

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING And Hearing December 4, 2007

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harold F. Klumick
Wade
Harold Herr
Gary Habsburg
Don
May I have
Cathy Rape
R. E. Rice
Frank & Andrea Brannon
Dave McCaughey
Frank
Nancy Hoffmann
Don
Jim Walker - Calvary Church
Tom Barber - Calvary Church

HEARING: Council President, Jeff Smith stated that the hearing to hear public comment on the Fire Ordinance was postponed until a later date.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cathy Rape commented that on page 3 under personnel, she did not say that she wanted a letter. She also apologized for insinuating that Council was responsible for not getting the mail. The secretary, Sharon McCormick made the decision. Also on page 4 under personnel Cathy commented that Sue Franz did the Borough a favor by being crossing Guard and that she wasn't let go because she didn't complete the necessary requirements.

Gary Habsburg commented to add newly elected before Council on page 3

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: (Agenda Items)

Jim Willard , Dave McConnaahy, and John Reiber representing Calvin Church explained that during construction one of their buildings was taken off the tax roles and used for classrooms.. They would now like to rent the house as a single family residence. The property is zoned R1. The County Tax Assessment Office has been notified to put it back on the tax roles as of January 2008 if it becomes a rental.

Don Pepe, EMA Coordinator, explained the EMA Agreement. Harold Herr made a motion to approve the EMA Agreement. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chuck Beighey made a motion to adopt the resolution designating Nims as the basis for all incident management in the Borough of Harmony. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Invitation to the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Social
2. Update of the Offside Response Plan
3. Prime Watch News Letter
4. David Johnston – Advisory Committee of the Butler County Planning Commission
5. Copy of the Chamber News
6. Butler County Wide Biological Survey

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Marshall presented a draft copy of the Ordinance in reference to Meghan's Law and Registered Sex Offenders.

He also presented a final draft of the Fire Ordinance.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: The next COG meeting will be next Thursday night (December 13).

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: The Swampoodle 10" line is in.

Parks Board: No Report.

Library: No Report.

Russ Ottney commented that he takes exception to the new sign for the Park as it says "Zelie" instead of Zelie-Harmony".

Planning Commission: No Report.

PSAB: No Report.

WBCA: No Report.

Zoning: No Report.

STAFF:

Harold Herr made a motion to appoint John Rice and David Szakelyhidi as check signers for 2008. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: No Report.

Discussion concerning Calvin Church's request of renting their building.

PERSONNEL:

Harold Herr presented the wage package and insurance estimates. (Attached) He recommended finding the lowest cost option for health insurance. Harold Herr made a motion to adopt the wage package. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the 2008 budget. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice requested an extra mill for streets. Jeff Smith replied that one mill increase for streets (and ½ mill increase for fire tax) is already included in the budget that was just approved.

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

Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to raise the salary to \$50.00 a meeting for people taking office January 1, 2008. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: Discussion on replacing the Borough Engineer.

Harold Herr made a motion to distribute mail to Council and the Mayor if it is addressed to Council or Harmony Borough. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Herr made a motion to advertise the 2008 meeting dates. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Small Borrowing Resolution. Harold Herr seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

STREETS:

There is a hearing scheduled January 7, 2008 for the closing of Fourth Street.

FACILITIES:

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Harold Herr made a motion to authorize the purchase of new ribbon for Christmas Decorations at a cost of \$200.00. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

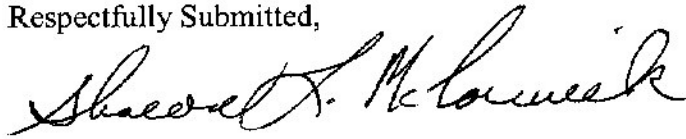
Harold Herr made a motion to pay all bills as presented except the bill to Yellow Pages. Dave Szaikelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to permantly withdraw from the Yellow Pages. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Beighey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary

2008 Salary Proposal		2007 actual rate	2008 proposed increase	Wade's Borough Supplement	2008 proposed rate
Office	Sharon McCormick	\$14.00	\$0.50		\$14.50
Office	Sharon Goerhing	\$10.00	\$0.00		\$10.00
Office	Bob Beighey	\$8.50	\$0.00		\$8.50
Street	Frank Grannon (to bring in line with other employees)	\$12.00	\$4.00		\$16.00
Water	Wade Ion	\$17.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$20.00
Water	Dave Bullman	\$15.75	\$0.25		\$16.00
Water	Bruce Zeigler	\$15.75	\$0.25		\$16.00

Insurance	Blue Cross Blue Cross		Health America HMO Estimate	
	Single	\$433.36	\$641.94	\$404.72
	Spouse	\$1,187.44	\$1,925.82	\$1,112.98
	Family	\$1,187.44	\$1,985.82	\$1,214.16

Harmony Borough will pay a maximum of \$500 per individual and \$1400 per family
Rates above that amount will be the responsibility of the employee