

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING May 2, 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 M. Lammick
Harold Herr
Dave Szakelyhidi
Gary Habsburg
Jeff Smith
Chuck Beighey
John McCamp
John M. Rice
Cathy Rape

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Chuck Beighey made a motion to approve the April 4, 2006 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:

Jim McCormick brought to Council's attention that a resident on Monroe Street has a very aggressive pit bull. The same resident also has junk in his yard.

Attorney, Matthew Marshall stated that the state law is in effect. Jeff Smith will check with the police about the Dangerous Dog Law. Zoning Officer, Wade Ion is to check on the junk.

Bob McFarland stated that he is having trouble with trees causing damage to his property. Roots are plugging the sewer lines. He requested that the Borough take care of the damage.

John Paul from Butler Township City Joint Municipal Transit Authority presented a study they had done concerning transit transportation in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Governor Center Programs
2. Police Report
3. Police Report concerning car break-ins
4. Notice – Yorktowne Casket building for sale
5. Invitation to Library reception on May 9
6. Flyer – coyote in neighborhood
7. Copied on a letter from Historic Harmony – owner putting in motorcycle shop
8. Notice of speed check enforcement
9. Request from Diane Brennon – work with Harmony Concert Series

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Codification hearing set up for the June Council Meeting

BOARD REPORTS;

PSAB meeting to be held at Garden Gate

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Larry Druschel turned in a letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board

STREETS;

A letter was sent to the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad concerning the bridge railings. They replied saying that they found nothing hazardous about the railings. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that a signal wire is attached with no insulation. Jeff Smith will call about the situation.

Trees on Right of Way: Attorney Marshall stated that if the tree is on the property owner's property, it is not the Borough's responsibility. The tree in question is on Murray's property. Attorney Marshall recommended that the property owner contact Tom Murray about the problem. The Borough requested that Mr. Murray remove the stump.

John Rice gave a preliminary estimate from Bill Hummel for rerouting stream flow from south of Mercer Street to the Connoquenessing Creek – cost \$39,500.00. Piped from inlet to alley- open ditch from alley to creek – cost \$63,500. John stated that the Borough could go back to the original plan to run a camera into and clean out the pipe. He stated that W.B.C.A. has a camera. Harold Herr is to talk to them. Tabled until next month's meeting.

Eva John would like some stone put in to prevent her property from washing away.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to authorize John Rice to spend up to \$300 to run a camera through the pipes. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Gary withdrew his motion (already passed at a previous meeting.)

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Russ Ottney reported that the police gave stats on speeding cars. Also, they are trying to get "No Hunting" posted on property. A letter was sent but as of yet, nothing has been posted yet.

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT:

Concert Series: Cathy Rape reported that as of to date all dates are filled for the Summer Concert Series. \$6,150.00 has been collected. Six groups have been scheduled to play.

NEW BUSINESS;

Personnel: It was brought to Council's attention that a Tax Collector who works out of his/her home must comply with the State's Fire and Panic Act and The Federal Americans With Disabilities Act. Sharon McCormick is to check with Harmony Borough's Tax Collector to see if she is in compliance.

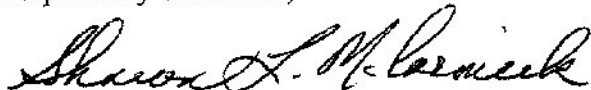
BILLS TO BE PAID:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION called at 8:35 PM to discuss litigation.

Regular meeting called back in session and adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary