

January 2, 2007

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING January 2, 2007

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. Haymesick
Harold Herr
Don Jim
Nancy Hoffmann
May Hertz
Joan Webb
Cathy Rape
Russ Ottney
Frank & Andrea Shannon
Don Jim
Gary Habsburg
Don Szakelyhidi

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the December 5, 2006 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Police Report
2. Training Program Information
3. Newspaper article concerning the log cabin that was moved
4. W.B.C.A. Minutes
5. Letter concerning drains at Allmans – passed on to Zoning Officer
6. Letter from Tec Associates concerning Railroad Bridge – noted corrosion, needs attention, they will keep it under investigation
7. A letter from the Allegheny League of Municipalities asking Harmony Borough to join
8. Update from Emergency Management
9. Butler County Humane Society Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Personnel – Harold Herr stated that in early December, Corey Wearing indicated to Sharon McCormick that he expected to be cleared by his doctor to return to work on December 21st. Corey did not return to work on that day and the Borough has not had any communications with him since that date.

Therefore, under the Harmony Borough Personnel policy which states, “any employee who fails to call off for three consecutive days reporting an absence shall be deemed to have abandoned his/her employment with the Borough”, the Personnel Committee recommends and Harold made the motion that “Harmony Borough sends a letter to Mr. Wearing indicating that on January 2, 2007, the Borough has declared his position vacant and that he is no longer an employee of Harmony Borough. All benefits, with the exception of health coverage are terminated immediately. Health Coverage will terminate on January 31, 2007.

The Personnel Committee also recommends that we do not fill the vacant position at this time since it appears that Wade and Frank are adequately addressing the needs of the Borough at this time. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Discussion held for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS/ APPOINTMENTS:

COG: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as Harmony Borough’s representative to COG. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Rick Zoelle to the Water Authority Board for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2007. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried

Parks Board: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Frank Grannon to the Parks Board for a 4 year term to expire 12/31/2007. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Fred White to the Parks Board for a 4 year term to expire December 31, 2010.

Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Andrea Grannon to the unexpired term on the Parks Board, that was vacated. (To expire December 31, 2007) Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: Harold Herr made a motion to reappoint Joe White to the Planning Commission. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BCAB: Harold Herr made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as representative to BCAB. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

W.B.C.A.: No Report.

ZONING: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Jarod Stewart to a 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 12/31/2009. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harold Herr made a motion to reappoint Neal Nanna as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 12/31/2009. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE MEETING DATES:

Harold Herr made a motion to advertise 2007 meeting dates with the first Council meeting for 2008 to be January 7. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Attached.

Wade Ion obtained 2 bids for garage doors. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the low bid (from Nelson's hardware for \$3,352.00). Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade reported that the backhoe is on its last leg.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

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Streets: John Rice reported that the resident on Spring Street requested permission to wait until Spring to fix their driveway. Council had no objections.

A list for paving was compiled by Wade and Mr. Knapco.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES: No Report.

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT: No Report.

Mayor Rape publicly thanked the Borough for buying the Christmas decorations and Otto and Gerts for the donations and Diane Brenner and her list of volunteers for decorating.

She also stated that she would like signs on the walking trail telling people to clean up after their pets and would like to see parking provided at the other end of the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to renew the contract with the Butler County Humane Society. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion.

John Rice – No

Russ Ottney – No

Dave Szakelyhidi -- Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg -- Yes

Harold Herr -- No

Mayor Rape broke the tie vote with a yes vote. Motion carried.

ZELIENOPE HARMONY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Jeff Smith explained that Jackson Township had withdrawn and recommended approving their budget with Harmony's contribution being \$1,000.00 based on population. Harold Herr made a motion to send a letter the Zelienople Emergency Management explaining Harmony's position and \$1,000.00 donation. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting with the police will be before the February Council Meeting.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Hoffman questioned why Council isn't willing to address Zoning violations.

Mark Sapienza commented on problems on Wood Street. Cars can't turn around at the end of the street. The "No Parking" sign was taken away. Two signs are badly faded. Wants the sign put back up that designates the turn around. Wade Ion is to check on the sign. The police are to enforce the signs.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 8:00 PM to discuss Personnel.

Council reconvened their regular meeting at 8:15. Jeff Smith reread the motion concerning the termination of Mr. Wearing's position. Motion carried.

Mayor Rape questioned the Mantia situation. Attorney Marshall explained that there are two situations -- criminal and civil. The Criminal Summary Hearing is scheduled for January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. McCormick".

Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary