

March 3, 2009

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 3, 2009

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Habsburg
Wade H.
Frank Luek
Diane Brenner
Cathy Rape
Lee Allan
Harold Luek

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the February 3, 2009 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items) No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. DCNR grant application information
2. Assortment of Training Session flyers
3. Copy of a letter from PVE Sheffler concerning the Creekside Clomr application FEMA Review
4. Letter from Bill Hummel recommending signing the MT-2 Forms for Creekside Development
5. Department of the Auditor General will be doing the Non Uniform Pension audit March 4
6. Letter from WBCA concerning upgrading the Harmony pump station. MDIA is charging \$4,641.00 for inspection. WBCA requested that Harmony Borough waive the building permit fees. Council agreed not to waive the building permit fees.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Marshall explained information he had gathered concerning the ownership and forming of the old Water Authority and the formation of the new Water Authority. He will check to see if the paper work is on file.

In answer to Mayor Rape's question concerning weight limits and bonding of streets, Attorney Marshall stated that there are ordinances concerning restrictions.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that COG is in the process of calculating the savings members have received. (Harmony has saved \$5,000 so far.)

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board: The Parks Board is applying for a grant for renovation Michelle Barto made a motion to approve the grant resolution for park renovation. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michelle also reminded everyone not to feed the geese.

Planning Commission: No Report.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Joint Comprehensive Plan: Dave Szakelyhidi brought to Council's attention that a member is needed from the Harmony Planning Commission. Zelenople appointed Randy Hart as a member from the Zelenople Planning Commission.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Ron Ziegler to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff: No Report.

Building Inspector: Gary Habsburg made a motion to authorize Wade Ion to sign the MT-2 form. Motion died for a lack of second.

The solicitor recommended not signing unless Council authorized him. The solicitor also discussed the consequences of not signing the form which would cause the developer to have additional costs caused by the delay.

John Rice made a motion to sign the MT-2 form. Michelle Barto seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Streets: John Rice discussed putting a dry well in to take care of the water problem on Beaver Street. John Rice made a motion to authorize Bill Hummel to price the sump hole. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Public Safety: No Report.

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Facilities: Specs attached for outside work to the Municipal Building. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise for the exterior job. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Streets: John Rice suggested to Council that the salt bin be replaced. Wade Ion passed out plans. Discussion. John Rice made a motion to do the salt bin project. Dave Eberle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Safety: Mayor Rape brought to Council's attention that a door was open and glass broken out of a window at the Mantia building. Attorney Marshall stated that she should notify the police.

Mayor Rape also suggested changing the name of Kasing Way and putting up a sign that says "Harmony" with an arrow. Jeff Smith suggested trying to find the old name of the street before it was Kasing Way.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary