

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AND HEARING November 6, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

[Handwritten signatures and names:]
Sandy Rothwell
FRANK GRANNON
Nancy Hoffmann
David L. Monos
John Libby

Hearing: Council President Jeff Smith called to order the hearing to hear public comment on the proposed LST Tax Ordinance at 7:02. A brief summary of the ordinance was given. No public comment.

The hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

Regular Harmony Council Meeting

Call to Order: Council President Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2007. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recognition of Guests (Agenda Items): None

Correspondence and Announcements:

1. PEMA notification that the PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant had been reviewed and found to be complete.
2. Letter from Borough Engineer Bill Hummel concerning water runoff in Harmony Heights.
3. Educational opportunities from Governor's Center.
4. Letter from VOICE (Victims outreach intervention center).
5. Letter from Julie Habsburg concerning water runoff in Harmony Heights.

Solicitor's Report: requested a brief executive session.

Board Reports:

COG: President Smith reported that he had attended the Butler County Township Supervisors' convention to talk about the COG. The next COG meeting will be held on November 8 at Penn Township.

HARB: Requested an executive session.

HWA: Water line extension in Swampoodle has been started.

Parks Board: No report

Library: No report

Planning: No report. President Smith presented a request from Jackson Township to have the Zoning officer, Engineer, Solicitor, and Council

President attend a meeting to discuss the Harmony Lakes Project. Following discussion, Council agreed that the zoning officer should attend the meeting to answer questions, but that Harmony should have no other involvement until the project was presented to the Harmony Planning Commission.

PSAB: No report

WBCA: No report

Zoning: No report

Vacancy: No report

Staff / Borough / Zoning Officer: No reports

Old Business:

Personnel: Mayor Cathy Rape read a statement concerning her lack of mail. The Mayor stated that Shelly Houck of the Pennsylvania Boroughs Association said that the Mayor should receive copies of all Borough Council mail. The Mayor stated that if she did not receive a written letter from Council within one week stating that she would receive copies of all mail, that she would obtain legal counsel to force the Council to provide the copies.

Finance: The following items were discussed:

- Wage increase for Council members from \$25 to \$50 per month.
- Fire tax increase from 1 mill to 1.5 mills.
- Adding 1 mill to be dedicated towards street repairs.
- Councilman Habsburg to update tentative budget per discussion.

Streets: Discussed the 3rd Street millings. Councilman Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize Wade to talk to the water line contractor to see if he could use the millings and if not needed for the water project to allow them to be used by the Parks Board. Councilman Rice seconded. Approved 6-0 (Councilman Beighey absent).

Discussed Mercer Flood Project.

Discussed Beaver Street Project. Councilman Rice's recommended that the Borough does the work itself at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

Public Safety: Discussed Megan's Law Ordinance. Councilman Ottney made a motion to have the solicitor prepare an ordinance in conjunction with Megan's Law using 2,500 feet from children oriented facilities, 90 days in jail, and \$1,000 fine. Councilman Herr seconded the motion. Approved 6-0 (Councilman Beighey absent).

Councilman Herr made a motion to advertise the Fire Ordinance for the December meeting. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded. Discussion followed. Approved 6-0 (Councilman Beighey absent).

New Business:

Personnel: Councilman Herr made a motion to authorize payment for any Council Member to attend the Local Government Academy New Councilperson Training classes. Councilman Beighey seconded. Approved 7-0.

Discussed replacement school crossing guard. Solicitor Marshall recommended that a letter be sent to the previous replacement guard that the position was no longer open since she had not completed the necessary requirements to be hired. Councilman Herr recommended that the position be left vacant.

Finance: Councilman Habsburg made a motion to adopt the LST tax. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Streets: No report.

Public Safety: Councilman Herr made a motion to approve the North Sewickley VFD Fire Department Mutual Aid agreement. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded. Motion Approved 7-0.

Facilities: Councilman Herr made a motion to lease a skid loader #317 with a warning beacon 290 for \$20,602.24 through a piggyback contract to be financed over three years by a PA Rural Water 5% interest rate with an option to purchase for \$1.00 at the end of the term. Motion approved 5-2 (Rice, Ottney, Szakelyhidi, Herr, Beighey – Aye, Habsburg, Smith – Nay).

Business and Development: Councilman Herr made a motion that the annual Christmas reception for Borough volunteers be held on Friday December 7th at 7:00 PM. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilman Herr made a motion authorizing the Borough secretary to schedule the annual employee Christmas luncheon on a date that best met the employee's schedules. Councilman Habsburg seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

Councilman Beighey made a motion authorizing payment of any councilman's expenses to attend the Clean Waterways Meeting on Wednesday November 14th. Councilman Herr seconded. Motion approved 7-0

Councilman Rice made a motion to authorize a letter of support for Senate Bill 1087 to be sent to Senator Jane Orié. Councilman Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Bills: Councilman Herr made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Ottney. Motion approved 7-0.

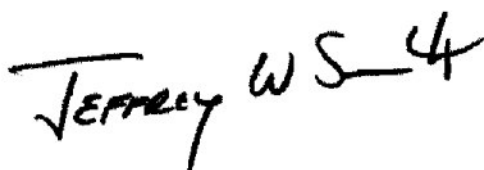
Public Comment: Nancy Hoffman requested a copy of the Engineer's letter concerning the Harmony Heights situation. Solicitor Marshall approved its distribution following a written request.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 8:41 to discuss the HARB and the Harmony Heights situation (potential litigation)

Council came out of executive session at 9:03.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEFFREY W SMITH". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeffrey Smith
Council President