

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 7, 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 McNamee
David Herr
Chuck Beighey
Gary Habsburg
Matt Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the February 7, 2006 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS on Agenda Items:

No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dominion was sold to Equitable Resources
2. Letter from W.B.C.A./Mr. Kramer requesting lines capped by June 1 on property purchased. Borough employees to look into possibly doing the work.
3. Disk from Pema on implementing NIMS
4. Invitation to Imaging Center
5. Invitation to Chamber of Commerce luncheon
6. Seneca Valley Cross Country Booster request for Street Closing. Harold Herr made a motion to approve the closing of the requested streets. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Letter from the Volunteer Fire Company stating that Wood Street is too narrow for a fire truck
8. Information on grants from Penn Prime
9. Information on training work shops
10. Letter of Intent to sign for the Regional Police Study
11. Information on the Butler County Parks Board Grant

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report.

BOARD REPORTS:

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Clark Wallace to HARB until April 2006. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks Board: Harold Herr made a motion to nominate Frank Gannon to fill the unexpired term on the Parks Board until December 2006.

Planning Commission: Discussion concerning Calvin Church's reverse subdivision. The Attorney stated that the plans are not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reject the Calvin Church reverse subdivision plan without prejudice to submit another plan. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSAB: Meeting at Garden Gate Restaurant March 16.

OLD BUSINESS

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Streets: John Rice made a motion to advertise the Highland Street paving project. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to have Insight Piping look up the drain at Mercer Street. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter is to be sent to CSX telling them the railing is loose on their bridge.

A letter is to be sent to Dominion Peoples asking them to move their exposed lines on Wood Street within 120 days.

Public Safety: The emergency alert sign-up is to be put on the Harmony web site.

Harold Herr made a motion that Harmony Borough participates in the Regional Police Study. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to award the bid to repair the walking trail to Holbein in the amount of \$4,200.00. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to spend up to \$2,000.00 for Christmas banners and garlands. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

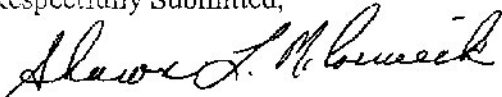
NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety: Russ Ottney commented that people are hunting on the walking trail and dogs are running loose. Gary Habsburg suggested notifying Creekside to post the property.

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

Meeting was continued at 7:50 PM until March 16 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building for an Executive Session concerning litigation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary

MARCH 16, 2006
MEETING CONTINUED FROM MARCH 7, 2006

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rice, Jeff Smith, Gary Habsburg, Harold Herr, Mayor, Cathy Rape

The March 7, 2006 meeting was continued March 16, 2006 at 7:15 PM.

Attorney Matthew Marshall brought to Council's attention that Michael Wearing's attorney stated that they were willing to settle out of court for \$15,000.00. Attorney Marshall also stated that the Borough was in its rights to terminate Charles Wearing as a Borough Employee. The \$15,000.00 will be paid by the insurance company.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the settlement and accept the agreement. Harold Herr seconded the motion. A provision will be required to be confidential on Mr. Wearing's end. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith stated that he has applied for a \$700,000.00 grant to allow the Borough to replace the water towers. The School District has supported the grant. All municipalities will benefit.

Harold Herr made a motion to write a letter requesting support from the other municipalities. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith also brought to Council's attention that the free website time has come to an end. Gary Habsburg made a motion to spend \$50.00 or less a month to enter into an annual subscription for the web site. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

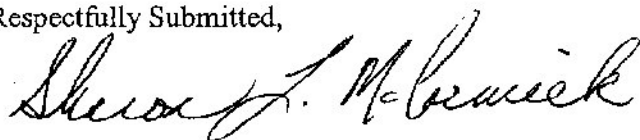
Cathy Rape stated that John and Jan Helbling donated 44 wreaths and sprays to the Borough for Christmas decorations. Council agreed that they can be stored in the water garage. Mayor Rape also stated that Penn Power has agreed to pay for the Harmony fireworks.

John Rice discussed putting an open ditch on Mercer Street instead of running a camera up the pipe. John made a motion to authorize Bill Hummel to come up with plans for the Mercer Street storm water project. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to pay the Holbein Bill in the amount of \$4,200.00 for repair work on the walking trail and a motion to pay the Blinn Brothers' bill for repair work to the Jackson Street storm drain (bid amount \$4,975.00) and rip rap at the bridge (bid amount \$975.00). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary