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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING May 3, 2005

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Handwritten signatures on lined paper:*  
Harold Herr  
Chuck Beighey  
Gary Habsburg  
Dave Szakelyhidi  
Jeff Smith  
Dave Rogers  
Russ Ottney  
Mayor Cathy Rape

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Rob Lent from Maher Duesel explained GASB 34. He recommends not complying. It would only be necessary to comply if bonds are needed.

**MINUTES:**

Russ Ottney requested scratching "Wood Street" from the motion of the boat launch from the April 5 minutes. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the April 5, 2005 minutes as revised. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Blackie Such requested clarification of the nuisance ordinance. He would like to know if anyone else was sent a letter to move their automobiles. He submitted pictures he took of other vehicles that did not have license plates or an up to date inspection sticker on them. Donna Such stated that she had called MDIA and they did not get back to her.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Classes and seminar brochures
2. Letter from Commonwealth of PA Dept. of Agriculture with info on the Agriculture, Community and the Rural Environment initiative. (ACRE)
3. Invitation from the Dept. of Transportation
4. Copy of the annual report from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Center
5. Renewal of Terrorism Insurance from Foxco. (Sharon to call and get recommendation from insurance agent)
6. Burning Ban from the County (has been withdrawn)
7. House Bill 1254
8. Report from Bill Hummel
9. Audit on the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan from the Auditor General
10. Approval from the Butler Co. Planning Commission approving the Zoning Ordinance
11. WBCA Minutes
12. Announcement that the County is giving \$20,000.00 from the Community Block Grant program (final approval Fall of 2005)
13. Letter was sent to Melissa Hart's office requesting the designated flood way be defined
14. Letter was sent to Yorktowne Casket asking them to replace the fence

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT.**

Attorney, Matthew Marshall reported that:

1. A hearing will be held in June on the updated Zoning Ordinance
2. An Executive Session will be held at the end of the Council Meeting to discuss Litigation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A resolution needs passed for Berhhiemer to collect delinquent taxes.

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Chuck Beighey made a motion to pass a resolution. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GASB 34 – No comment

SUMMER HELP: The Personnel Committee recommended hiring Rick Trosky back for the summer job beginning June 1.

Harold Herr made a motion to hire Rick Trosky for summer help at \$8.00 an hour. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PHYSICAL ASSETS.**

Dave Szakelyhidi brought to Council's attention that some of the bricks are coming loose at the front of the Borough Building.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to hire someone to fix the bricks at the front of the Borough Building and not to exceed \$300.00.

Jeff Smith requested that the Physical Asset Committee look at some of the storm drains. Discussion on storm sewers that need opened and cleaned out. Dave Rogers made a motion that the Sewer Authority look into it and get a cost on it. He withdrew his motion.

Dave Rogers made a motion that the Attorney look into Boca and see what the benefit is for this community of 800-900. He withdrew his motion.

Dave Rogers questioned Bill Hummel's letter concerning the parking lot (behind the log house) and why doesn't he require a dust free surface.

Jeff Smith stated that Bill Hummel reported on Creekside. He went to the Jackson Township meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

A meeting was held with the police chief. He reported that there were 40 arrests in Harmony. The Neighborhood Crime Watch is going back into effect. Cost of crime Watch Signs is needed.

Russ Ottney made a motion to have Corey look into number of signs needed and the price. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion was withdrawn.

German and Spring Street crosswalks need painted.

The Police Department is getting new radios.

It was pointed out that there are two ordinances that concern junk cars.

1. A junk car ordinance
2. A nuisance Ordinance that deals with junk cars.

**PARKS:**

Julie Habsburg and Diane Smith are going to a Grant Writing Seminar in June.

The Planning Commission recommended approving the Zoning Ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Concerning the Such Hearing.

Dave Rogers made a motion that he is not guilty. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Dave Rogers stated that Such's can't get hold of MDIA and Mr. Such has cleaned out the garage. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion that we have them remove the garage. Discussion. Chuck Beighey left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The motion was withdrawn.

Concerning the Mantia Hearing.

Harold Herr made a motion to delay the motion for 30 days. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Discussion. Mr. Mantia went to the HARB Meeting and agreed to everything they requested them to do. He requested a 3-4 month time frame.

Motion changed to "Delay motion until after get the report from MDIA." Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeff Smith stated that the Post Office is offering \$16,000 per year and to allow the lease to be terminated during the renewal period with 180 days notice.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Post Office offer. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ralph McCormick sent a letter to Council requesting a handicap sign be put up for him at the turn around.

Dave Rogers made a motion to put a temporary handicap parking sign on the South side of the turn-around. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to close the Capital Improvement Fund and the Escrow Account and open an EMS Account. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Discussion.

Dave Rogers – No

Jeff Smith - Yes

Russ Ottney – No

Gary Habsburg - Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Harold Herr - Yes

Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi requested that there be no skateboarding in Harmony. Discussion.

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Russ Ottney stated that Chief Miller requested that people call 911 not the Zelie Police Station when someone needs the police.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Dave Szakelyhidi questioned why Dave Rogers had called the solicitor. Russ Ottney made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – Yes

Jeff Smith - Yes

Russ Ottney – Yes

Gary Habsburg - Yes

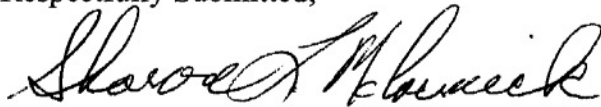
Dave Szakelyhidi – No

Harold Herr – No

Motion carried.

An Executive Session was called at 9:30 PM to discuss Litigation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. McCormick".

Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary

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Council met in executive session to discuss litigation.

Council came out of executive session at 10:15 PM.

Dave Rogers made a motion to lease the former Post Office property and the Harmony Triangle property to Kasing Automotive for \$650.00 a month for a 5 year period that runs from January 1, 2005 until December 31, 2009. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

Vote:

Dave Szakelyhidi – No

Russ Ottney – Yes

Dave Rogers – Yes

Jeff Smith - Yes

Gary Habsburg - No

Harold Herr - Yes

Chuck Beighey – Absent

Motion carried.

Meeting continued until May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Jeff Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.