

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1, 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 K. Kline
Cathy Rape
Dorothy M.
Sharon Kline
Harold Herr
@ a Beighey
Wanda
Gary J. Habsburg
Dorothy M.
Frank & Andrea Gramore
Matt Smith
Harold Herr
Nancy Habsburg
R. Szakelyhidi

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the April 3, 2007 minutes as presented. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Tim Shaeffer introduced himself as a candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas

Council President, Jeff Smith, read a letter from **Jim Kennedy** expressing appreciate for continued support

Council President, Jeff Smith, read a letter from the Committee to Elect **Dale Pinkerton** for County Commissioner

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (Agenda Items):

No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Memo from Gary Pinkerton stating Harmony Borough is in region 4
2. Copied on a letter from Kathleen McGinney to Jane Orié in reference to dredging the creek
3. Letter from Historic Harmony stating that Harmony Borough is eligible to have a 2nd secular Historic District
4. W.B.C.A. minutes
5. Classes and Seminar info.
6. The Butler County Veteran Service and Veterans Parade will be May 28
7. The County agreed on an extra \$20,000 for Mercer St.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that COG is ready to have their bylaws written

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board: No Report

Library: No Report

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission approved the Jackson Street reverse sub-division.

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Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Jackson Street reverse sub-division. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Russ Ottney questioned limit of 5 years on a building permit.

Attorney Marshall stated that the plan could be made to expire by ordinance, but if there is no ordinance it goes on indefinitely. He is to send a letter to the Planning Commission with an explanation.

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

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy: No Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Attached.

Jeff Smith presented possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance concerning definitions of a parking lot and a storage lot.

Harold Herr made a motion to authorize Attorney Marshall to prepare an ordinance of the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and to advertise the hearing. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Streets: Discussion concerning Jackson Township doing their half of the Charles Street project.

Public Safety: Russ Ottney reported that the police chief had given the Borough a statement on their Traffic Study. It will be in the Borough Office.

Discussion in reference to the Creekside Plan and on putting stricter limits on the flood plain.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the maximum amount of impact the flood plain development can have from 1 foot to 6 inches. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Discussion. Russ Ottney questioned if it could be less than 6". Attorney Marshall stated that it cannot prohibit growth. It could be less but does not recommend 0".

Dave Szakelyhidi revised his motion to 1 ½". Russ seconded the revision

Discussion on the pond in Creekside being only 40 feet from the creek.

Jeff Smith stated that in 1996, all control was given to Jackson Township.

