

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING October 7, 2008

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McBrinnick
Michelle Barto
Frank Luek
Beverly Schmitt
Cathy Rape
Diane Brenner
AUDREY BUONNY
Sandy Ceravolo
Mary Harty
Ken Frederick
Nancy Hoffmann

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve the September 2, 2008 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items and Mercer Street Drainage only)

Tom Snyder from the Zelienople Parks Board requested an annual donation of \$10,000.00 from Harmony Borough.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Brochures for training from the Governor's Center
2. Letter from Historic Harmony. RE: parking on Kasing's lot. They would still like to use it for parking and to place signs. Council had no obligations if Kasing is no longer leasing it
3. DCED planning process for Local Government Day 2009 has begun
4. Butler County Conservation District Newsletter
5. Updates on Off Site Response Plan
6. DEP reviewed and approved sewage facilities
7. Lease agreement proposal from Kasing (to be discussed in an Executive Session)
8. Information of the Community Development Block Program
9. Letter from PSAB – dinner and meeting 10/23
10. Letter from Zelic concerning Trick-or-Treat hours
11. WBCA 2007 report and audit

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jeff Smith reported that COG is getting a reflectometer

HARB: Grace Church wants to tear down their house at 431 Liberty Street

Dave Eberle made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to tear down the house. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS BOARD: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Their next meeting will be October 21 at 7:00 PM. They requested that the Borough's Solicitor and Engineer attend the meeting. Council had no objections.

ZONING: The Ferrainola Sub-division was denied.

Gary Habsburg questioned the difference between the sub-division that was granted to the lot on Seneca Drive and the one that Ferrainola wanted to sub-divide. Wade Ion will check it out.

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STAFF REPORTS: Sharon McCormick brought to Council's attention that a new typewriter is needed for the office. Gary Habsburg made a motion to approve \$550.00 for a new typewriter. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Attached. Wade Ion reported that Dambaugh's need paid \$700 to dump leaves on his property. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay Dambaugh's \$700.00. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: Michelle Barto reported that she had the 4th Quarter Staff Meeting October 9.

She recommended that the employees stay with the health care they have for this year. COG is looking into joint plans and Harmony and Zelianople are working on a joint comprehensive plan. There have been no major expenditures this past year for Harmony Borough.

Streets: In discussing the Mercer Street drainage project, John Rice reported that there was an overage cost

Attorney Marshall recommended not paying the extra amount for cost overage as all the work was necessary.

John Rice made a motion to pay \$786.00 – remainder of the bill. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Safety Committee: Dave Szakelyhidi requested some kind of guidelines on the update of fire inspection.

Discussion on the update on the rental properties. Wade Ion to enforce.

Facilities: Dave Szakelyhidi stated that shingles are coming off the roof.. The soffit and fascia needs repaired and painted. Gary Habsburg made a motion to advertise for a roof bid. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the flooring. Gary Habsburg suggested looking at the Post Office lease to see who is responsible for the floor covering in the Post Office. Also discussed was the cost of putting tile down on the lobby floor.

Business and Development: Jeff Smith gave an update on the planning of the New Years Eve Celebration.

The Fish and Boat Commission started the canoe launch.

Michelle Barto reported that the steering committee for the Harmony/Zelianople joint comprehensive plan study, will be interviewing for a consultant.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: Gary Habsburg presented a draft of the 2009 Budget. Discussion on a 1 mill increase.

Streets: Discussion on placing a mirror at the end of Evergreen-Mill Road. Wade Ion is to get PennDOT's opinion.

Halloween Hours: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to set the time for trick-or-treat for October 31 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Michelle Barto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trees in Creek: Jeff Smith reported that he had contacted Senator Orié and Representative Stephenson's Office concerning the removal of fallen trees in the creek. They turned it over to Pema. Pema contacted DEP who in turn contacted Wild Waterways. When the equipment is here for the dam breach it is a possibility that some of the equipment could be used to pull out some of the trees. Discussion on talking to the Fish and Boat Commission to use their equipment.

Facilities: Bids for cleaning the Borough Building were discussed. Bids were received from E.B. Peffer and K&K Cleaning. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to switch to E.B. Peffer to clean the building. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Hoffman commented on the last minutes stating that she was not talking about water run off, but was commenting on the E&S plan for Harmony Heights. She then stated that Jeff Smith had said that the run off from Creekside would be enforced to not be allowed to run onto other's property, but then she stated that the run off has not been enforced for 2 years (from Harmony Heights).

Diane Brenner brought to everyone's attention that a detective from the District Attorney's office assigned to the election Board showed up at her door. Someone felt she had violated the election law with flyers she had passed out. She stated that it was very enlightening but felt that tax money was wasted.

Shelley McFarland questioned what is being done to entice businesses to the area. She was referred to Michelle Barto

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called to discuss real estate and legal matters.

Out of executive session at 9:36 PM.

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John Rice made a motion to authorized Wade Ion to sign the FEMA Acknowledgement form for Creekside. Review is limited to compliance with Harmony Borough Ordinance and such other language that the Solicitor determines. Dave Eberle seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary