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# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AND HEARINGS April 1, 2008

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sharon L. McLoone  
ROBERT J. BLUMING  
FOR TCDR DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATES (COASTSIDE  
DEVELOPMENT)  
Wade  
Michelle Barto  
MATT CARL FOR TCDR (Coastside)  
FRANK + ANDREA GRANNON  
Cathy Rape  
Frank Luck  
Dave Szakelyhidi  
J. Sandy Grando  
Jim & Ann John  
Gary Habsburg  
BILL KOLLING  
Dana Smith  
Terry L. Ma  
Ron Koehring

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**HEARING:** Jeff Smith, Council President called the Hearing to order to hear public comments on the Historic Zoning Ordinance Revisions. He gave a brief explanation of the ordinance.

No public comments.

The hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

**HEARING:** Jeff Smith, Council President, called the Hearing to order to hear public comment on the COG Ordinance – dealing with membership in the COG. He gave a brief explanation.

No public comments.

The hearing was closed at 7:05 PM.

Council President, Jeff Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.**

**MINUTES:** Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the March 4, 2008 minutes as presented. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS - Agenda Items:**

No Comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Information on various programs, classes and seminars.
2. Invitation from the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau to a reception on April 10
3. Notification from Jane Orie concerning a Grant Expo on April 18
4. PSAB dinner April 10
5. Chamber Newsletter
6. Butler County Planning Commission approved video inspection on Mercer Street – paid for out of Grant money
7. Copy of a letter to Rich Brown from Butler County Planning Commission concerning Creekside
8. The Zelienople/Harmony Emergency Management Agency is requesting an increase in donation from Harmony Borough
9. Letter from Sweetland Engineering report review of Creekside. 8 items listed for clarification. Engineers need to have a meeting to go through the 8 points.

Blain Wolfe and Joe Niedermeyer from MDIA gave a brief explanation of their fire inspections.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney, Matthew Marshall gave an explanation of the loan that the Water Authority wants to apply for the water tank project. He explained that if PennVest is financing the loan the Borough will be asked to guarantee the loan. This will be considered a self liquidating debt and excluded from the amount the Borough can borrow.

Gary Habsburg made a motion the Borough guarantee the loan for the PennVest Application. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**COG:** Jeff Smith reported that COG had received a grant from the Local Grant Academy to hire an intern this summer to work on a "go forward" plan.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Ordinance for COG. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**HARB:** HARB is to meet next week.

**WATER AUTHORITY:**

Dave Szakelyhidi explained grants that Wes Hamilton is working on. Discussed a seminar for residents to provide them with rain barrels, and also discussed water gardens.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to authorize the Harmony Borough Employees to assist with the assembly of the rain barrels as they are able. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Supervisor's Report:** Attached. Wade Ion brought up the purchase of a new truck. Also he reported that there had been a complaint of leaves being on the Borough's property on Jackson Street. The employees are to get the leaves off the property as time allows.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Personnel:** Michelle Barto passed out a list of items that were discussed at the Personnel Meeting.

Wade Ion discussed purchasing a new push mower.

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Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize Wade to purchase a push mower at a cost up to \$500.00. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Rape reported that she had attended the Fire Study Meeting. She also reported that the Street Light at Knauf's could be moved to the other side of the street. Wade is to see if there's an overhead light there.

**Business and Development Committee:** The Committee met with Zelenople to work on a joint comprehensive plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Finance:** Gary Habsburg reported that the Annual Audit report is in the Borough Office.

**Street Committee:** John Rice reported that he had received quotes for a new backhoe.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to authorize the Borough to contribute 50% up to \$4,000.00 toward the purchase of a new backhoe. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Mayor Cathy Rape reported that she had met with the Zelenople police concerning collection of parking ticket fines.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the changes to the Historic Zoning Ordinance. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade Ion is to get quotes on carpets for the Municipal Building floors.

Discussion on the vacation of Water Street from Foundry Alley to Jackson Street.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise the ordinance to vacate Water Street. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith proposed getting a portable sound system for \$1,000.00. Frank Luek made a motion to purchase a Yamaha Stage PA s500 system. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith reported that the City Advisory Committee is meeting in Cranberry May 6 and he is invited to sponsor the Butler County COG.. He requested that the Borough meeting start at 8:15 PM so he can attend the meeting in Cranberry. Gary Habsburg made a motion to start the May 6 Borough Council Meeting at 8:15 PM. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Robert Blumling**, Attorney for Creative Real Estate Development Company expressed concerns on the Creekside plans. He brought to Council's attention that no one can derail an approved plan. He commented that a Borough Official had contacted the Army Corps of Engineers. He also criticized the amount of time it took for the engineering review.

**Bill Kolling** questioned the placement of the water tower. Jeff Smith stated that that is a Water Authority decision.

**Dave Morrow** commented on Third Street and how it will encroach on residents and also the cost.

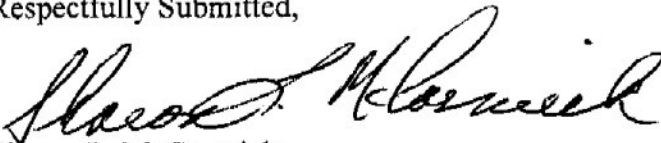
**Tom Launer** commented on the leaves in his yard from the Borough's lot.

**ADJOURN:**

Gary Habsburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary