

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 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...  
Harold Herr  
Chuck Beighey  
Cathy Rape  
Pepe Bregna  
Frank Grannon  
John...  
Nancy Hoffmann  
May...  
Julie...  
Bob + Audrey Budny  
FRANK GRANNON  
Domenico Pepe  
W...  
An...  
Matt Smith  
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Jeff Smith, Council President called to order a public hearing at 7:00 PM to hear public comment on an Ordinance for the purpose of providing and revising certain sidewalk and driveway regulations within the Borough and for the purpose of revising certain licensing regulations within the Borough.

A brief summary of the Sidewalk Ordinance was read by Mr. Smith. The hearing was then open for public comment.

**Bob Budney:** questioned which person came up with the sidewalk ordinance.

**Mich Salitte** asked for an exemption as his property is in the Truck Route and the trucks are destroying his sidewalk.

**Diane Brenner** objected to the sidewalk ordinance. She stated that she had obtained an estimate of \$2,800 for her sidewalk. Many people and businesses could not afford it if the ordinance was forced on them.

**Bob Budney** questioned if it had been discussed how the sidewalks were to be paid for.

**Cathy Rape** stated that she feels the streets are too narrow. Trucks go over the sidewalks. She stated that half of Council doesn't even have sidewalks.

**Richard Goehring** stated that he is concerned about the curbs. He thought the curbs were the Borough's responsibility and the sidewalks were the residents' responsibility.

The Hearing on the sidewalk ordinance was closed and the Hearing on the Soliciting Permit fees was opened at 7:14 PM. Jeff Smith read a brief summary of the ordinance and then opened the floor for public comment.

**John Ruch** stated that he feels it is discriminating to charge a person \$50 a year (bulk). Non-profit would have to pay for every event. Also allowing solicitation only until dusk could be a problem for certain events.

**Cathy Rape** stated that a person should get a permit for safety reasons but that \$250 is too much. The church, museum and fire department should be exempt. The Borough should be helping them not hindering them.

**Bob Budney** stated that the whole idea for activities is to promote the community not to discourage people from coming into town. He feels the prices should be kept down.

**Diane Brenner** stated that 15-20 people work hard at every event to make money for the Museum and Historic Society. The charges are too high.

The hearing was closed and the regular meeting called to order at 7:22 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the November 7, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (Agenda Items)**

No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Information on Training Programs
2. Tourism Bureau wants a form signed for signs to be placed in place of the Grandview Inn signs. (One in Harmony Borough and one in Jackson TWP.) Council agreed to wait until they see the sign and know exactly where it is to be placed.
3. The Zelenople Harmony Emergency Management will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.
4. The Pension Plan Audit was received and is available for review at the Borough office.

**BOARD REPORTS.**

1. **COG:** No report.
2. **HARB:** No report
3. **WATER AUTHORITY:** The Division Street storm sewer project started today
4. **PARK BOARD:** No report.
5. **LIBRARY:** No report.
6. **PLANNING:** No report.
7. **PSAB:** Had meeting in the Borough with approximately 40 people attending.
8. **WBCA:** No report
9. **ZONING:** Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to revoke the waiver from building permits due to repair work from Ivan. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **VACANCY OFFICER:** No report.

**BOROUGH REPORTS.**

**Superintendent's report:** Submitted and attached to minutes.  
The banners are on the Bridge.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Personnel:** No report.

**Budget:** Jeff Smith distributed the wage recommendations.

2007 Salary Proposal			2007 proposed increase	Wade's Borough Supplement	
Office	Sharon	McCormick	\$14.00		
Office	Sharon	Goerhing	\$10.00		
Office	Bob	Beighey	\$8.60		
Street	Frank	Grannon	\$11.00		
Street	Corey	Wearing	\$13.00		
Water	Wade	Ion	\$17.50	\$2.00	\$19.50
Water	Dave	Bullman	\$15.75		
Water	Bruce	Zeigler	\$15.75		

