

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING And Hearing January 7, 2008

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rice, Frank Luck, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jeff Smith, Dave Eberle, Michelle Barto, Gary Habsburg and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank & Barbara Gramore
Wade Jan
Phyllis Metz
Tim Eppinger
Rhonda Eppinger
Dave Branner
Gary Habsburg
Dave Moyer
Dan H. H.
Michelle Barto
Cathy Rape
Frank Luck

REORGANIZATION:

Attorney, Matthew Marshall called the reorganizational meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

President: Gary Habsburg nominated Jeff Smith for president. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close the nominations. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Council President, Jeff Smith.

Vice President: Jeff Smith made a motion to nominate Michelle Barto as Vice President. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion that the nominations be closed. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitor: Gary Habsburg nominated to reappoint Dillon McCandless King Coulter and Graham as Harmony Borough's Solicitor. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Maher Duesel as Harmony Borough's Auditor. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Gary Habsburg made a motion to reappoint Sharon McCormick as Secretary/Treasurer. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Engineer: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint William Hummel as the Borough's engineer. John Rice seconded the motion.

John Rice – Yes
Frank Luek – Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Michele Barto – Yes
Gary Habsburg – No
Dave Eberle – Yes
Jeff Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

Vacancy Officer: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Karen Sharrar as Vacancy Officer. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tax Collector: John Rice made a motion to reappoint Berkheimer Associates as EIT & EMS Tax Collector. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion.

Depositor: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Nextier Bank as the Borough's depositor. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Organizational meeting was closed at 7:08 PM.

HEARING: The hearing to hear public comment on the fire ordinance was called to order. No public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

HEARING: The hearing to hear public comment on vacating 4th Street was called. To order. Tim Epping commented that 4th Street was never accepted by Harmony. The hearing was closed at 7:15.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES: John Rice made a motion to approve the December 4, 2007 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Assortment of training sessions from the Local Government
2. Fax from Phil Lope concerning the 4th Street Closure
3. Resources concerning case against Mantia
4. Butler County Planning Commission Dates
5. Fax from Don Pepe in reference to Newly Elected Officials Course
6. Letter from Calvin Church to Ed Rupert stating that their house on Division Street will be used for Church Activities
7. Letter from Bloods with positive comments on the New Year's Eve Celebration
8. Letter that the 2007 Block Grant has been approved and released for Mercer Street property
9. Copy of a letter – Don Pepe is Emergency Management Coordinator
10. Fax from lawyer dealing with Vogel and garbage contracts

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report.

BOARD REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

HARB: No Report

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint John Rice to the Water Authority Board. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks Board: Gary Habsburg made a motion to reappoint Andrea Grannon to the Parks Board. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: Jeff Byko's term is up. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to appoint Andrew Spenser to the Planning Commission. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Ziegler's term is up. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Ron Ziegler to the Planning Commission. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Butler County Borough's Association: Jeff Smith will be the representative to the Borough's Association.

Zoning Hearing Board: Gary Habsburg made a motion to appoint Paul Barto to the Zoning Hearing Board. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Wade Ion reported that the flag pole broke in front of the Borough Building. Both flagpoles need painted. A letter is to be sent to the Post Office requesting they fix the flag pole in front of the Municipal Building. Wade is to check prices for purchasing new flag poles.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: John Rice made a motion to set the tax rates – General at 14 mills, Fire Tax at 1.5 mills. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion.

John Rice – Yes
Frank Luek – Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Michele Barto – Yes
Gary Habsburg – Yes
Dave Eberle – No
Jeff Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

Streets: Jeff Smith suggested tabling until next meeting discussion and decision on the hearing for the 4th Street Closing. Council had no objections.

John Rice questioned if there is a time limit on the grant that was received. Jeff Smith will check.

Public Safety: The Fire Ordinance will be tabled until the next meeting until a check sheet is received from MDIA

Facilities: No Report.

Business and Development: The New Year's Eve Celebration worked out well.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: New Council Members will have to take the on line NIMS course.

Finance: No Report

Streets: No Report.

Public Safety: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Humane Society Agreement. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rape brought to Council's attention that the quarterly police meetings will be held at 6:15 PM before the Council Meetings on:

February 5

May 6

August 5

November 4

Facilities: Discussion on HARB making advisory rulings.

BILLS PAYABALE:

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

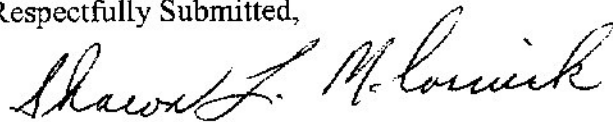
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dave Morrow from Doyle Equipment thanked the Borough for the purchase of the skid loader. He also commented on the good turn out for the New Year's Eve Celebration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was called at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURN: Council came out of Executive Session and adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary