

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 6, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon McQueen
Harold Herr
Doreen
Justin Pivak
Cathy Rape
Gary Habsburg
Harold Herr
Walter
Frank & Andrew
Marty Smith
Marty Smith
Doreen
Bob BUDNY
Doreen
Selma
Doreen Rape

HEARING ON ORDINANCE #374:

Jeff Smith, Council President called to order the hearing on Ordinance #374 at 7:04 PM. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on the ordinance which is to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and for the purpose prohibiting the feeding of certain waterfowl within the Borough of Harmony

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Grannon stated that he is in favor of not feeding the waterfowl.

Diane Brenner stated that people on Spring Street feed the ducks and a few geese in the morning. The large flock of geese does not go to the end of the pond where the people are feeding the geese. A lot of people feed birds and squirrels. They can't help it if ducks or geese go into the yard and eat the bird feed.

Dave Morrow stated that he is in favor of the ordinance. He is for taking steps to discourage the geese coming to the park.

Robert Budny stated that the problem Harmony Borough is having with the geese is because we live in a water shed and they won't be kept out as it is their natural habitat. It won't change by stopping to feed them.

Cathy Rape stated that she does not intend to stop feeding the birds.

The hearing was closed at 7:14 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the Council Meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Russ Ottney corrected the February 6, 2007 minutes to state "purchase the Tyco property". Russ Ottney made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Education Flyers
2. Invitation from the Board of Directors of the CDC to their annual meeting Friday, March 23 at the Butler Country Club
3. Letter from Commonwealth of PA in reference to an ordinance restricting sex offender's residency

4. Email concerning the Senn Bridge being within the Harmony Society property.
5. Notice from DCNR - RE: revision to Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants Application Cycle
6. Invitation from Senator Jane Orié - RE Grant Seminar April 19.
7. Letter from Historic Harmony - RE: questions on Creekside
8. Notice from the Cancer Society on "Daffodil Days"
9. Invitation from the Zelienople-Harmony Chamber of Commerce - RE: Annual Luncheon/Membership Meeting Thursday, March 29 at Hartmann's Waterhole Restaurant
10. Nims Compliance List on Nims adoption
11. Letter from Bill Hummel - RE: Storm Water Management – recommends adopting an Ordinance
12. Copy of letter to Wes Hamilton concerning Wild Waterways and removal of Harmony Dam
13. Western Butler County Authority's January Minutes
14. Letter from Bill Hummel concerning parking on Mercer Street
15. Form from Census Dept. – need a replacement for Tom Tomayko as the Census Contact Person

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Meeting Thursday, March 8.

HARB: No meeting was held

WATER AUTHORITY:

Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Harmony Dam was sold to Wild Waterways. Harold Herr questioned if it is illegal for more than one Council Member to be on the Water Authority Board. Attorney Marshall stated that it is not illegal.

PARKS BOARD:

Jeff Smith gave background information as to why the Ordinance concerning not feeding water fowl was presented for adoption.

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the "No Feeding of Water Fowl" Ordinance. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Discussion. Dave Szakelyhidi questioned how to enforce the ordinance. Jeff stated that he feels people have a respect for the law and will abide by the ordinance to help clean up the park. Motion carried.

The Parks Board would like to put up a small shelter. Chuck Beighey made a motion to pass a resolution to endorse the Parks Board applying for a grant (for the shelter). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Russ Ottney recommended they construct a shelter that discourages birds from nesting. Motion carried.

