

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

And Hearing
October 2, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McLaughlin
Wanda
C. Szakelyhidi
ADM. FASSEN
D. Smith
Cathy Rape
Nancy Hoffmann
Gary Habsburg
Joanne Brenner
Karen M. Warren
FRANK GRANNON
Bob Budny
John D. Dylasty
Gary Habsburg

HEARING: Council President, Jeff Smith called to order the hearing to hear public comment on the Wood Street Parking Ordinance. A brief summary was read. No Public comment.

The Hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Rice made a motion to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

Karen Sharrar, Representing the public library explained the library's services, supplies and interesting facts. She requested an increase in Harmony Borough's donation.

CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Educational opportunities from the Governor's Center
2. Butler Co. Veteran's Service invitation to the Veteran's Day Parade
3. PA Association Borough Leadership Conference Info.
4. Invitation from Butler County Planning Commission to apply for a Community Development Block Grant.
5. Letter from Vogel in reference to contracts they have with residents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney, Matthew Marshall presented the Construction Code Ordinance to review. He also presented a letter concerning Clyde Street.

Attorney Marshall stated that Harmony Borough Water Authority is planning to put the Water Tank above the CV School. It will be considered land development. Bill Hummel is to prepare the survey. It is not necessary to have someone outside do it.

Attorney Marshall requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss property dispute.

BOROUGH REPORTS:

COG: COG had its first meeting September 27. Council had no objections having Harmony Borough part of the salt and anti skid bid. The County is looking for a representative from Council to attend meetings concerning storm water management. Gary Habsburg volunteered to represent Harmony Borough on the County Storm Water Management.

Jeff Smith was appointed the new president of COG.

HARB: No Report.

PARKS BOARD: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report.

PSAB: No Report.

WBCA: No Report.

ZONING: No Report.

VACANCY OFFICER: No Report.

STAFF: No Report.

Wade Ion reported that he had received a call from the elementary school. They want the School Zone signs up and the Pedestrian Crossings painted.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Rice reported that Third Street is started.

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close the streets for the "Toast to Tourism" May 29 from 5:00-9:00. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION:

Jeff Smith gave an update of the schedule for the December 31 New Years Eve Celebration:

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Road Race
3:30 – 5:30 PM	German Band
5:00-6:00 PM	Ball Drop (Sign Innovation)
6:00 PM	Fireworks

Gary Habsburg made a motion to close Mercer Street from 2:00 – 6:30 PM on December 31, 2007. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: Discussion on hiring a substitute School Crossing Guard. Council agreed that the substitute Crossing Guard needs to get Act 33 and Act 34 clearance and a drug test.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to hire Sue Franz as a substitute crossing guard at \$8.50 an hour. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Gary Habsburg presented the revised 2008 budget. Discussion. Gary Habsburg made a motion to adopt the 2008 preliminary budget. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice made a motion to adopt the Wood Street Parking Ordinance. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.

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Jeff Smith read a petition to vacate a portion of 4th Street. Discussion. Attorney Marshall stated that once a petition is submitted Council has to hold a hearing. After the hearing, Council can vote to vacate or not. Jeff Smith stated that a hearing will be held within 90 days.

Public Safety: Russ Ottney requested a local Megan's Law Ordinance. Tabled until Russ is present.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to resubmit a CBDG Grant application for the Borough Building renovation. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to set trick or treat for October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

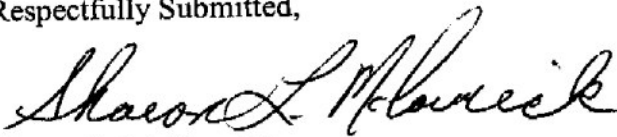
Nancy Hoffman questioned if it is possible to paint a crosswalk on Mercer Street at Seneca Drive.

Tim Eppinger questioned if a street is automatically closed if maintenance hasn't been done on it for 50 years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION called at 8:21 PM.

Out of Executive Session and adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary