

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING June 3, 2008

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Sharon M. Kowalik*  
*Wade*  
*Mr. J. Haly*  
*Cathy Rape*  
*Michelle Barto*  
*Gary Habsburg*  
*John Rice*  
*Dave Brenner*  
*FRANK & ANDREA GRANNO*  
*Conan*  
*Jim & Ann John*

**DRAFT**

Jeff Smith, Council President, called the June 3, 2008 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:** Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the May 6, 2008 minutes as presented. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items only with the addition of the stones for Swampoodle Park and the Bid Opening)** No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Letter from the Department of Revenue concerning fair market values of real estate
2. Notice of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Raider Maze
3. A planning meeting for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is scheduled for June 4 at 10:00 AM
4. On June 19 there will be a presentation by PennDOT concerning the Missing Ramp Project at Seneca High School
5. Notice from Jane Orie in reference to grant funding for energy efficiency
6. Letter from Cheryl Kelly in reference to a grant for recycling
7. Invitation to the Butler Health System ground breaking at the hospital main campus
8. Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
9. PA Fish & Board Commission Canoe Launch Plans – application was submitted
10. Michelle Barto brought to Councils attention that Jeff Smith has been named Councilman of the year for the Western PA Region

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**COG:** Starting in 2010 reflective signs must be a certain size. COG is looking into getting a grant

COG is to have some type of training for municipalities concerning assessments going from 75% - 100%.

**HARB:** Wade brought to Council's attention that the Harmony Inn wants to repaint their building and a house on Wood Street wants to put up a fence.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Harmony Inn contingent on HARB submitting a report. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried with Jeff Smith abstaining.

John Rice made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Leahey fence contingent on HARB submitting a report. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water:** No Report

**Parks Board:**

Michelle made a motion authorizing the Parks Board to use the stones from the Bridge Abutment to put on Dale Warner's property. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Michelle amended the motion to authorize the Borough employees to move and use the equipment to move the stones onto Dale Warner's property. Discussion on safety issues. Motion carried.

**Library:** No Report.

**Planning Commission:** No Report.

**Association of Boroughs:** No Report.

**W.B.C.A.:** No Report.

**Zoning:** No Report.

**Vacancy Officer:** No Report.

Grace Church wants to rent the upstairs meeting room in the Municipal Building.

John Rice made a motion to designate Sharon McCormick as the agent for the Borough Room rental. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streets:** John Rice reported that a video was done of the Mercer Street drain. It was clear but needs torn out and rebuilt.

**Public Safety:** No Report.

**Facilities:** John Rice discussed the Municipal Building floors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Personnel:** Michelle Barto stated that the quarterly staff meeting was held June 17. Items discussed were prices on uniforms, prices on floor mats. Would it be better to rent or purchase floor mats.

Michelle also questioned if Frank Grannon could wear shorts to mow grass. Attorney Marshall recommended checking with the insurance company.

**Streets:** Jeff Smith explained the Safe Routes to School grant program that would improve access for bikers and walkers. Council had no objections with him going forward with it.

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The Harmony Junction Bridge detour was discussed. Council had no objections of sending a letter to PennDOT supporting their recommended detour instead of using Evergreen Mill Rd.

**Public Safety:** Council had no objections of sending a letter to the school letting them know that the Borough will not be providing a School Crossing Guard after this year,

Gary Habsburg reported that he had attended a Storm Water Management meeting. It was discussed that the majority of the storm water problems come from the Connoquenessing Creek. 75% of any money spent is reimbursed by DEP.

No objections to Jeff contacting Penn Power requesting that they give more advance notice if they know ahead of time that they need to shut power off.

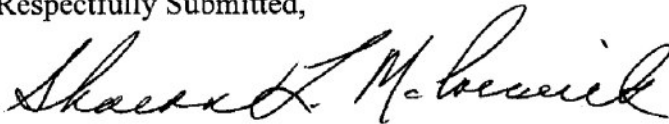
**BILLS PAYABLE:** Cathy Rape requested that two other bills be added to bills payable. Sewickley Creek Greenhouse for flowers in the amount of \$238.00. and Cathy for mulch in the amount of \$10.20.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to pay all bills as presented including the 2 additional bills to Sewickley Creek Greenhouse and Cathy Rape. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary