

December 2, 2008

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 2, 2008

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Stephen J. McConnick

MAJ
Cathy Rape

Frank Luek

MARK J WEISSERT

Diane Brenner
for Harry

Frank & Andrea Shenneman

CALL TO ORDER:

Jeff Smith, Council President, called the December 2, 2008 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the November 4, 2008 minutes as presented. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the November 24, 2008 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items)

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Information letter from Voice – Fundraising
2. Training information
3. Zelianople-Harmony Chamber Newsletter
4. Letter from Jane Orié – RE: Liquor Control Board training sessions
5. Letter from Tom Schneider – Zelig Park is requesting \$10,000.00. Request passed on to the Parks Board
6. W.B.C.A. October Minutes
7. Letter from Zelianople in response to Harmony's letter concerning the joint study. They requested 2 members from Zelianople and 2 members from Harmony to meet.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Next Thursday at 7:00 PM at Middlesex TWP there will be a presentation on the Open Records Laws. In the afternoon there will be a meeting with the managers and secretaries.

HARB: No report.

Water: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the water rates were increased by 3% across the board for 2009.

Parks Board: Michelle Barto made a motion to appoint Ken McCarthy to fill Dave Morrow's unexpired term on the Parks Board. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: Mike Weissert from Grace Church presented plans for the church parking lot. He was instructed to go to Harmony's website for the steps that need to be taken before the plans are presented to Council for approval.

Zoning: Sign Innovation is going to appeal the Hearing Board's decision. Attorney Marshall reported that the appeal has not been filed at the Court House yet.

STAFF REPORTS: No Reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: Michelle Barto made a motion to approve the Salary proposal and the Insurance proposal. (attached). Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget: Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the 2009 budget as provided. (with tax rates of: General Revenue 9.585 mills, Fire Purposes 1.125 mills, parks purposes .75 mills library purposes .75 mills, total mills 12.21 mills for 2009) John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the tax rate ordinance. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Marshall brought to Council's attention that Kasing wanted to terminate their lease by paying \$7,500.00.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to accept the termination of the lease and accept the amount of \$7,500.00. Dave Eberle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Facilities: Swiss Construction is to look at the Municipal Building roof and give recommendations.

Business and Development: Jeff Smith gave an update on the plans for the New Year's Celebration.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close Mercer Street from 1:30 -- 3:00 PM and the Square from 1:00-6:30 PM. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: Michelle Barto made a motion to hold the Christmas Social December 18 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Municipal Building. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COG: Jeff Smith explained OnDemand Energy for electric.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pursue OnDemand Energy contingent on the Water Authority approving. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to purchase a Ford F350 pickup truck with equipment according to terms provided by Wotz Ford or better. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise to sell the 1997 Chevy 2500 with trailer hitch. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bid opening will be January 6, 2009.

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Mayor Rape recommended putting up a sign stating "Private Property" once the Borough receives a check from Kasing to terminate their lease. She also suggested posting cars that are parked on the lot. Discussion. Council agreed to her recommendation.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Mayor Rape questioned the Solicitor's bill and commented on excess phone calls and letters and stated that phone calls should be limited.

John Rice made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to hold the Employee's Christmas Luncheon. (At the Harmony Inn - Council pays for their own) Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

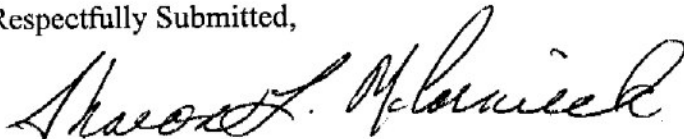
An Executive Session was called at 8:32 PM.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:50 PM.

ADJOURN:

Michelle Barto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary

