

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING January 3, 2006

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon McLaurel
John Rice
Dave Szakelyhidi
Gary Habsburg
Harold Herr
Chuck Beighey
Jeff Smith
Cathy Rape
Matt Smith
Ron Gochung

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor, Cathy Rape called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

President: Harold Herr nominated Jeff Smith for the office of President of Council. Russ Ottney nominated Chuck Beighey for the office of President of Council. Mr. Beighey declined the nomination. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion that the nominations be closed. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff Smith was elected Council President of Harmony Borough Council.

Vice President: Harold Herr nominated Chuck Beighey as Vice President of Harmony Borough Council. Harold Herr made a motion that the nominations be closed. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chuck Beighey was elected Council Vice President.

APPOINTMENTS:

Solicitor: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Dillon McCandless King Coulter and Graham as the Borough Solicitor. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor: Chuck Beighey made a motion to appoint Maher Duesel as the Borough Auditor. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Russ Ottney made a motion to appoint Sharon McCormick as Secretary Treasurer of Harmony Borough. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Engineer: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint William Hummel as the Borough Engineer. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vacancy Officer: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Karen Sharrar as the Borough Vacancy Officer. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tax Collector: Russ Ottney made a motion to appoint Berkheimer as the Earned Income Tax and EMS Tax collector of Harmony Borough. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Depositor: Chuck Beighey made a motion to appoint Nextier Bank as Harmony Borough's Depositor. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the December 6, 2005 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items: No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Notice from PennDOT of a Transportation Outreach Program

2. Brochures of classes from the Governor's Center
3. Newsletter from Butler Co. Conservation
4. Letter from PA Dept. of Revenue concerning Act 40 (turned over to Solicitor)
5. Copy of a letter from Sheffler & Co. to Historic Harmony RE: Creekside
6. Letter from Dominion RE: Disconnection for demolition
7. Minutes from the Butler Co. Parks Board

Jeff Smith presented and explained Committee Assignments. Attached.

Public Safety:

Mayor, Cathy Rape reported on the Police Service Informational Meeting that was held December 19.

Mayor Rape proposed a 3 way stop at the intersection of Spring St. and Mercer St. (A traffic study would need to be done by PennDOT.

BOARD REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS:

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Liz Gallagher to HARB for a 5 year term to expire April 30, 2010. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harmony Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Bob Ziegler to the Harmony Water Authority for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2010. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks Board: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Denny Steele to the Parks Board for a 4 year term to expire December 31, 2009. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Library: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Karen Sharrar and Jeff Smith to the Library for a 4 year term to expire December 31 2009. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Naomi LeFebvre to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term to expire December 31, 2009. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSAB: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Chuck Beighey as liaison to PSAB. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board: Chuck Beighey made a motion to appoint Larry Druschel to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term to expire December 31, 2008. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSAB: The next Boroughs Association meeting will be a reorganization meeting to be held March 16 at the Garden Gate Restaurant.

Harold Herr made a motion to not pay for Council Members lunches at the Employee's Luncheon in December. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. The lease agreement was signed and finalized
2. Mr. Mantia – Consent Order was signed
3. A letter was sent on the speed humps
4. Temporary Storage Trailers – The Zoning Ordinance definition is vague

Russ Ottney stated that he would like to see the exemption raised from \$5,000 to \$12,000 for the EMS Tax.

Discussion concerning cost of attorney fees for discussions with Ron Mantia.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The paper work is done for the Fema buyouts.
2. All the approvals have been done for the Community Block Grant
3. Beaver Street Update. The attorney is looking into whose responsibility it is to take care of the runoff water.
4. Wood Street – No Parking on the East Side – Solicitor is to make sure it is in the Codification
5. Humane Society Agreement – Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to sign the agreement. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sharon McCormick is to contact Verizon concerning getting their lines off the broken utility pole and also contact Dominion about repairing Monroe street
2. Corey is to make a final run to pick up leaves
3. John Rice made a motion to open the 2006 Budget. Russ Ottney seconded the motion.
John Rice – yes
Russ Ottney – yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – no
Jeff Smith – no
Gary Habsburg – no
Harold Herr – no
Chuck Beighey – no

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Motion defeated.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to include a bill to Brookside Gardens in the amount of \$261.00 and to Diane Brenner in the amount of \$26.51 to pay for Christmas decorations. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary

2006 Harmony Borough Committee Assignments

(Committees should meet at least once every two months)

Personnel

- **Salary Guidelines** – update Borough salary wage scale based on PSAB salary survey
- **Annual Employee reviews**
- **Annual Wage Package**
- **Annual Benefit Package**
- **Employee Assignment List**

Harold Herr *

Jeff Smith
Chuck Beighey

* Harold chairs committee but employees continue to report to Council President

Finance

- **Budget**
Request for Line Items – Sept 06
First Draft – Oct. 06
Preliminary Budget – Nov. 06
Final Budget – Dec. 06
- **Investigate new financial software**

Gary Habsburg

Harold Herr
Chuck Beighey

Streets / Storm Water

- **Street paving plan** - develop a list of all streets in Harmony and when they should be repaved - plan should include length of each section of street and an estimated cost of replacement.
- **Street plowing plan** – develop guidelines for snow removal

John Rice

Dave Szakelyhidi
Russ Ottney

Public Safety

- **Regular communications with Fire Department**
- **Regular communications with Police Department**
- **Police contract recommendations**
- **Crime Watch**

Russ Ottney

John Rice
Cathy Rape

Facilities

- **Borough Building renovation plan**

Dave Szakelyhidi

Gary Habsburg
Chuck Beighey

Business and Development

- **Regular communications with Business Association / Community**
- **Streetscape Projects including Christmas decorations**
- **Grants**

Jeff Smith

Gary Habsburg
Harold Herr

2006 Harmony Council – Committee Liaisons

COG	- Jeff Smith
HARB	- Dave Szakelyhidi
HWA	- John Rice
Parks	- Harold Herr
Planning	- Russ Ottney
PSAB / BCBA	- Chuck Beighey
WBCA	- Harold Herr
Zoning	- Gary Habsburg