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HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING March 4, 2008

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon McLeod
Cathy Rape
Wade
MBTO
Frank Luck
Gary Habsburg
May Habsburg
Matt Carr
R. E. Ryan
Tim Eppinger
Rhonda Eppinger
Diane Brenner
Franka Andrea Brenner

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HEARING: Jeff Smith stated that the hearing to hear public comment on the Historic Zoning Ordinance Revisions was postponed until the April Council Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES: Gary Habsburg corrected the spelling of Sandy Ferrainola's name. Frank Luek made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS - Agenda Items: (With addition of Horse Trading Days Street Closing) No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Invitation to the Chamber Business Association Breakfast March 13 @ 7:30 AM
2. Letter from Butler County Mapping Department concerning use of GIS to maintain county assessment maps.
3. Notice of Penn Prime Grant Programs
4. Invitation to a luncheon with Senator Mary Jo White and Congressman Phil English
5. BCBA Spring meeting March 13 @ 7:00 PM
6. January WBCA Minutes
7. Assortment of Grant information
8. Dept. of Emergency Services list of Nims Contacts
9. Letter from Historic Harmony – John Ruch
10. Letter from Wes Hamilton concerning electronic recycling and watershed protection program
11. Copied on a letter to Diane Brenner from the Dept. of Transportation
12. Copied on a letter to Diane Brenner from DEP

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Marshall stated that the hearing for the Historic Zoning Ordinance is advertised for the April Meeting. He also requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise the COG Ordinance. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB: HARB is working on a handout explaining what is allowed in the Historic District.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board: Michelle Barto reported that the Parks Board is working on maintenance projects. Also they are working on a grant for the geese problem and for upkeep and maintenance of the park.

Jeff Smith read a resolution to apply for the grant.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the Parks Board submitting the grant application. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: Attorney Marshall stated that the Water Authority is in the process of replacing 2 water tanks with one. They are looking at going with PennVest for funding. He stated that PennVest will likely require the Borough to guarantee the loan.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: Ron Ziegler was appointed Chairman.

Staff Reports: Wade Ion reported that the Post Office is going to repair the flag pole.

EMA is requesting a \$1,500 donation in next year's budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Streets: Fourth Street closing tabled from the last meeting. Frank Luek made a motion to authorize advertising the Ordinance to close Fourth Street. John Rice seconded the motion. Discussion. Jeff Smith asked if the Brinkles could file a claim against the Borough because closing the street would deny access to his property. Attorney Marshall commented that it would be a possibility. Jeff commented that he didn't understand why Council would approve something that has a downside. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that Fourth Street crosses Spring Street. The new development might need to use Spring Street as a route to get rid of water. Gary Habsburg agreed with Jeff that the landlocked property could cause a risk.

John Rice – Yes

Frank Luek – Yes

Michelle Barto – No

Dave Szakelyhidi – No

Gary Habsburg – No

Dave Eberle – Yes

Jeff Smith – No

Motion defeated 4 – 3.

Public Safety: The Fire Ordinance was tabled.

Business and Development: Jeff Smith reported that the total cost for the 2007 concerts and New Years Eve celebration was approximately \$8000.00. \$7,000.00 of the costs was taken care of by donations and sponsors.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: Michelle Barto reported that there will be quarterly personnel meetings with the employees.

Public Safety:

Gary Habsburg made a motion to spend up to \$370.00 for advertising for electronic recycling, sending the check to Zelig Borough. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Rape stated that she would like to see signs to clean up after dogs at parks. Discussion.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT:

A request was received to close streets for a horse parade during Horse Trading Days. (Beaver St. from Pittsburgh St. S. to the Zelig border from 6:15 - 8:30, Pittsburgh St. at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School from 6:15-8:30 and Division St. from Grandview to Beaver St. from 7:00-8:30. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close the streets. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Rape passed around a calendar from Lancaster Township. She stated that she would like Harmony Borough to put together one. Dave Eberle stated that he thought it was something the Historic Society should do.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Caleb McCormick questioned if the flooding issue on Spring Street is going to be fixed. Jeff Smith explained that Harmony got a \$40,000.00 grant. The commissioners have to approve putting a camera in the drain to see if it has collapsed.

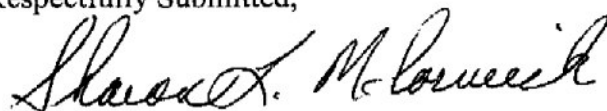
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURN:

Council came out of Executive Session and adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary