

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon M. Munnick
Cathy Rape
Donna M. Munnick
Sharon M. Munnick
Chuck Beighey
Wanda A. Munnick
Gary J. Habsburg
Donna M. Munnick
Frank & Andrea Munnick
Matt Smith
Harold Herr
Nancy Munnick
R. Munnick

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, Jeff Smith called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Harold Herr made a motion to approve the April 3, 2007 minutes as presented. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Tim Shaeffer introduced himself as a candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas

Council President, Jeff Smith, read a letter from **Jim Kennedy** expressing appreciate for continued support

Council President, Jeff Smith, read a letter from the Committee to Elect **Dale Pinkerton** for County Commissioner

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (Agenda Items):

No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Memo from Gary Pinkerton stating Harmony Borough is in region 4
2. Copied on a letter from Kathleen McGinney to Jane Orie in reference to dredging the creek
3. Letter from Historic Harmony stating that Harmony Borough is eligible to have a 2nd secular Historic District
4. W.B.C.A. minutes
5. Classes and Seminar info.
6. The Butler County Veteran Service and Veterans Parade will be May 28
7. The County agreed on an extra \$20,000 for Mercer St.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that COG is ready to have their bylaws written

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board: No Report

Library: No Report

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission approved the Jackson Street reverse sub-division.

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Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Jackson Street reverse sub-division. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Russ Ottney questioned limit of 5 years on a building permit.

Attorney Marshall stated that the plan could be made to expire by ordinance, but if there is no ordinance it goes on indefinitely. He is to send a letter to the Planning Commission with an explanation.

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

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy: No Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Attached.

Jeff Smith presented possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance concerning definitions of a parking lot and a storage lot.

Harold Herr made a motion to authorize Attorney Marshall to prepare an ordinance of the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and to advertise the hearing. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Streets: Discussion concerning Jackson Township doing their half of the Charles Street project.

Public Safety: Russ Ottney reported that the police chief had given the Borough a statement on their Traffic Study. It will be in the Borough Office.

Discussion in reference to the Creekside Plan and on putting stricter limits on the flood plain.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the maximum amount of impact the flood plain development can have from 1 foot to 6 inches. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Discussion. Russ Ottney questioned if it could be less than 6". Attorney Marshall stated that it cannot prohibit growth. It could be less but does not recommend 0".

Dave Szakelyhidi revised his motion to 1 ½". Russ seconded the revision

Discussion on the pond in Creekside being only 40 feet from the creek.

Jeff Smith stated that in 1996, all control was given to Jackson Township.

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Russ Ottney questioned when the 5 years begin. Attorney Marshall stated that when the Planning Commission gave their approval has no bearing. The 5 years starts when the ordinance changes.

Dave Szakelyhidi stated that the approval was given with contingency but it never occurred. Attorney Marshall stated that it was approved by resolution but if the contingency was not satisfied, they cannot start building until conditions are met.

Motion carried.

There will be a Regional Water Management Task Force meeting May 15 in the Cranberry Alliance Center.

Facilities: No Report.

Fire Code Ordinance: Attorney Marshall has not drafted it yet. He will get the draft to Council by the end of the week. If there are no changes, it will be advertised for the June meeting. Council had no objections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Streets: John Rice discussed the Mercer and Spring Street Paving and a change order of no more than 3". John Rice made a motion to patch Mercer Street at Spring Street at a cost not to exceed \$420.00. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Safety: No Report.

Tim Sapienza stated that he is concerned about the bridge railing. Jeff Smith will get a copy of the documentation from the railroad to Tim.

Facilities: No Report.

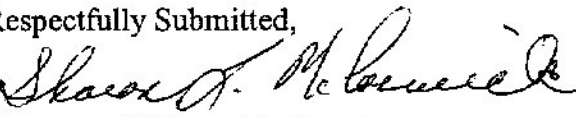
Business and Development: No Report.

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

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary

Harmony Borough Supervisor's Report
April 4, 2007 to May 1, 2007

The garage insulation has been completed.

On April 18, 2007, Frank and I attended an L tap meeting on patching asphalt roads.

We installed a new scrub sink at the garage.

We finished putting stone on the alleys and patching potholes.

We removed the bell from in front of the borough building to paint it. We are going to re-set the stone that the bell is mounted on.

We started to clean and repair all the streetlights.

We took the salt box off the back of the pick-up, pressured washed and greased it so it is prepared for next winter.

We have begun to mow grass.

Frank has re-organized all the tools in the garage. He also built a new workbench.