

August 5, 2008

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING August 5, 2008

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Sharon McKeenick*  
*Wendy*  
*Frank Luek*  
*Michelle Barto*  
*John West*  
*Diane Brennan*  
*ANDREY B...*  
*Mark ...*  
*J. Sandy Ferrante*  
*...*  
*Clare ...*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jeff Smith, Council President, called the August 5, 2008 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the July 1, 2008 and July 15, 2008 joint Harmony/Zelienople minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR TRACTOR:**

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| 1. Joe Mainolfi,    | \$6,000.00 |
| 2. C.M Weichey,     | \$5,787.00 |
| 3. Richard Voegtly, | \$ 850.00  |
| 4. Larry Dengel,    | \$3,223.00 |
| 5. Tod Book,        | \$2,500.00 |
| 6. Mike Young,      | \$2,405.00 |
| 7. Jason Colonella, | \$3,333.00 |
| 8. Gary Lazzaretti, | \$5,200.02 |
| 9. Walter Stukey,   | \$1,250.00 |
| 10. Mike Lickert,   | \$5,195.00 |
| 11. Phillip Rozie,  | \$3,875.00 |
| 12. Larry Pepper,   | \$7,602.99 |
| 13. Mike Frazier,   | \$1,500.00 |
| 14. John Burgh,     | \$4,327.00 |
| 15. Diane Gregor,   | \$1,251.00 |
| 16. Kerr Farms,     | \$7,551.00 |
| 17. Randy Herbe,    | \$ 700.00  |
| 18. Curtis Graff    | \$4,552.00 |

Gary Habsburg made a motion to accept the low bid from Larry Pepper for \$7,602.99. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to pass a resolution for the sale of property in access of \$1,000.00. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items only plus temporary closing of a portion of Center Street)** No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Letter from Leah LeFebvre concerning the closing of Center Street
2. Information on training classes
3. Letter from Widmere Engineering – RE: easement drawing for storm sewer improvement
4. List for the Veterans' Monument
5. Copy of WBCA's June minutes
6. Notice from WBCA concerning pump station upgrade
7. Letter from Butler County in reference to property assessment going from 75% to 100% and tax adjustment from 15.5 mills in 2008 to 11.63 mills in 2009.

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8. Widmere Engineering outline of schedule – opening bids 8/8. Awarding bids 8/11
9. Letter from Historic Harmony recommending that Kasing be free from their lease and suggestions of use of the lot
10. PennDOT's proposed detour during the bridge closing
11. Letter from Sperry Ness concerning the purchase of post offices
12. Police report
13. Letter from the Pizza and Sub Shop concerning electronic recycling

**REPORTS:**

**COG:** Jeff Smith represented the Butler County COG at the convention

COG will meet in Harmony on August 14 in the upstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building at 6:30 PM. The State Representatives and Senators are invited. Council is also invited to attend.

**HARB:**

Wade Ion explained the request for landscaping on Wood Street.

Attorney Marshall recommended not planting in the middle of the right of way. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness, Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob and Sue France requested that they be allowed to pu a black wrought iron fence up. Frank Luek made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the request. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request was received to install a railing on the front porch at 614 Wood Street. Frank Luek made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water Authority:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority is in negotiation with the school concerning the tank.

**Supervisor's Report:** Wade Ion obtained a price of \$800 from the Stump Man to trim 9 trees (at the playground, the square, and at McFarland's)

He also reported that after East New Castle street was paved, some of the yards need tapered and need topsoil.

Frank Luek made a motion to trim the trees for \$800. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Safety:** Discussed borrowing Cranberry Township's line painter to paint the crosswalks.

Wade Ion is going to move the street light at Knauf's Feed Mill.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Finance:** Gary Habsburg recommended looking at the budget.

**Request for Leah LeFebvre:** To block off Center Street for a block party on August 23 from Ed Knaufs to the dead end. Gary recommended not totally blocking the street in case of an emergency. Possibly borrowing the Borough's orange cones.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to permit the closing. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Electronic Recycling:** Cost for Harmony Borough is \$287.50. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to participate. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Discussion concerning how many of Harmony Borough residents participate. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:**

Mayor Rape reported that the Police want to get the walking patrol going.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mark Sapienza** stated that he believed that he has been discriminated against concerning his request for planting in the street.

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He also stated that Ordinance #325 – adopted in 1993 outlines the no parking on Wood Street. He also questioned why the signs were taken down. Attorney Marshall explained that there had been revisions to the ordinance since then.

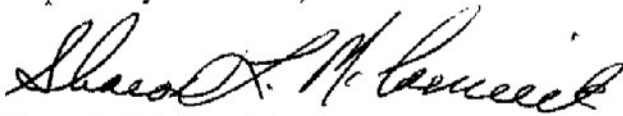
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Called at 8:03 PM to discuss litigation and property.

Out of Executive Session at 8:35.

**ADJOURN:**

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to adjourn. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary