

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING November 7, 2006

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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NANCY HOFFMANN
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Kenny Mahan
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Harold Herr
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Russ Ottney
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John Rice
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FRANK GRANNON
Paul Reynolds
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Gary Habsburg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chuck Beighey was absent.

1. Minutes

Harold Herr made the motion to approve the minutes. Dave S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Recognition of Guests – Agenda Items Only

The following guests spoke:

Mark Sapienza asked about trash collection. Jeff indicated that the only action to be taken at this meeting was to provide information on the joint Harmony – Zelienople trash bid to Council.

Mark Sapienza also stated that he was opposed to speed bumps and did not sign the petition in favor of them.

Mitch Sallitt presented a petition in favor of speed bumps to Council. It was signed by 18 residents along Mercer Street.

Neal Nanna spoke about the liabilities associated with speed bumps.

Nancy Hoffman spoke in favor of speed bumps.

Paul Reynolds questioned whether or not the police have provided any evidence showing the need for speed bumps.

3. Correspondence / Announcements

The following information was received by the Borough:

1. Information on government training from DCED
2. A letter from the USPS concerning an ADA survey they had made. The USPS has requested a response from the Borough in terms of what it plans to do. Borough to check on current requirements and possibly allow the USPS to stripe and sign the common areas and parking lots.
3. Butler County Convention and Tourism Meeting on Nov. 16th at 6 PM.
4. PSAB seminar on Utility Management
5. Butler County Conservation Newsletter
6. A request for \$1,000 from Victims Outreach program
7. An offer of a 35 foot Christmas tree

A detailed Environmental Assessment from PennDOT concerning the Seneca I-79 interchange.

4. Solicitor Report

- Matt Marshall requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss real estate and personnel matters.
- Recommended a change to the remove the \$300 limit on emergency repairs from the sidewalk ordinance. He recommended having no limit on emergency repairs.
- He has completed the Borough Fee resolution and will present it next month.

5. Board Reports

COG

Jeff gave an update on the County COG. He provided the new COG some sample bylaws.

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HARB None

HWA None

Parks None

Library

Karen Sharrar gave a library presentation and requested an increase in their annual funding from \$5,200 to \$6,000.

Planning None

PSAB

Announced the BCBA meeting on November 16th.

WBCA

Budget preparations have begun.

Zoning - Huey Request

The Eric Huey request to allow all R-1 uses in R-2 zones was explained. No action was taken because Mr. Huey was not present.

Vacancy Officer None

BOROUGH STAFF REPORT:

Office - None

Building Inspector informed the Borough that MDIA had issued a cease and desist order to Ron Mantia because his roofing project violated the building codes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Personnel –

Harold said that he had received many compliments about the new staff member, Frank Grannon.

Finance – Preliminary Budget Review

Gary Habsburg introduced the new budget and John Rice reviewed the Liquid Fuel Projects. Discussion followed.

Gary Habsburg made a motion “to adopt the tentative 2007 budget”. John Rice seconded. Discussion followed.

Wade Ion was directed to work with PennDOT to develop a list that would rank all the streets in Harmony and their expected resurfacing dates.

Budget Vote: Harold – Yes, Gary – Yes, Dave – Yes, Russ – No, John – No, Jeff – Yes. Motion passed 4-2.

Streets –

Drainage projects

