

HARMONY BOROUGH HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING June 6, 2006

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McNamee
Harold Herr
Dave Szakelyhidi
John Rice
Cathy Rape
Gary Habsburg
Jeff Smith
John Rice
Matt Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM to hear public comment on adopting the Harmony Borough codification of ordinances.
No Comments.

The Hearing was closed at 7:01 PM and the Regular Council Meeting was called to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the May 2, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

Dave Eberle commented on garbage collection. He stated that he didn't mind paying extra to choose who collects his garbage. He also stated that some people are on low income, some people take their garbage elsewhere, and there will be some people who won't pay and the Borough will have to pick it up.

Diane Brenner stated that she is opposed to going with Vogel for garbage collection. She stated that Vogel's drivers are rude.

Tom Murray stated that the Landlord is responsible if the tenant doesn't pay. He feels that people should be able to choose who the hauler is. He also stated that he hasn't seen a proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Info on Conservation Workshops
2. The HRP Advisor magazine
3. Info from Foxco concerning Terrorism Insurance. Declined on advice of the Borough's insurance agent.
4. Copy of a letter from DEP to the developers of Creekside concerning storm water issues
5. Letter on trees from Diane Brenner
6. Federal Surplus update
7. Municipal Authority Report
8. DEP -Sewage Planning Informational Session
9. PSAB letter regarding Cable Franchising Information
10. PSAB Conference notice

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Codification Ordinance has been advertised for adoption this evening.

Harold Herr made a motion to adopt Ordinance #372 adopting the code of ordinances of Harmony Borough. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Russ Ottney questioned if Matt Marshall had checked on Water Street and if it was included. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that they had met but took no action.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the landscaping at the water plant was done.

Zoning Hearing Board: Michael Lehey and Margaret O'Reilley both expressed interest on becoming a member.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to appoint Margaret O'Reilley to the Zoning Hearing Board. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Discussion on switching cell phone carriers from Nextel to Verizon. Russ Ottney made a motion to switch phone carriers to Verizon. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Harold withdrew his second. Motion died for lack of second. Tabled until the Water Authority had a chance to discuss the matter at their June meeting.

STREETS:

Discussion concerning the drainage project on Mercer Street. John Rice made a motion to approach the County to provide engineering for the Mercer Street Storm Sewer. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to do engineering for Old Little Creek Storm Sewer. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice brought it to Council's attention that there are quite a few high culverts.

Dave Szakelyhidi stated that Bill Hummel had looked at 3rd Street. He stated that the large stone needs to be taken out of the right-of-way. Discussion on whether to widen 3rd Street, whether to pave or put down millings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concert Series: Jeff Smith stated that Jane Orie's office through DCED has agreed to pay \$3000.00 towards the fireworks/Concert Series.

Butler County Regional Transit Study: The Butler County Regional Transit is requesting that Harmony Borough support the study at a cost of \$5,000.00 per year. The Transit may lease the Borough's Parking Lot for \$3,000.00 a year. That would leave the Borough with a net cost of \$2,000.00 per year.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 per year in local matching funds to the Butler County Transit contingent on them entering into an agreement with Harmony Borough to provide a park-and-ride for \$3,000.00 a year. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mayor, Cathy Rape stated that she had complaints on cats running loose. She also questioned why Mantia has a ladder on his sidewalk. There were also complaints on trees in the square and behind the Borough Garage needing trimmed.

The Business and Development Committee met and discussed doing a business census.

Walkway Enhancements – discussed having street lights installed. Could use the remainder of the grant to pay for them.

Trash Collection – look at getting the facts and come back to Council with recommendations. President, Jeff Smith stated, "It's too bad people in town cause trouble without knowing the facts." He questioned if Council thinks it worth looking into? Discussion.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Gary Habsburg made a motion to pay all bills as presented. John Rice seconded the motion. Russ Ottney questioned if Council gave approval to spend \$900.00 for William Hummel to do Engineering services. Jeff Smith stated that all expenses should be authorized. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to approve the 2005 audit. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Diane Brenner suggested adopting an ordinance to prevent cutting down trees in the Borough. Attorney Marshall stated that he will have some information for the next meeting.

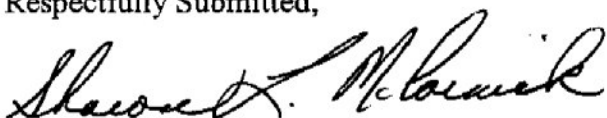
John Ruch stated that the Harmony Business Association may help with the Census. He suggested that if any money was left over from the Grant for the trail enhancement he would like some signage put up on the trail. Mr. Ruch also gave his opinion on Trash pickup stating that there are a lot of burn barrels in town and when you have more burn barrels you have less recycling and garbage pick-up.

Tom Murray stated that the Borough should not be in the trash business. They should have the freedom of choice.

Cathy Rape brought to Council's attention that the flowers in the square and baskets came from Brookside Gardens.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary