

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 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 Chapman
Harold Herr
Chuck Beighey
Cathy Rape
Dave Szakelyhidi
John Rice
Nancy Hoffmann
Gary Habsburg
Julie Habsburg
Bob + Audrey Budny
FRANK GRANNON
Donald Pepe
Wade
An John
Matt Smith
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Jeff Smith, Council President called to order a public hearing at 7:00 PM to hear public comment on an Ordinance for the purpose of providing and revising certain sidewalk and driveway regulations within the Borough and for the purpose of revising certain licensing regulations within the Borough.

A brief summary of the Sidewalk Ordinance was read by Mr. Smith. The hearing was then open for public comment.

Bob Budney: questioned which person came up with the sidewalk ordinance.

Mich Salitte asked for an exemption as his property is in the Truck Route and the trucks are destroying his sidewalk.

Diane Brenner objected to the sidewalk ordinance. She stated that she had obtained as estimate of \$2,800 for her sidewalk. Many people and businesses could not afford it if the ordinance was forced on them.

Bob Budney questioned if it had been discussed how the sidewalks were to be paid for.

Cathy Rape stated that she feels the streets are too narrow. Trucks go over the sidewalks. She stated that half of Council doesn't even have sidewalks.

Richard Goehring stated that he is concerned about the curbs. He thought the curbs were the Borough's responsibility and the sidewalks were the residents' responsibility.

The Hearing on the sidewalk ordinance was closed and the Hearing on the Soliciting Permit fees was opened at 7:14 PM. Jeff Smith read a brief summary of the ordinance and then opened the floor for public comment.

John Ruch stated that he feels it is discriminating to charge a person \$50 a year (bulk). Non-profit would have to pay for every event. Also allowing solicitation only until dusk could be a problem for certain events.

Cathy Rape stated that a person should get a permit for safety reasons but that \$250 is too much. The church, museum and fire department should be exempt. The Borough should be helping them not hindering them.

Bob Budney stated that the whole idea for activities is to promote the community not to discourage people from coming into town. He feels the prices should be kept down.

Diane Brenner stated that 15-20 people work hard at every event to make money for the Museum and Historic Society. The charges are too high.

The hearing was closed and the regular meeting called to order at 7:22 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the November 7, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (Agenda Items)

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Information on Training Programs
2. Tourism Bureau wants a form signed for signs to be placed in place of the Grandview Inn signs. (One in Harmony Borough and one in Jackson TWP.) Council agreed to wait until they see the sign and know exactly where it is to be placed.
3. The Zelenople Harmony Emergency Management will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.
4. The Pension Plan Audit was received and is available for review at the Borough office.

BOARD REPORTS.

1. **COG:** No report.
2. **HARB:** No report
3. **WATER AUTHORITY:** The Division Street storm sewer project started today
4. **PARK BOARD:** No report.
5. **LIBRARY:** No report.
6. **PLANNING:** No report.
7. **PSAB:** Had meeting in the Borough with approximately 40 people attending.
8. **WBCA:** No report
9. **ZONING:** Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to revoke the waiver from building permits due to repair work from Ivan. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **VACANCY OFFICER:** No report.

BOROUGH REPORTS.

Superintendent's report: Submitted and attached to minutes.
The banners are on the Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No report.

Budget: Jeff Smith distributed the wage recommendations.

2007 Salary Proposal

**2007
proposed
increase**

**Wade's
Borough
Supplement**

Office	Sharon	McCormick	\$14.00
Office	Sharon	Goerhing	\$10.00
Office	Bob	Beighey	\$8.60
Street	Frank	Grannon	\$11.00
Street	Corey	Wearing	\$13.00
Water	Wade	Ion	\$17.50
Water	Dave	Bullman	\$15.75
Water	Bruce	Zeigler	\$15.75

\$2.00 \$19.50

Gary Habsburg made a motion to adopt the tentative budget. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion.

Discussion: John Rice questioned \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenses. Gary Habsburg stated that roads have to come out of Liquid Fuel. Council will have to defer projects. John Rice commented that Liquid Fuel money doesn't maintain roads.

Gary Habsburg stated that the choices were to either raise the millage or defer projects.

Russ Ottney stated that he objected to the way the budget was put together.

Gary Habsburg replied that at the end of the day the income line and the expense line zero each other out.

Vote on the motion:

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

Motion carried.

STREETS:

John Rice reported that the Division Street project has begun. He will check to see when they will start on Old Little Creek Road.

Sidewalk Ordinance.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to adopt the Sidewalk Ordinance. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion.

Jeff Smith went over the questions asked by residents.

- The origination of the ordinance came about because someone had contacted Wade about being concerned about sidewalks
- Repair – nothing prohibits a resident from repairing his sidewalk
- Curb vs sidewalks – the PA Code established that the Borough may repave and repair sidewalks and curbs.
- The intent of the ordinance was not to force everyone to put in new sidewalks
- There are no standards for a deficient curb. The Borough cannot force a person to replace or repair a curb.

Discussion.

Vote on the motion:

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

Harold Herr – No

Chuck Beighey – No

Motion defeated.

Gary Habsburg stated that he would like the ordinance to go back to Council dealing with sidewalks and that curbing should be independent of sidewalks.

Attorney Marshall stated that Council could either adopt a motion without including curbs or think about it for a month.

John Rice made a motion to adopt an amended ordinance deleting the words “curbing or gutter”. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

FACILITIES:

No Report.

SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Jeff Smith explained that the solicitation ordinance is for people who go door to door.

Harold Herr made a motion to pass the revisions of the Solicitation Ordinance. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION:

The Municipal Building is not in the National Historic District, only the local district.

Gary Habsburg made a motion that if eligible, the Board supports the application and authorizes Jeff Smith to sign the CDBG Grant Application. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel:

No Report.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION:

Jeff Smith brought to Council's attention that 3 people have not filed their Financial Interest Forms nor have they responded to correspondence that was sent to them. Jeff Smith suggested another letter be sent and if they don't respond, they will be replaced.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to adopt a policy requiring completion of the ethics form or risk removal from their position. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

No Report.

STREETS:

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A storm culvert crossing Charles/Center Street is crushed down and needs replaced.

ZELIENOPLE RATE INCREASE FOR STREET SWEEPING:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Zelianople Rate Increase for street sweeping from \$70 - \$90 an hour. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HANDICAP PARKING:

Chuck Beighey made a motion to install a temporary handicap parking sign on the corner of Main Street and German Street. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

FACILITIES:

No Report.

BUTLER COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU:

Jeff Smith commented that Harmony Borough has been a member of the Butler County Tourism Bureau for several years. He explained that there are issues in the way they handled voting and feels the Borough should no longer be associated with the group until changes are made.

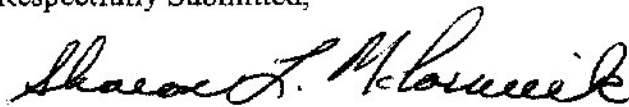
Gary Habsburg feels the Borough should write them a letter to see if they are going to abide by their bylaws and see how they respond before making a decision.

BILLS:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary