

January 2, 2007

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING January 2, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon K. Blaylock
Harold Herr
Don [unclear]
Nancy Hoffmann
May Hertz
Joan Webb
Cathy Rape
[unclear]
Frank & Andrea Shannon
Don Jim [unclear]
[unclear]
Gary Habsburg
Don Szakelyhidi

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the December 5, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Police Report
2. Training Program Information
3. Newspaper article concerning the log cabin that was moved
4. W.B.C.A. Minutes
5. Letter concerning drains at Allmans – passed on to Zoning Officer
6. Letter from Tec Associates concerning Railroad Bridge – noted corrosion, needs attention, they will keep it under investigation
7. A letter from the Allegheny League of Municipalities asking Harmony Borough to join
8. Update from Emergency Management
9. Butler County Humane Society Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Personnel – Harold Herr stated that in early December, Corey Wearing indicated to Sharon McCormick that he expected to be cleared by his doctor to return to work on December 21st. Corey did not return to work on that day and the Borough has not had any communications with him since that date.

Therefore, under the Harmony Borough Personnel policy which states, “any employee who fails to call off for three consecutive days reporting an absence shall be deemed to have abandoned his/her employment with the Borough”, the Personnel Committee recommends and Harold made the motion that “Harmony Borough sends a letter to Mr. Wearing indicating that on January 2, 2007, the Borough has declared his position vacant and that he is no longer an employee of Harmony Borough. All benefits, with the exception of health coverage are terminated immediately. Health Coverage will terminate on January 31, 2007.

The Personnel Committee also recommends that we do not fill the vacant position at this time since it appears that Wade and Frank are adequately addressing the needs of the Borough at this time. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Discussion held for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS/ APPOINTMENTS:

COG: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as Harmony Borough’s representative to COG. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Rick Zoelle to the Water Authority Board for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2007. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried

Parks Board: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Frank Grannon to the Parks Board for a 4 year term to expire 12/31/2007. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Fred White to the Parks Board for a 4 year term to expire December 31, 2010.

Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Andrea Grannon to the unexpired term on the Parks Board, that was vacated. (To expire December 31, 2007) Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: Harold Herr made a motion to reappoint Joe White to the Planning Commission. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BCAB: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as representative to BCAB. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

W.B.C.A.: No Report.

ZONING: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Jarod Stewart to a 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 12/31/2009. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harold Herr made a motion to reappoint Neal Nanna as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 12/31/2009. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE MEETING DATES:

Harold Herr made a motion to advertise 2007 meeting dates with the first Council meeting for 2008 to be January 7. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Attached.

Wade Ion obtained 2 bids for garage doors. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the low bid (from Nelson's hardware for \$3,352.00). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade reported that the backhoe is on its last leg.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

