

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 6, 2005

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sharon M. Brunner  
Harold Herr  
Charles Beighey  
Ken J. Habsburg  
Cathy Rape  
Diane Brunner  
Jeff Smith  
Gary Habsburg  
Russ Ottney  
Dave Szakelyhidi  
Dave Rogers

**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 November 1, 2005 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:**

**Mark Sapienza** questioned how many times Wood Street has been surveyed.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Rick Santorum letter regarding Connoquenessing Creek concerns
2. Dept. of Health – summary of surveys
3. Thank you from Betty Sapienza
4. Request from Diane Brenner to purchase Christmas Decorations for the town
5. Invitation from Connoquenessing Township to attend a forum for elected officials December 19 at 7:00 PM to discuss a regional police force
6. Letter from Sheffer and Co. that they are applying for a permit for intake for the Creekside plan
7. A reminder from BCBA to appoint a representative

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

An electronic copy of the Codification will be ready by the end of the week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Russ Ottney questioned what the 2006 wages were. Harold withdrew his motion.

Dave Rogers made a motion to give the employees two additional sick days. Russ Ottney seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – Yes  
Russ Ottney – Yes  
Dave Szakelyhidi – No  
Jeff Smith – No  
Gary Habsburg – No  
Harold Herr – No  
Chuck Beighey – No

Motion defeated.

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the 2006 wages. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – Yes  
Russ Ottney – Yes  
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes  
Jeff Smith – Yes  
Gary Habsburg – No

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

**2006 WAGES:**

Corey Wearing - \$13.00

Sharon McCormick - \$13.50

Sharon Goehring - \$9.75

Bob Beighey - \$8.50

Wade Ion - \$17.00

Bruce Ziegler - \$15.50

Dave Bullman - \$15.50

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – No

Russ Ottney – No

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to set the tax rate at 13 mills and the Fire Tax at 1 mill for 2006. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith presented a letter to council to send to Doris Schott requesting that she explain the taxes she collected (Real Estate and Fire Tax)

**Public Safety:** Russ Ottney made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 for traffic control to the Zelienople Police contingent upon Zelienople matching it 3 – 1 of new donations. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.

The police reported that a check point was set up on Beaver Street and Mercer Street and determined that the average speeds were not excessive.

**Boroughs Association:** The BCBA meeting is March 16, 2006 will be at the Garden Gate restaurant.

**W.B.C.A.** – No one has come forward with tap-in fees.

New Construction on Beaver Street is causing water to run out on the street and freezing. The Solicitor recommended:

1. Talking to the inspector from MDIA to see if it was built to code
2. If it was built to code, why is there a problem

3. If the water is causing a dangerous situation, the property owner is responsible to correct the problem.

Discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fema Hazard Mitigation Grant Update:** Grant money to be divided as follows:

Herb Statzer - \$63,000.00

Richard Fischer - \$40,000.00

Dave McCall - \$51,945.00

The state will set up the closings.

Bill Hummel stated that it was the first time that he had surveyed Wood Street for widening. He gave a rough estimate as to the cost to widen the street.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to advertise for bids to widen Wood Street to 24 ft. going down the East side, to advertise to tear off the asphalt on Highland from Rt. 68 to Parkway and to advertise to tear off the asphalt on New Castle St. from Parkway to Pittsburgh St. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. PenDot is to put together the advertisement for bids. Gary amended his motion to add curbs on the East side of Wood Street. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to authorize Attorney Matthew Marshall to modify the codification to eliminate parking on the East side of Wood Street from Mercer Street to Jackson Street.

Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

Dave Rogers – Yes

Russ Ottney – Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – No

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

A letter is to be sent to Ron Mantia to remove the ladder that is on the sidewalk in front of his building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Water Authority Lease Agreement is up at the end of the month.

Dave Rogers made a motion to extend the lease agreement for a term of 5 years. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Employees' Luncheon is December 21 at the Harmony Inn.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to advertise meeting dates for 2006. Harold Herr seconded the motion. The January meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Carried.

Harold Herr questioned having a fire marshal look at buildings. He will look into it.

Chuck Beighey stated that he would like Attorney Marshall to look to see if pods are covered in the Zoning Ordinance.

**BILLS PAYABLE.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mark Sapienza** questioned the no parking on Wood Street. He also commented on speed bumps and employees' jobs.

**Diane Brenner** commented on parking at the Borough Lot.

**John Ruch** commented on the \$1,000.00 to the police. He also urged Council to look at Creekside's application.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon L. McCormick".

Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary