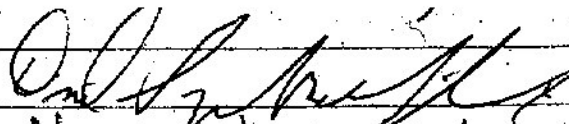
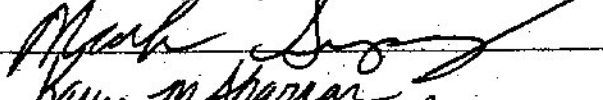


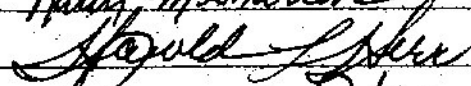
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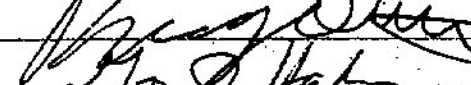
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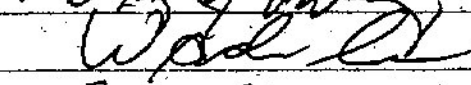
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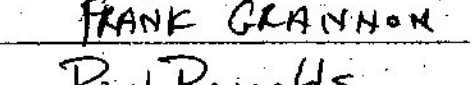
  
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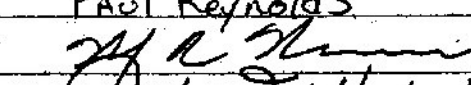
  
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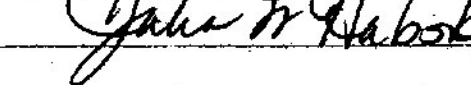
  
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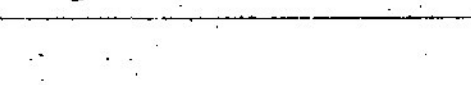
  
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MAYOR CATY RAPE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chuck Beighey was absent.

## 1. Minutes

Harold Herr made the motion to approve the minutes. Dave S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## 2. Recognition of Guests – Agenda Items Only

The following guests spoke:

**Mark Sapienza** asked about trash collection. Jeff indicated that the only action to be taken at this meeting was to provide information on the joint Harmony – Zelienople trash bid to Council.

**Mark Sapienza** also stated that he was opposed to speed bumps and did not sign the petition in favor of them.

**Mitch Sallitt** presented a petition in favor of speed bumps to Council. It was signed by 18 residents along Mercer Street.

**Neal Nanna** spoke about the liabilities associated with speed bumps.

**Nancy Hoffman** spoke in favor of speed bumps.

**Paul Reynolds** questioned whether or not the police have provided any evidence showing the need for speed bumps.

## 3. Correspondence / Announcements

The following information was received by the Borough:

1. Information on government training from DCED
2. A letter from the USPS concerning an ADA survey they had made. The USPS has requested a response from the Borough in terms of what it plans to do. Borough to check on current requirements and possibly allow the USPS to stripe and sign the common areas and parking lots.
3. Butler County Convention and Tourism Meeting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
4. PSAB seminar on Utility Management
5. Butler County Conservation Newsletter
6. A request for \$1,000 from Victims Outreach program
7. An offer of a 35 foot Christmas tree

A detailed Environmental Assessment from PennDOT concerning the Seneca I-79 interchange.

## 4. Solicitor Report

- Matt Marshall requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss real estate and personnel matters.
- Recommended a change to the remove the \$300 limit on emergency repairs from the sidewalk ordinance. He recommended having no limit on emergency repairs.
- He has completed the Borough Fee resolution and will present it next month.

## 5. Board Reports

COG

Jeff gave an update on the County COG. He provided the new COG some sample bylaws.

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**HARB** None

**HWA** None

**Parks** None

**Library**

Karen Sharrar gave a library presentation and requested an increase in their annual funding from \$5,200 to \$6,000.

**Planning** None

**PSAB**

Announced the BCBA meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WBCA**

Budget preparations have begun.

**Zoning - Huey Request**

The Eric Huey request to allow all R-1 uses in R-2 zones was explained. No action was taken because Mr. Huey was not present.

**Vacancy Officer** None

**BOROUGH STAFF REPORT:**

**Office** - None

**Building Inspector** informed the Borough that MDIA had issued a cease and desist order to Ron Mantia because his roofing project violated the building codes.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**Personnel** –

Harold said that he had received many compliments about the new staff member, Frank Grannon.

**Finance – Preliminary Budget Review**

Gary Habsburg introduced the new budget and John Rice reviewed the Liquid Fuel Projects. Discussion followed.

Gary Habsburg made a motion “to adopt the tentative 2007 budget”. John Rice seconded. Discussion followed.

Wade Ion was directed to work with PennDOT to develop a list that would rank all the streets in Harmony and their expected resurfacing dates.

Budget Vote: Harold – Yes, Gary – Yes, Dave – Yes, Russ – No, John – No, Jeff – Yes. Motion passed 4-2.

**Streets** –

Drainage projects

Discussed Division Street and Old Little Creek start dates based on information from AR Oliastro indicating that they could not begin work until mid-November. Sharon was directed to send a letter to them indicating that a mid-November date was acceptable.

Discussed the ITC Paving agreement to do patching around town. John made a motion "to send a letter ITC Paving to terminate their services." Dave seconded. Motion passed 6-0..

**Sidewalk Ordinance** Gary made a motion "to authorize the advertisement of the Sidewalk Ordinance for the December meeting". John seconded. Discussion followed.

Sidewalk Vote: Harold – Yes, Gary – Yes, Dave – No, Russ – No, John – No, Jeff – Yes. 3-3 Cathy Rape – Yes. Motion passed 4-3.

**Public Safety** –Nothing.

**Facilities** –Nothing.

**Business & Development** –  
Solicitation License Ordinance

Harold made the motion "to authorize the advertisement of the Solicitation License Ordinance for the December meeting". Gary seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0.

Cathy reported that Penn Power will permit private citizens to pay for the electricity for Borough street lights.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

**Personnel** –Nothing.

**Finance** –Nothing.

**Streets** –

John Rice reported on a Spring Street homeowner paving their driveway to the road and blocking storm water runoff. Matt was directed to provide Wade with the section of the ordinance that this action violated so that a letter can be sent to the homeowner.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**–

**Speed Humps:** Jeff provided Council with information that Police Chief Jim Miller had given him about speed bumps that were used in Zelienople. The cost to implement these bumps would be about \$2,000. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

**Revamped EMA:** Neal Nanna explained what was involved in the reorganization of the local Emergency Management Administration. Dave S. made a motion "to send a letter of support for the reorganized EMA". Russ seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**Appoint EMA Representative:** Dave S. made a motion to "appoint Don Pepe as Harmony Borough's Emergency Management Administration Coordinator". Harold Herr seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion concerning the need for an EMA Coordinator alternate. Russ made a motion "to appoint Dave S. as the EMA Coordinator alternate." John Rice seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**FACILITIES:-**

Council directed Wade to obtain a new flag for the square.

**BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT:**

Reverse subdivision – Jackson Street

Harold Herr made a motion to: “do a reverse sub-division and combine the three Jackson properties that the Borough acquired following the floods.” Dave S. seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Sharon was directed to send a letter to the Gas Company to terminate service to the three Jackson Street properties.

Zelienople trash proposal

Discussion concerning the draft proposal. No action taken.

Christmas reception

Harold Herr made a motion “to have the Harmony Volunteer Christmas reception at 7:00PM on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and to have Sharon coordinate the time of the employee Christmas luncheon”. Gary seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Per Cathy’s request on behalf of the Harmony Business Association, Harold Herr made a motion “to close Mercer Street between Main and Wood Street on Saturday November 11 from 9:45 AM until 8:00 PM and Sunday November 12 from 11:45 AM until 5:00 PM. Dave S. seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0.

**8. BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Harold Herr made a motion “to pay the bills except for the Hummel bill which needed to be split between the borough and the water authority and to hold the Solvency invoice payment until the solicitor could determine whether it was due.” Dave S. seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0.

**9. Public Comment - Open Forum** A three-minute limitation shall apply to each member of the public who wishes to address the Mayor and Borough Council on a matter not on the agenda. No member of the public shall be permitted to “share” his/her three minutes with any other member of the public. (Usually any items heard under this heading are referred to staff for further study, research, completion and/or future Council action.)

Mitch Sallitt questioned why no action was taken concerning the request for speed bumps.

Neal Nanna said that speeding was an issue but speed bumps were not the answer. He also questioned the legality of holding property owners responsible for street curb repairs.

Mitch Sallitt spoke about the problem of over weight trucks on borough streets.

Nancy Hoffman asked about a storm water runoff issue and how to contact individual Council members.

Paul Reynolds recommended water line replacements occur when streets are paved.

Mark Sapienza suggested that the police have multiple locations for sitting and watching for speeders.

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Council went into executive session at 9:15.

Council came out of executive session at 9:35.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JEFF S" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jeff Smith, Acting Secretary