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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING July 5, 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 L. McNamee
Harold L. Herr
Dave Szakelyhidi
John Rice
Cathy Rape
Gary Habsburg
Jeff Smith
John Rice
John Rice
Matt Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Russ Ottney made a motion to approve the June 6, 2006 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

Mark Sapienza questioned if they approved a new launch or have one picked out. He also stated that he is against putting in a launch on Jackson Street. He said that the street isn't wide enough.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Training and information from DCED and Local Government Academy
2. Notification from PEMA of payment transfer of \$1,705.12 for Subgrantee Allowance (closed out project worksheets under public assistance program for Tropical Depression Ivan.)
3. Butler County Planning Commission meeting date – July 10 at 7:00 PM
4. Notice from DEP Bureau of Waste Management - Grant used to purchase truck (Recycling Grant) - closed
5. Wade Ion, Bruce Ziegler, and Sharon McCormick passed the NIMS Test

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney, Matthew Marshall gave examples of Shade Tree Ordinances for Council to examine

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith stated that Cranberry has joined the North Hills COG. Possibly other municipalities could be asked to join a COG with Harmony. Council had no objections.

Jackson Street Boat Launch: Discussion on location and upkeep of property for the boat launch. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pursue leasing Jackson Street property to the state contingent on Attorney Marshall's review. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

John Rice – Yes

Russ Ottney – No

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Discussion on C2 zoning and change of use of the property, who the person goes to with the request and who pays.

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PSAB: Chuck Beighey is no longer the PSAB representative for Harmony Borough. Russ Ottney is no longer the treasurer. A representative needs appointed. Tabled until the next meeting.

Zoning: A hearing was held June 26 for a variance for Jarod Stewart. Variance was granted.

Streets: Discussion on whether to pave or put millings down on 3rd street. Chuck Beighey made a motion for the street Committee to solicit millings and proceed as needed. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion with no cost to the Borough with labor being in house. Motion carried.

Discussion concerning a collapsed ditch on Evergreen Mill Road. According to the agreement between Jackson Township and Harmony Borough, Jackson Township is to fix it. A letter is to be sent to Jackson Township about the problem.

John Rice reported that he had contacted Mr. Kremer at WBCA. They were not able to run a camera up the pipe. The first section seems to be collapsed. John explained the solution of replacing the pipe to repair the damage. John Rice made a motion that if the County fails to provide engineering for Old Little Creek Road drainage, to authorize the Street Committee to get Bill Hummel to do the engineering for the project. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NIMS training is mandatory.

FACILITIES: John Rice reported that the water cooler needs fixed at the Borough Building. Dave Szakelyhidi will look into it.

PSAB: Jeff Smith presented a draft letter concerning the Franchise fee. Council had no objections to send the letter.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Safety Meeting will be held August 1 at 6:20 PM before the Council Meeting.

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT: Jeff Smith wrote a draft letter concerning TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). Council had no objections to him sending the letter.

C2 Zoning and Special Exception tabled until the next meeting.

Dave Szakelyhidi explained a new Nextel plan and Government pricing. He stated that the Water Authority had agreed to go with the new contract. Harold Herr stated that the Borough could get rid of the Office phone. Corey's phone could be piggybacked with the Water Authority phones. Discussion. Tabled until the next Council meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Mark Sapienza stated that he feels there is a lack of maintenance on the Borough's equipment, weeds need cut at the Borough Building, doors need painted, no maintenance is done in the Borough.

Diane Brenner asked if there is only one full time Borough Employee and if there could be a list of things for him to do.

Bill Kolling stated that he had to get a building permit for some work he was doing on his house but other residents didn't get one. He said that there are a lot of projects being done without permits and feels that it is unfair if not enforced uniformly.

Diane Brenner stated that there is a grey area in the Zoning Book concerning restructuring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 8:33 to discuss personnel.

Out of Executive Session at 8:35.

John Ruch brought to Council's attention that the Museum had contracted a new sound system to be used in Stewart Hall. Council is authorized to use it. Council could pay the extra cost to add extra mikes at a cost of approximately \$500.00. John explained that only Council would have use of them.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to authorize the museum to add 5 microphones (at a total cost of \$500.00). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

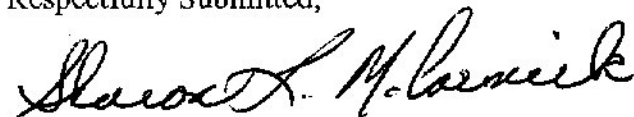
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 8:37 PM.

Out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Wade Ion as the Acting Borough Superintendent at a rate of \$19.00 per hour effective immediately with the \$2.00 increase being charged to the Borough. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary