

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AND HEARING November 6, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

[Handwritten signatures on lined paper]
Sandy Rothwell
FRANCIE GRANNON
Nancy Hoffmann
David L. Monos
John Libby

Hearing: Council President Jeff Smith called to order the hearing to hear public comment on the proposed LST Tax Ordinance at 7:02. A brief summary of the ordinance was given. No public comment.

The hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

Regular Harmony Council Meeting

Call to Order: Council President Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2007. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recognition of Guests (Agenda Items): None

Correspondence and Announcements:

1. PEMA notification that the PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant had been reviewed and found to be complete.
2. Letter from Borough Engineer Bill Hummel concerning water runoff in Harmony Heights.
3. Educational opportunities from Governor's Center.
4. Letter from VOICE (Victims outreach intervention center).
5. Letter from Julie Habsburg concerning water runoff in Harmony Heights.

Solicitor's Report: requested a brief executive session.

Board Reports:

COG: President Smith reported that he had attended the Butler County Township Supervisors' convention to talk about the COG. The next COG meeting will be held on November 8 at Penn Township.

HARB: Requested an executive session.

HWA: Water line extension in Swampoodle has been started.

Parks Board: No report

Library: No report

Planning: No report. President Smith presented a request from Jackson Township to have the Zoning officer, Engineer, Solicitor, and Council

President attend a meeting to discuss the Harmony Lakes Project. Following discussion, Council agreed that the zoning officer should attend the meeting to answer questions, but that Harmony should have no other involvement until the project was presented to the Harmony Planning Commission.

PSAB: No report

WBCA: No report

Zoning: No report

Vacancy: No report

Staff / Borough / Zoning Officer: No reports

Old Business:

Personnel: Mayor Cathy Rape read a statement concerning her lack of mail. The Mayor stated that Shelly Houck of the Pennsylvania Boroughs Association said that the Mayor should receive copies of all Borough Council mail. The Mayor stated that if she did not receive a written letter from Council within one week stating that she would receive copies of all mail, that she would obtain legal counsel to force the Council to provide the copies.

Finance: The following items were discussed:

- Wage increase for Council members from \$25 to \$50 per month.
- Fire tax increase from 1 mill to 1.5 mills.
- Adding 1 mill to be dedicated towards street repairs.
- Councilman Habsburg to update tentative budget per discussion.

Streets: Discussed the 3rd Street millings. Councilman Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize Wade to talk to the water line contractor to see if he could use the millings and if not needed for the water project to allow them to be used by the Parks Board. Councilman Rice seconded. Approved 6-0 (Councilman Beighey absent).

Discussed Mercer Flood Project.

Discussed Beaver Street Project. Councilman Rice's recommended that the Borough does the work itself at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

