

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AND HEARINGS April 1, 2008

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rice, Frank Luck, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jeff Smith, Michelle Barto, Gary Habsburg and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McLoone
ROBERT J. BLUMING
FOR TCDR DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATES (COASTSIDE
DEVELOPMENT)
Wade
Michelle Barto
MATT CARL FOR TCDR (Coastside)
FRANK + ANDREA GRANNON
Cathy Rape
Frank Luck
Jim & Ann John
Bill Kallins
Tom
Paul
Ken

DRAFT
APPROVED 5/6

April 1, 2008

HEARING: Jeff Smith, Council President called the Hearing to order to hear public comments on the Historic Zoning Ordinance Revisions. He gave a brief explanation of the ordinance.

No public comments.

The hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

HEARING: Jeff Smith, Council President, called the Hearing to order to hear public comment on the COG Ordinance – dealing with membership in the COG. He gave a brief explanation.

No public comments.

The hearing was closed at 7:05 PM.

Council President, Jeff Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.

MINUTES: Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the March 4, 2008 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS - Agenda Items:

No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Information on various programs, classes and seminars.
2. Invitation from the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau to a reception on April 10
3. Notification from Jane Orie concerning a Grant Expo on April 18
4. PSAB dinner April 10
5. Chamber Newsletter
6. Butler County Planning Commission approved video inspection on Mercer Street – paid for out of Grant money
7. Copy of a letter to Rich Brown from Butler County Planning Commission concerning Creekside
8. The Zelienople/Harmony Emergency Management Agency is requesting an increase in donation from Harmony Borough
9. Letter from Sweetland Engineering report review of Creekside. 8 items listed for clarification. Engineers need to have a meeting to go through the 8 points.

Blain Wolfe and Joe Niedermeyer from MDIA gave a brief explanation of their fire inspections.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney, Matthew Marshall gave an explanation of the loan that the Water Authority wants to apply for the water tank project. He explained that if PennVest is financing the loan the Borough will be asked to guarantee the loan. This will be considered a self liquidating debt and excluded from the amount the Borough can borrow.

Gary Habsburg made a motion the Borough guarantee the loan for the PennVest Application. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that COG had received a grant from the Local Grant Academy to hire an intern this summer to work on a "go forward" plan.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Ordinance for COG. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB: HARB is to meet next week.

WATER AUTHORITY:

Dave Szakelyhidi explained grants that Wes Hamilton is working on. Discussed a seminar for residents to provide them with rain barrels, and also discussed water gardens.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to authorize the Harmony Borough Employees to assist with the assembly of the rain barrels as they are able. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice – No
Frank Luek – Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Michelle Barto – Yes
Gary Habsburg – Yes
Jeff Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report: Attached. Wade Ion brought up the purchase of a new truck. Also he reported that there had been a complaint of leaves being on the Borough's property on Jackson Street. The employees are to get the leaves off the property as time allows.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: Michelle Barto passed out a list of items that were discussed at the Personnel Meeting.

Wade Ion discussed purchasing a new push mower.

