

# HARMONY BOROUGH HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING June 6, 2006

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Sharon McNamee*  
*Harold Herr*  
*John Rice*  
*John Smith*  
*Cathy Rape*  
*John Ottney*  
*John Szakelyhidi*  
*John Habsburg*  
*John Rice*  
*John Smith*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President, Jeff Smith called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM to hear public comment on adopting the Harmony Borough codification of ordinances.  
No Comments.

The Hearing was closed at 7:01 PM and the Regular Council Meeting was called to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the May 2, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)**

**Dave Eberle** commented on garbage collection. He stated that he didn't mind paying extra to choose who collects his garbage. He also stated that some people are on low income, some people take their garbage elsewhere, and there will be some people who won't pay and the Borough will have to pick it up.

**Diane Brenner** stated that she is opposed to going with Vogel for garbage collection. She stated that Vogel's drivers are rude.

**Tom Murray** stated that the Landlord is responsible if the tenant doesn't pay. He feels that people should be able to choose who the hauler is. He also stated that he hasn't seen a proposal.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Info on Conservation Workshops
2. The HRP Advisor magazine
3. Info from Foxco concerning Terrorism Insurance. Declined on advice of the Borough's insurance agent.
4. Copy of a letter from DEP to the developers of Creekside concerning storm water issues
5. Letter on trees from Diane Brenner
6. Federal Surplus update
7. Municipal Authority Report
8. DEP - Sewage Planning Informational Session
9. PSAB letter regarding Cable Franchising Information
10. PSAB Conference notice

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Codification Ordinance has been advertised for adoption this evening.

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt Ordinance #372 adopting the code of ordinances of Harmony Borough. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Russ Ottney questioned if Matt Marshall had checked on Water Street and if it was included. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**HARB:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported that they had met but took no action.

**Water Authority:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the landscaping at the water plant was done.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Michael Lehey and Margaret O'Reilley both expressed interest on becoming a member.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to appoint Margaret O'Reilley to the Zoning Hearing Board. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:** Discussion on switching cell phone carriers from Nextel to Verizon. Russ Ottney made a motion to switch phone carriers to Verizon. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Harold withdrew his second. Motion died for lack of second. Tabled until the Water Authority had a chance to discuss the matter at their June meeting.

**STREETS:**

Discussion concerning the drainage project on Mercer Street. John Rice made a motion to approach the County to provide engineering for the Mercer Street Storm Sewer. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to do engineering for Old Little Creek Storm Sewer. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice brought it to Council's attention that there are quite a few high culverts.

Dave Szakelyhidi stated that Bill Hummel had looked at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He stated that the large stone needs to be taken out of the right-of-way. Discussion on whether to widen 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, whether to pave or put down millings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Concert Series:** Jeff Smith stated that Jane Orié's office through DCED has agreed to pay \$3000.00 towards the fireworks/Concert Series.

**Butler County Regional Transit Study:** The Butler County Regional Transit is requesting that Harmony Borough support the study at a cost of \$5,000.00 per year. The Transit may lease the Borough's Parking Lot for \$3,000.00 a year. That would leave the Borough with a net cost of \$2,000.00 per year.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 per year in local matching funds to the Butler County Transit contingent on them entering into an agreement with Harmony Borough to provide a park-and-ride for \$3,000.00 a year. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

