# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING October 4, 2005

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

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jange Steener Digne Brenner Gudney Buchey CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Smith called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **MINUTES:**

Harold Herr made a motion to accept the September 6, 2005 minutes as presented. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:**

No Comments.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Bill Hummel discussed the Fema reimbursement and expenditures in reference to the Jackson Street Storm Sewer and Rip rap at the bridge.

Dave Rogers made a motion for Bill Hummel to get quotes to do the 2 projects. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Literature on Training Programs
- 2. Invitation to Jane Orie Reception
- 3. August WBCA Minutes
- 4. Winter Commodity Bids
- 5. Thank You letter for support of the Rader Maze
- 6. Information on Operation Christmas Child
- 7. Update on PSAB Conference Schedule
- 8. Off Site Response Plans for Sysco
- 9. Notice from the Harmony-Zelienople Business Association of their Fall Festival
- 10. Letter of Resignation from the Historic Architectural Review Board from Roger Weaver Harold Herr made a motion to accept Roger Weaver's resignation. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney, Matthew Marshall reported that he sent a letter to Yorktown requesting that they replace the fence.

A letter was sent to Council concerning the motion made at the September Council Meeting regarding the Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Marshall determined what the actual Zoning was concerning Ordinance #316.

Dave Rogers made a motion to rescind the motion from September 6, 2005 clarifying Council's interpretation of Ordinance #316. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg requested that a letter be written to the property owner concerning the rescinding of the motion.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

Finance – Jeff Smith presented copies of the 2006 Budget.

**Streets -** Dave Szakelyhidi commented looking at widening Wood Street before another person purchases the property that is for sale. Discussion. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to widen Wood Street. Dave rescinded the motion.

Physical Assets – Gary Habsburg reported that the new dump truck is in. He stated that it needs modification of the tail lights. He doesn't feel they are visible enough when the salt spreader is on.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to have the guys build a new leaf box. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

COG - The Winter Commodities Bid was received.

Water Authority – Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the surge tank is in and working. The project is complete except for planting grass.

PSAB - Chuck Beighey stated that he is planning on attending the PSAB Conference

There is a Boroughs' Association Meeting November 10 at the Garden Gate Restaurant.

**Zoning** – Jeff Smith stated that Tom Ayres had resigned. Diane Brenner submitted an application. Russ Ottney made a motion to appoint Diane Brenner to fill Tom Ayres' term. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jeff Smith announced that Harmony Borough was awarded \$166,000.00 for the Fema Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase three properties. He presented the project plan schedule as follows:

October 4 Review grant process with Council

Obtain property appraisals

Obtain land restoration estimates Prepare purchase proposal for owners

November 1 Review Proposals with Council

Present offers to residents

December 6 Council approves purchases

**Property Closings** 

Russ Ottney questioned what can be done with the property. Jeff Smith replied that the Borough can do anything but build on the property.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Zelienople is working on an emergency Communication system by registering e-mail address

Chuck Beighey questioned why the public doesn't know what the different fire alarm sounds are.

Harold Herr made a motion to set Halloween hours for October 31, 2005 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Rogers made a motion to as soon as possible send a plaque to Joe Sapienza for his services to the community from Harmony Borough Council and Citizens. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BILLS PAYABLE:**

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

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#### ADJOURN:

Harold Herr moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary