

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING April 5, 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jack Shanks, Tim Sapienza, Jill Allman, Dave Eberle, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wade In
Sharon Melanick
Jim Mulla
Jack Shanks
Cathy Rape
Frank Luek
John Pecha
FRANK GRANNOW
David Kerr
MOLLY PEDI
Sandy Ferranola
Tim McArab
Dave St. Aubrey
Dave Sapienza

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CALL TO ORDER:

Jack Shanks, Council President, called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the March 1, 2011 minutes as presented. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Articles on Grants for beautifying Main Street
2. Grant for signs is available with the Joint Comp. Plan
3. Letter from the library for donations for books & CDs
4. Annual Audit Report
5. Police Report
6. Health America Insurance signed
7. Payment to Liquid Fuel from PennDOT for \$24,877.67
8. Letter from the Tourism Bureau – Volunteers are needed for the Butler County Fair
9. Letter from COG concerning a healthcare policy
10. Letter on basic statistics from Lee Baxter, Tourism Bureau
11. Email from Dave Eberle concerning the Audit
12. Prayer Breakfast at Grace Church for National Day of Prayer
13. Electronic Pick-up in Evans City
14. PSAB Newsletter
15. Turnback payment from PennDOT to Liquid Fuels for \$160.00
16. EMA Flyer
17. Letter from Royal Flush concerning Porta- Johns and Portable Sinks
18. John Oats will be at the Strand Theater May 25
19. Copy of a thank you letter Don Pepe sent to Frank Matis, director of Butler Co. Emergency Services in reference to their help during the recent flood dangers
20. Letter from DCED concerning not reporting building permits. MDIAs at fault and will take care of it.
21. BCBA dinner at the Kaufman House
22. WBCA minutes
23. APWU newsletter
24. Fema – schedule of courses concerning water management
25. Emails from Don Pepe concerning potential flooding
26. Census Info
27. Cog Meeting reminder
28. Surveillance Camera catalogue
29. Chamber Chatter

Jack Shanks suggested having a typed list of correspondence for people to look at instead of reading over all the correspondence. All correspondence will be available at the Borough Office if anyone wants to read it. Council had no objections.

Jack Shanks brought to Council's attention that it was 25 years since Harmony Council approved the Historic District.

Engineer, Bill Hummel commented on the Butler County Storm Water Management Ordinance and stated his recommendations. Council had no objections to Bill reviewing the ordinance and omitting what he feels isn't necessary and then running it past the Borough's Solicitor and then coming back with the information to the May Council meeting.

Bill stated that he had looked at the trees along the creek bank and several are ready to fall into the creek. They need to be taken down ASAP. They are the property owner's responsibility. A letter needs to be sent to the property owners to take the trees out.

SOLITOR'S REPORT:

Matthew Racunas discussed the Heritage Fund. It was created in 1985 to receive contributions in honor of family members. The principle cannot be touched, only the interest. He recommended amending it.

Tim Sapienza recommended eliminating the Heritage Fund and applying the money for surveillance cameras. Attorney Racunas will write a resolution to amend the ordinance and have it ready for the May Council Meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: The new water tank is in service.

Parks Board: Frank Luek reported that the Parks Board is working on the Silvester. Brody Little is working on plans for the parks. They haven't heard anything on the grant yet.

Library: No Report.

Planning Commission: No Report.

PSAB: No Report.

WBCA: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks reported that there is money available for signs through the joint plan. A resolution needs passed.

Tim Sapienza made a motion to accept the resolution. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Streets: Discussion on signs for the truck Route. Wade put a bid in through COG for painting the crosswalks. Zelig will give a price for painting curbs and crosswalks.

Sewer line done on Peffer Street. Two residents have ponding of water and want to run it out onto Peffer Street. Council did not approve.

Wade ordered half the salt through COG and the other half through Costars.

Dave Szakelyhidi and Wade Ion went to the Marcellus Shale meeting. Dave reported that it is very limited to what you can legislate.

Facilities: No Report.

Business and Development.: Jack Shanks reported that Harmony Business Association turned down the "Ducky Race" as a fund raiser due to liability and parking. He explained that Harmony Borough residents pay more to use the Zelig pool than Zelienople residents because Harmony does not donate any money to the Zelig park/pool.

New Business Cards: Tim Sapienza made a motion to purchase new business cards. Jack Shanks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Audit Report: Jack Shanks reported that the audit had been signed and sent back. The Finance Committee will review the findings/recommendations and send back a response.

HWA: Jack Shanks reported that according to the agreement between the Water Authority and Harmony Borough, the Water Authority payments are short. Hopefully it will be taken care of (according to the CPI Index) at the Water Meeting. A discussion followed on what is leased and who owns the Authority.

Chipping will be on April 6 starting at noon and going through April 7.

Newsletter: Jack Shanks suggested putting out a news letter 4 times a year. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to mail the first one. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fill Dumped at property on South Liberty Street. Jack is to talk to the resident that complained and tell them to call DEP.

Trailer parked on public lot: Mayor Cathy Rape is to talk to them.

Army Corps of Engineers identified 15 communities as flood areas. They came out and looked at the previous flooded area in Harmony Borough. They suggested looking into the Stream Bank Improvement program.

Complaint Forms: Discussed having complaint forms for people to fill out if there is a complaint.

Jackson Township: Jack Shanks talked to Jackson Township concerning the hiking/biking trails, police charge, and working together.

HBA: Jack Shanks reported that HBA is expanding. They are getting ready for the Farmers Market to begin May 26 through the end of October. Venders have to have their own insurance and correct permits. The market will run from 4:30 - 8:30 PM. every Thursday. They are looking at the Paragon lot and possibly Robinson's lot as an alternative.

Community day is planned for June 19. They are planning 4 concerts during the summer. HBA is working with Venture Outdoors to possibly rent kayaks and bikes.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Frank Luek made a motion to pay all bills as presented including the bill to Sapienza's Service in the amount of \$87.03 for inspection. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clair Spink asked if there is an agreement with Armstrong Utilities. Jack replied that it is in the Borough Office to look at.

John Ruch commented that the Post Office will be officially closed and he understands that anyone with a PO Box must have a Zelienople address.

Jacob and Molly Price are looking at bringing a brewery/cider into the community. They asked if there would be community support. They are looking at Knauf's Feed mill. Attorney Racunas stated that he doesn't believe there are any restrictions but will look over the ordinances.

Tom McDonnel asked how people are to get from and to Evergreen Nursing Home when it floods.

The Army Corps of Engineers is looking into it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION called at 9:30 PM to discuss litigation.

Out of Executive Session at 10:00 PM.

ADJOURN:

Tim Sapienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick, Secretary