

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 Herr
Wade
Gary Habsburg
Dave Szakelyhidi
Jeff Smith
Cathy Rape
R. E. Ottney
Frank & Andrea Brannon
Dave McCaughey
Frank Smith
Nancy Hoffmann
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:

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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.

