

September 2, 2008

# HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 2, 2008

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sharon L. McKeenick  
Wachala  
MBT  
Cathy Rape  
Frank Luck  
Kurt Stapp  
Frank & Andrea Grannon

Dave Szakelyhidi  
Sandy Terranova  
TIM SAPIENZA  
Allen Clark  
LARRY SCHWENGRUBER  
Ken Frederick  
Nancy Hoffmann  
Sandy Rothwell  
AUDREY BUDNY  
Diane Brenner  
John Ruff  
Mark Gys  
R. E. Perry & Susan  
Robert Budny  
Jim & Ann John

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jeff Smith, Council President, called the September 2, 2008 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MINUTES:**

Michelle Barto made a motion to approve the August 5, 2008 minutes as presented. Gary Habsburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items only)**

**Mr. Alan Clark** gave a brief summary in reference to the Zelienople/Harmony merger of fire companies. Discussion followed concerning where to house the truck, finding a neutral location, whether to pay an administrator, etc.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Notice from the Butler County Borough's Association concerning their dinner meeting September 18
2. Letter from Historic Harmony requesting information on questions.
3. Notice from Penn Prime for a proxy vote
4. Notice from local Chamber of Commerce concerning the November 3 Business "Showcase"
5. Letter concerning the Harmony Borough Storm Sewer. The project was awarded to Stallion Construction
6. Butler County Borough Association notice of their 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Joint Seminar September 24 at the Atrium
7. LTAP flyer concerning upcoming courses
8. Letter from John Shubert to Jane Ori in reference to Three Rivers Wet Weather
9. Invitation to PSAB training update concerning a Labor and Employment Law Seminar

**BOARD REPORTS;**

**COG:** Jeff Smith went to the COG meeting in Pittsburgh. He brought back information on recycling grants.

**HARB:** No Report.

**HBWA:** Dave Szakelyhidi stated that the Water Authority is in positive negotiations with the School Board concerning the placement of the new water tank.

**PARKS BOARD:** Jeff Smith submitted 2 names to appoint to the Parks Board.

Gary Habsburg made a motion to appoint Val Rizzo and Michelle Barto to fill the unexpired terms on the Parks Board to expire 12/31/2010.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Grace Church presented plans for a reverse subdivision. Discussion concerning demolition of a house, reverse subdivision, and a land development study to turn property into a parking lot.

Attorney, Marshall stated that there are three different issues:

1. Reverse Sub-division
2. Demolition of a house
3. Land development.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Grace Church reverse sub-division. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Supervisor's Report:** Wade Ion reported that he got quotes on a trailer to haul equipment. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to purchase a trailer for \$2,800.00. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade also stated that he needed to buy some battery operated tools. The cost would be \$600 - \$700. It will be over budget.

Frank Luek made a motion to authorize an additional \$200.00 on tools. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wade reported that he and Frank Grannon will be attending Cranberry Safety days (PA One Call presenting program).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Personnel:** No Report.

**Finance:** No Report.

**Streets:** Jeff Smith reported that the storm sewer project on Mercer Street has been awarded to Stallion Construction. They are scheduled to begin next Monday.

Mercer Street will be closed to through traffic for 2 Mondays.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Planning Commission:** Dave Szakelyhidi reported that he had attended the Planning Commission meeting. Creekside is not paying engineer and solicitor fees. Attorney Marshall is to compile a list of fees.

**Business and Development:** No Report.

**Personnel:** Michelle Barto reported that she is looking at 2009 health benefits.

**Finance:** Gary Habsburg reported that he is looking at the budget for 2009.

**Streets:** No Report.

**Public Safety:** No Report.

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**Facilities:** No Report.

Cathy Rape questioned the used cars on the Kasing lot. Gary Habsburg stated that Mr. Kasing needs to be notified to remove the cars.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Herb Statzer** made comments relating to possible flooding in Harmony. He stated that people are voted in to protect Harmony and he feels that they are not doing that. He started that the Drinking water is an important part of the community and if Harmony expands it will die.

**Mark Sapienza** questioned the new sign that was put up on Wood Street. He asked if the last sign was illegal how can the new sign be legal. It is not facing the flow of traffic.

**Mayor, Cathy Rape** read her comments relating to her dissatisfaction with the Council President and the way he is handling issues concerning the Creekside development, and his failure to share correspondence between the developers and himself. Mayor Rape then asked the Council President to "step down from his position".

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**Diane Brenner** admitted that she had written and distributed the flyer that went to Borough residents. She then stated that the Council President had done a lot of good things for Harmony Borough, but had also done some disappointing things, and then referenced a meeting with Creekside. She also stated that the President should step down.

**Gary Barnes (of the Harmony Inn)** stated that the Harmony Business Association was started 15 years ago to bring businesses into the Community, He is tired of the bitterness and does not want to participate in the concert series anymore.

**Nancy Hoffman** presented a letter and pictures to Council in reference to flooding caused by water runoff from Harmony Heights. She stated that Council is not addressing the issue.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

An Executive Session was called at 8:15 PM.

**ADJOURN:** Out of Executive Session and adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick  
Secretary