
Don Greig
Harold Herr
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Connie Frierson
Justin Ruck
Donnette Fink
Don Smith
Mark Smith
Diane Brennan

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the January 3, 2006 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:

1. Special presentation by Mrs. Wheaton – presented an American flag in honor of her father and mother, Reverend and Mrs. Loren Veith.
2. Joannette from HBA discussed the Summer Concert Series. She requested Harmony Borough become a partner with the Business Association and apply for a Community and Block Development Grant to help with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Letter from Diane Brenner with suggestions for Christmas decorations
2. Notice from Zelenople Harmony Chamber of Commerce RE: Pennsylvania Enterprise Week.
3. Letter from Armstrong Utilities RE: Video on Demand
4. Notice from Armstrong Utilities that there will be an increase with Basic Cable
5. PSAB Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Application
6. Chamber News – looking for award nominations
7. Regional Police Meeting is rescheduled for March 2
8. Brochures for workshops and classes
9. Received Pema check for Land acquisitions of property on Jackson Street. Closings scheduled for February 14 at 5:30 PM
10. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to have Swiss Construction do the demolition of Herb Statzer's garage
11. Historic Harmony is having their Harmoniefest Saturday, February 11 at 5:30 PM.
12. Letter of resignation from the Parks Board from Julie Habsburg. Chuck Beighey made a motion to accept Julie Habsburg's resignation with regrets. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

John Rice Yes
Russ Ottney - Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – No
Jeff Smith – Yes
Gary Habsburg – abstain
Harold Herr – Yes
Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Marshall requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

Parks Board: Someone is needed to replace Julie Habsburg.

Planning Commission: Calvin Church is requesting a reverse sub-division. It was approved by the Butler County Planning Commission and by the Harmony Borough Planning Commission. Discussion. Attorney Marshall is to look into the matter. Tabled.

PSAB: The Spring Meeting will be held at the Garden Gate Restaurant March 18.

Discussion on raising the EMS limits. Gary Habsburg recommended not raising the base rate.

Discussion on the type of audit and costs. Gary Habsburg made a motion to accept the same type of audit as previous years with an adverse opinion. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Paving: John Rice made a motion for Mark Wasilko from PennDOT to provide bid documents to go out for bids to pave Highland Avenue from Rt. 68 to Charles Street. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to straighten out Wood Street. Discussion. Tabled.

Discussion on the drainage on Beaver Street. John Rice made a motion to authorize Attorney Marshall to send a letter to the property owner on Beaver Street to put in a dry well. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

- John Rice – Yes
- Russ Ottney – Yes
- Dave Szakelyhidi – No
- Jeff Smith – Yes
- Gary Habsburg – Yes
- Harold Herr – Yes
- Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Safety: Discussion on a 3 way stop sign at Spring and Mercer. A traffic study is needed. Mayor Rapc is to look into it.

The Zelienople Police are attempting to get e-mails from the residents for emergency notification. Suggest doing a bulk mailing.

Crime Watch is still functional

The Regional Police Meeting will be held March 2 at 6:00 PM.

Dave Szakelyhidi commented that shingles may need to be put on the roof of the Borough Building.

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NEW BUSINESS;

Streets: John Rice commented that 3rd Street needs some work done on it. He requested that Council consider the project for the future.

DCED GRANT:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to submit the DCED Grant Application. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

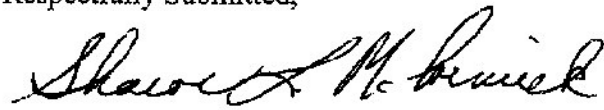
BILLS PAYABLE:

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

An Executive Session was called at 8:50 PM.

The regular meeting was called back in session and adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary