

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING October 3, 2006

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sharon M. Beighey  
C. Beighey  
W. Beighey  
Gary Habsburg  
Cathy Rape  
Matt Smith  
Bob BUDNY  
Julie & James Aliman  
Mary Hally  
Frank & Andrea Gannon

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President, Jeff Smith called the Council Meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Chuck Beighey made a motion to approve the September 5, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)**

No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
2. Letter from Tec Assoc. concerning safe railings at the bridge
3. Emergency Management Meeting in Zelig was continued until November 5
4. Liquid Fuel Audit from the Auditor General
5. Notice of Local Government Day
6. Info from the County about Community Development Block Grants
7. PSAB is to meet October 22
8. Continuing Education Materials
9. Notice from the Chamber concerning networking breakfast
10. Response from Arlen Spector
11. Letter from Bill Hummel concerning property at Harmony Heights and water run-off

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney, Matthew Marshall presented a draft ordinance concerning sidewalk and driveway regulations. Also discussed a revision to the licensing fee for solicitation. Council is to review the codification chapter 21 section 3 concerning streets and sidewalks and chapter 13 concerning licensing.

Discussion concerning when building permits are required. (replacing aluminum siding is exempt). A permit is needed if there is a structure change

Chuck Beighey made a motion to refund Mr. Kollings fee for his building permit. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer, William Hummel stated that bids were opened for storm sewers on Old Little Creek Road and Division Street. He recommended Council accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> low bidder for Old Little Creek because of discrepancy in tabulation of the low bidder.

Me Hummel also stated that a letter was sent to Mr. Allman requesting that he correct the problem causing water run off from his property. Since the letter was sent, he met with Mr. Allman. Mr. Allman agreed to connect the roof drain into the storm drains and the run off will go into the gravel. Mr. Hummel recommended that Council accept the plans of what Mr. Allman is going to do.

**Cog:**

The County had a meeting. Sixteen municipalities are interested in belonging to COG. There will be a follow up meeting.

**HARB:**

HARB would like a letter mailed to all residents living in the Historic District explaining that they need to go to HARB for approval to change the exterior of the buildings.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize a mailing to residents and tenants in the Historic District. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission received a request for a change of use. The request was turned over to the Zoning Officer.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Secretary, Sharon McCormick requested that the date of the next Council Meeting be changed due to the fact that she will be absent and unable to take the minutes. Council felt the meeting date should be left as advertised to avoid confusion.

Discussed Commercial Burning

**STREETS:**

John Rice reported that there is some trouble with ITC Paving. He feels their work is not satisfactory and it needs to be corrected.

John Rice made a motion to accept the bid from A.R. Oliastro at a cost of \$22,802.00 for the Division Street Project. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to accept the bid from A.R. Oliastro for \$25,894.24 for the Old Little Creek Road Project and to reject the low bid from Joseph C. Puryear due to tabulation problems. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FACILITIES:**

Discussed roofing bids for the Borough Building. Wade Ion received a bid from Don Mars in the amount of \$7,000.00.

**PERSONNEL:**

Harold Herr made a motion to hire Frank Grannon to work part-time as needed for the Borough at \$10.00 per hour. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TRICK OR TREAT:**

Gary Habsburg made a motion to set Trick or Treat for the Borough for October 31 from 6:00-8:00 PM. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MERCER STREET LIGHTS:**

Discussed installation of Street Lights on Mercer Street. John Helbling offered to pay for the electricity and to put new sidewalks on his property.

Harold Herr made a motion to install two Street Lights and lease them to John Helbling for a year. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to install a street light on the east corner of Mercer located at 248 ½ Mercer Street. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WOOD STREET CLOSING:**

Gary Habsburg made a motion to close Wood Street from Mercer Street to the railroad tracks on October 14 from 11:00 AM – midnight (for a car show). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.**

Council had not objections with applying for the grant for renovation of the Borough Building.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Harold Herr made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Mayor Rape questioned the bill for the parks and also the charge for the attorney talking to Mantia's attorney. Carried.

Mayor Rape added to the bills the Christmas garland from Brookside Gardens for a cost of \$1,224.00. Harold Herr made a motion to pay for the additional bill. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

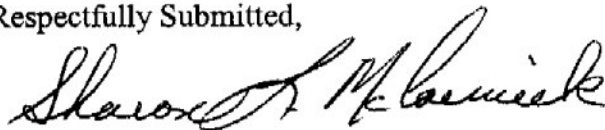
Mitch Selitte stated that there is a dip in the road at the corner of Spring and Mercer St. on Mercer Street. When garbage trucks hit the dip the buildings shake. He stated that Chief Miller said that there are speed bumps that are legal. He also brought to Councils attention that school busses are speeding through Harmony and suggested traffic slowing devices. He also brought up the pedestrian crosswalk signs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An executive session was called at 8:40 PM to discuss personnel.

The regular meeting was called back in session and adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary