

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING And Hearing June 5, 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 McNamee
Wade Low
Harold Herr
Stephen Guest
D. Ottney
Cathy Rape
Adam Fabian
Michelle Banto
Mark Sup
D. Beighey
Am Joh
Chuck Swanson
Jim
Frank & Andrea Harrington
Diane Banno
Buckey Beechey
Hay Herr
Nancy Hoffmann

HEARING: The Hearing to hear public comment on an ordinance concerning Parking Lot Definitions was called to order by Council President, Jeff Smith at 7:04 PM.

Mark Sapienza questioned what prompted the ordinance change.

Jeff Smith replied that there was no definition in the Zoning Ordinance of a parking lot. The changes would make the definition more clear.

Mark Sapienza questioned where it was advertised.

Attorney Marshall stated that it was advertised in the Butler Eagle.

The public hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES: Chuck Beighey made a motion to approve the May 1, 2007 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – Agenda Items: No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Notice from the Federal Emergency Management notifying the Borough that the Skelly property (on Main Street) was removed from the Flood Plain.
2. Information on the Secular Harmony Historic District
3. Copy of the Seneca School District 2007/2008 Budget
4. Seminar information from the Governor's Center
5. Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Meetings
6. WBCA April Minutes
7. Zelienople Police officers called concerning accusations made

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Revision to the Zoning Ordinance
2. Prepared Amendment to the Ordinance concerning Construction Code and Property Maintenance in Harmony. It can be advertised for the July Meeting.

Jeff Smith stated that he thought the amendment was dealing mostly with the fire code. Russ Ottney questioned if there should be an advisory board.

Attorney Marshall is to work with Harold Herr and Harold is to work with Fire Chief, Tim Sapienza concerning the fire code.

Attorney Marshall prepared a draft ordinance concerning revisions to the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that the Study Group agreed on the bylaws and funding structure. Tentatively the administration will be handled by Cranberry Township.

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi recommended Jarod Stewart as a member of the HARB. Attorney Marshall stated that no other office can be held if the person is already on a Board. (Jarod is already on the Zoning Hearing Board).

WATER AUTHORITY: No Report.

PARKS BOARD: No Report.

LIBRARY: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report.

PSAB: No Report.

WBCA: No Report.

ZONING: Zoning Amendments concerning Parking Lots. Gary Habsburg made a motion to adopt the Zoning Changes. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Discussion.

John Rice – No

Russ Ottney – No

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jeff Smith – Yes

Gary Habsburg – Yes

Harold Herr – Yes

Chuck Beighey – Yes

Motion carried.

BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS: The copier lease will expire in three months. Discussion concerning purchasing vs leasing. Sharon McCormick is to get several bids.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Attached.

OLD BUSINESS;

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Streets: Discussion concerning the Mercer Street Drain.

Public Safety: No Report.

Business and Development: Mayor, Cathy Rape questioned if the flags should be left up until July 4. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that he didn't think they would last that long.

Discussion concerning flowers around the monument. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay the bills for the mulch. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion.

Mayor Rape publicly thanked the following people for the hanging baskets:

- Jerry Burr for Grace Church – 2 baskets
- Susan and Bob Franz – 2 baskets
- Shelly and Bob McPharlin – 1 basket
- Delsa and Joe White – 1 basket
- Betty Sapienza – 2 baskets
- Joan Bushing – 1 basket
- Mark Sapienza – 8 baskets

Jeff Smith presented the Harmony Concert Series' costs and donations. He also presented tentative plans for a Harmony German New Years Celebration and requested use of \$1,500.00 of the grant that was received, for the New Years Celebration.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to allocate up to \$1,500 for the Harmony New Years Celebration. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: Gary Habsburg stated that he will hopefully put together a report of where we are in the budget.

Streets: John Rice discussed replacing curbs for Division Street, and the cost of milling and paving being split with Zelienople.

Russ Ottney made a motion to do the paving job with Zelienople (reimbursing Zelienople for Harmony's share) and redoing the curbs. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to have Zelienople do Harmony Borough's street sweeping. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rape commented on trucks not following the Truck Route. Wade Ion is to check the signs.

John Rice stated that the sidewalk is broken at the corner of Spring and Mercer Street. Cost would be \$715.00 to do a handicap corner with the Borough supplying the cement.

John Rice made a motion to put in a handicap corner at Spring Street and Mercer Street (East side.) Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Safety: The grass is high down at Yorktowne Casket CO. Also, there are no lights on at the parking lot. Wade Ion is to check the ordinances and send them a letter.

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Facilities: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that paint is peeling off the windows of the Borough Building and the woodwork needs replaced. Jeff Smith said to make a list of what needs done.

Wade Ion commented that he found information on PA Rural Water having a lease program for a backhoe.

Harold Herr suggested writing a thank you letter to Jim Davison for the top soil for Jackson Street and the Parks.

The Brinkle Property will be presented to the Planning Commission and to Jackson Township Supervisors.

Attorney Marshall will get a copy to the Borough.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Rogers commented on Council voting for Creekside and also commented on the newsletter.

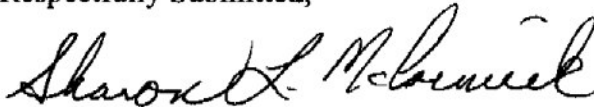
Diane Brenner compared Creekside to the Brinkle property. She is in favor of adopting an Ordinance allowing only 1 ½ " above the Flood Plain.

Steve Gross stated that a neighbor is putting railroad ties across Clyde Street and also dumping debris over the hillside and burying it.

Jeff Smith cautioned Mr. Gross that he is making statements at a public meeting stating that someone is doing something illegal.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary