# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING February 1, 2005

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

## OTHERS PRESENT:

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CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **MINUTES:**

Harold Herr made a motion to accept the January 4, 2005 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** No Comments.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Local Government Academy Classes
- 2. Letter from Ronald Thomas representing Daryl Main at the bankruptcy hearing concerning bid on the property
- 3. Notice from Armstrong Utilities concerning increase
- 4. Notice from Dominion Peoples concerning gas increase
- Historic Harmony recognized Harmony Borough with Heritage Award at Harmonist Dinner
- 6. Notice from Census Board concerning 2010 census

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No Report. Request Executive Session at end of meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Personnel: Tri County Work Force Group is to clean up the creek banks. Jeff Smith questioned if they can be used for summer labor? Discussion concerning using the work force to help clean up property/houses damaged by the flood.

Dave Rogers made a motion to send registered letters to property owners to clean up property/houses. (inspection by MDIA) with 30 days to repair. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Physical Assets:** Gary Habsburg stated that the new truck has been ordered. It will probably be here in March or April.

**Public Safety:** Some of the new sidewalks are raised up and cracked. Windows at Daryl Main's building are broken out and need boarded up.

Dave Rogers gave a report concerning the wall being built at Creekside.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to send a letter to Fema that they determine the designated flood way between Harmony and Zelienople. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

**HARB:** Roger Weaver would like Council to rescind the last motion to appoint Linda McCormick and Jane Skelly to HARB.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to rescind the motion to appoint Linda McCormick and Jane Skelly to HARB. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB is to suggest who they want on the Board.

**Harmony Water Authority:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported that an agreement was signed with WBCA. The Authority is now in the process of conveying water to the Sewer Authority.

Planning Commission: Jeff Byko questioned the procedure to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Butler Co. Borough's Assoc: The next meeting is March 17. The Spring Legislative Conference is in March.

**Zoning:** Tom Ayers reported that he was contacted about the zoning of the Daryl Main property. The Wood Street property is to be demolished.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Borough Parking Lot.** Because of the license agreement, Mr. Adams is to be asked to remove his vehicles from the lot.

**Triangle Lot:** There was no response to the first letter to Mr. Kasing. Another letter is to be sent requesting a response by mid month.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to have the solicitor send Mr. Kasing a letter. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers - No Gary Habsburg - Yes
Russ Ottney - No Harold Herr - Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes Chuck Beighey - Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Elm Street Project: Jeff Smith stated that if someone in the community or a local group wants to do the project, he would support it.

USPS Proposal: Discussion. Harold Herr made a motion to send the proposals with the

recommended changes; Up the rent to \$16,000.00 per year

Change CPI from 06-11

Charge 50% of actual Utilities

Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BILLS PAYABLE:

Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham bill - \$31.25 is to be billed to water Hold Olsens bill until check on the amount Hummel bill – water charges and Huy Bill

Harold Herr made a motion to pay bills as presented with recommended changes. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Sapienza questioned purchase of a new truck and why it wasn't put on hold until checked trucks from the State. Chuck Beighey replied that there are none through the state.

Mark also questioned the size of the truck. Gary Habsburg replied that the specs were from COG.

Mark also questioned who owns the new sidewalk.

Mark also commented on Bruce Ziegler receiving a letter about putting the truck in a ditch.

Joe Sapienza commented on parking on the Triangle.

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An Executive Session was called at 8:40 PM to discuss potential litigation and personnel.

Out of Executive Session at 8:15 and adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary