

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING August 7, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon McGuire
Harold Herr
Cathy Rape

Charles Beighey
Michelle Banto

FRANIC & ANDREA GRANNON

ADAM FABIAN

Nancy Hoffmann

Tim & Ann John

Steve Swenson

Dave Morrow

Ken Hally

Don Elmer

Erin Jones

Sandy Rothwell

John Hally

Mark Jones

Traci Rothwell

Joan Brenna

Audrey Buckley for Habsburg

John Rice

John Smith

Gary Habsburg

Charles Beighey

CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM..

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Harold Herr made a motion to approve the July 3, 2007 minutes as presented. Charles Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

Jim John stated that he felt that extending Edmond Street to Third Street is unsafe.

Diane Brenner agreed with Jim John.

Charles Schram stated that he also is concerned about the Edmond Street extension.

Jeff Smith brought to the Council's and public's attention that Arlen Spector will be in Harmony for a Town Meeting August 13.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Ann McGee questioning if Harmony could buy electric from Zelienople.
2. Letter from Armstrong stating that Armstrong was awarded Cable Operator of the Year for 2007
3. Zelienople/Harmony Business Association schedule Fall Festival for October 13 & 14
4. Letter from Marilyn Matchett suggesting placing signs on the Harmony Walking trail requesting people clean up after their dogs
5. Zelienople-Harmony Chamber newsletter
6. Letter from the Comm. Of Pa Dept. of Transportation concerning ramps.
7. Letter concerning sex offenders living in the Municipality
8. Grants and seminar programs
9. Announcement - Butler County will host hazardous waste collection in Butler August 18.
10. Letter from Historic Harmony concerning Open Records request - (has been addressed)
11. Letter from John Ruch stating that there was an error in the list of properties that he received. (Has been corrected)
12. WBCA Minutes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: COG will have its first meeting Thursday Night. Nine municipalities have joined.

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the HARB had met August 6.

WATER: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Zelienople requested that Harmony supply them with water to the east side of town. (approx. 150 homes.) Harmony will continue to supply them as long as needed.

Parks Board: The basketball court behind the Municipal Building was paved.

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Harold Herr made a motion to replace Fred White with Dave Morrow on the Parks Board. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion that the Parks Board take care of mowing the parks with an outside contractor. Russ Ottney seconded the motion.

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

Motion denied.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: No Report.

PSAB: Chuck Beighey reported that he had received several awards from PSAB.

WBCA: No report.

Zoning: No report.

Vacancy Officer: No report.

Staff Reports:

Chuck Beighey made a motion to lease a copy machine from Hagan at a cost of \$105.88 per month. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor's report: Attached.

Discussion on what portion of Clyde Alley is closed. A sign was put up on Clyde Street that the alley was open and signed "by order of Harmony Borough Management." Council agreed that "by Harmony Borough Management" needs to be taken off the sign as they never authorized it. Attorney Marshall is to check on what part of the alley was closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No report

Finance: No report.

Streets: Discussion concerning installing a collection box on Charles Street. John Rice made a motion to put in one of our own 2X2 collection boxes and enough 12" heavy duty pipe to reach Jackson Township. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Jeff Smith suggested tabling the motion to talk about finance.

Finance: Discussion on the budget and money left in the Liquid Fuel Fund.

John put his motion back on the table for a vote.

John Rice -- Yes

Russ Ottney -- Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi -- No

Jeff Smith -- No

Gary Habsburg -- Yes

Harold Herr -- Yes

Chuck Beighey -- Yes

Motion carried.

Bids for paving Third Street with millings:

Barbish - \$3,500.00

Blinn Brothers -- 1,200.00

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the low bid from the Blinn Brothers to pave Third Street with millings. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Discussion. Gary Habsburg added "as long as the low bidder matches the specifications of the high bidder". Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Safety: The Zelienople Police are still trying to get mail alert information from the residents.

Discussion on the Wood Street turn-around.

John Rice made a motion to put "No Parking" signs on the south end of Wood Street. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade Ion requested a new leaf box at a cost of \$3,500 - \$4,000. Harold Herr made a motion to purchase a new leaf box. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Any budget requests need to be in to Gary as soon as possible.

Public Safety:

Russ Ottney reported on the revisions to the Burning Ordinance. The Safety Committee feels Harmony is as good or better than Zelienople's Burning Ordinance. It needs to be enforced.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to send a letter of support for the fire merger study. Russ Ottney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Dave Szakelyhidi commented on the list of everything that was built in the Flood Plain since 1989 and that 11 of them are paragon buildings. He stated that the loading dock was closer than 50 feet and in violation of Federal regulations. Attorney Marshall recommended going back and looking at and comparing what was submitted to what was built.

Facilities: Harold Herr made a motion to accept the grant from Penn Prime and purchase a security system. Gary Habsburg, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Business and Development: Russ Ottney stated that Equitable Gas is looking for new facilities and felt that Harmony should pursue the issue.

Zelienople is looking at information on garbage collection. Gary Habsburg made a motion for Zelienople to include Harmony as an option. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Rothwell stated that there is an ordinance violation at the Allmans. She now has damage to her property and her basement is flooded. She stated that action needs to be taken.

John Ziegler commented on the monuments and condition of the flags. He presented a new flag and stated that he would present a new flag every quarter or every 6 weeks if needed.

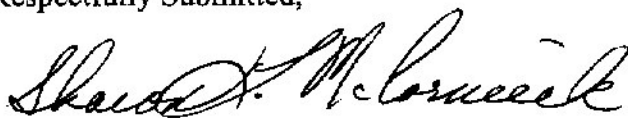
Carl Marburger discussed Clyde Alley and the portion that is closed. Attorney Marshall will look into it.

Diane Marburger questioned how wide 3rd Street will be. John Rice answered 20 feet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION called at 8:25 PM.

ADJOURN: Out of executive session and adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary