

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING August 2, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McLawrence
JACK SHANKS
Frank Luek
JAMES HOLINGS
Dennis M.
Tim Sapienza
Herald Tyler
Sandy Ferrarola
Cathy Rape
John Rice
Wash
Jim
FRANK GRAYSON

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Tim Sapienza made a motion to approve the, July 5, 2011 minutes as presented.
Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Correspondence and Announcements will be in the Borough office if anyone wants to look at them.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Frank Luek made a motion to adopt the School Zone speed limit ordinance. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Racunas reported that the hearing for the airport ordinance will be advertised. The hearing will be held at the next Council Meeting.

Changes were made to the Skateboard Ordinance, as recommended by Council, permitting skateboards, bicycles, in-line skates and scooters in any public park located in Harmony Borough.

Also, he reviewed the building permit for Historic Harmony's log cabin and worked with their attorney. The permit went before the Planning Commission and HARB. It is now with PCI.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that HARB approved the log cabin. Frank Luek made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the log cabin. Tim Sapienza stated that he thought there was to be no charge to the Borough for anything having to do with the log cabin. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Shanks stated that there would be no expense to the borough for the building or maintenance. John Ruch stated that PCI is waiving their charges. Attorney Racunas replied that is correct. Tim asked if there would be any more attorney expense. Attorney Racunas stated that there shouldn't be.

Water Authority: No Report.

Parks Board Susie Altemus has been working on the Silvester and ordering the T-shirts. The Parks Board worked at cleaning up Swampoodle Park and is also looking at having rules to reserve the shelter at the park.

Planning Commission: Frank Luek reported that the Planning Commission discussed the log cabin. They wondered why the airport needed an ordinance. Attorney Racunas stated that the County requires one.

PSAB: No Report.

Sewer Authority: No Report..

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks showed the design of the street signs. He stated that they need a list of streets that Harmony Borough wants street signs for. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that the Borough might as well go for getting all of them. There is a grant to help pay the cost.

Staff:

Police: Chief Miller reported that the police cited a resident for putting items in the Borough's dumpster. Discussion on trucks not using the truck route.

Supervisor: Wade Ion reported that the trees were trimmed on Main Street and a tree that fell on the walking trail was removed. He also reported that there are two dead trees on Main Street that need removed. One belongs to the Borough and the other to a resident. Jack will talk to the resident about removing their tree.

Wade also reported that they got the lights on the bridge working and almost all of the lights cleaned. Some of the stop signs were also replaced. The crosswalks are all painted.

Discussion on who is to pay for the school zone signs. Council agreed to send the bill for the signs to the school.

Wade reported that First, Edmond, and Spring Street paving is done. Tim Sapienza suggested painting a wide white line at the stop sign on Spring Street. Wade said that he would paint the line.

Wade stated that the resident moving from Evergreen Mill Rd. to Charles Street will put most of the stuff sitting around into the garage when it is cleaned out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance: Council agreed to send the audit response to the auditors. Dave Eberle brought to Council's attention that the Borough is over 50% in their expenditures.

\$20,000.00 is owed on the Comp. Plan. We should be getting the grant money for 20,000.00 within 60 days.

Attorney Racunas reported that the release from liability forms are finished.

Facilities: Jack Shanks reported that a formal bid was received from Verizon. It matches what we have with Nextel, is \$10.00 a month cheaper, and with better coverage than we have now. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that he would like to get a bid from Nextel. Tim stated that the employees carry 2 cell phones, the borough's and their own. He suggested that the Borough pay a portion of their personal cell phone bill. Then they would only have to carry one phone and it would probably save them and the Borough money. Tim asked Wade and Frank to think about it and come back with a proposal.

Water Tank: Jack Shanks brought to Council's attention that at the Water Authority meeting, they brought up about putting the name "Harmony" on the water tank. The cost would be approximately \$2,000.00. They would have to significantly trim trees or cut them down and there would be continual maintenance. They would have to cut trees down to see "Zelienople" on the tank. Discussion. Jack wants a formal proposal from the Water Authority with the actual cost.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion that Harmony Borough pays up to \$2,000.00 to put "Harmony" on the Northbound facing side of the tank. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Tim Sapienza questioned where the money is coming from? He asked if the money could be taken out of the Heritage Fund? Attorney Racunas wants to check the resolution to make sure that the money can be taken out of the Heritage Fund and used for painting the name on the tank. Dave amended the motion to take the money out of the Heritage fund if allowed. Frank seconded the amended motion.

John Rice – No

Frank Luek – Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jack Shanks – No

Tim Sapienza – Yes

Dave Eberle – No

Mayor, Cathy Rape (breaking the tie vote) – Yes

Motion carried.

CSX Rental Property: John Ruch stated that HBA agreed to pay the bill, if the Borough is not. Jack Shanks stated that they need to check on the lease agreement and then make a decision.

Jack stated that the Bank proposals are due August 19.

He also announced that the Fire Department bought a new foam truck.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance: Council needs to start working on the 2012 budget. There will be a budget meeting in October.

Non-Budgeted Procedure – anything over \$500.00 that was not previously budgeted. there is now a process to request the purchase. Council President will review it and turn it over to the finance committee, the committee will come to Council with a recommendation. Council agreed to adopt the procedure.

Mayor Rape asked about the dumping in Jackson Township. Jack talked to the Jackson Chief of Police and the Township interim manager. The Chief of Police checked it out and said that it is not in the flood plain, it's on private property and they have given them permission. They will not do anything about it.

Discussion on the flood plain.. Jack is going to talk to Jackson Township one more time.

Public Safety: Camera for the square. Jack Shanks said that Transit IT will not be able to install the cameras. We were going to use the money from the Heritage Fund. Tim suggested that we use the cameras you hang in the trees. Discussion on purchasing cameras. Possibly purchasing from Cosco.

Dumpster Locks: Council decided not to put locks on at this time.

Recycling Bins: The smallest amount we can order is 400 units at a cost of \$14.00 per unit. Jack Shanks will check with COG.

Jackson Manor Drainage: Retaining pond is overgrown, drainage pipe is ½ blocked. Drainage is blowing out the trail. Jack talked to Jackson Township and they wrote Mr. Rogers a letter. They haven't heard back from him yet. Jack's going to talk to Jackson Township again and tell them it is the Association's responsibility. Not Rogers's responsibility. He will also talk to them about the dumping.

Parks: We received a set of rules that Zelig implemented for their park system. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that he feels Harmony should have the same rules so it will be easier on the police to enforce. The Parks Board is to look them over.

Facilities: Dave Szakelyhidi requested that the thermostat in the meeting room be set to a comfortable temperature the days of meetings. Jack stated that it will be taken care of.

Jack Shanks gave a report on the Farmers' Market.

Newsletter articles need to be in to the office by August 19.

A letter from Historic Society concerning the school bell telling us that the bell was a gift from William Utz and the Borough currently displays it.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

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Tim Sapienza made a motion to pay the bills, modifying the Walsh Equipment bill by taking the school signs off the bill and sending. (Bill for school signs to be sent to the School) and giving the CSX bill to HBA. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

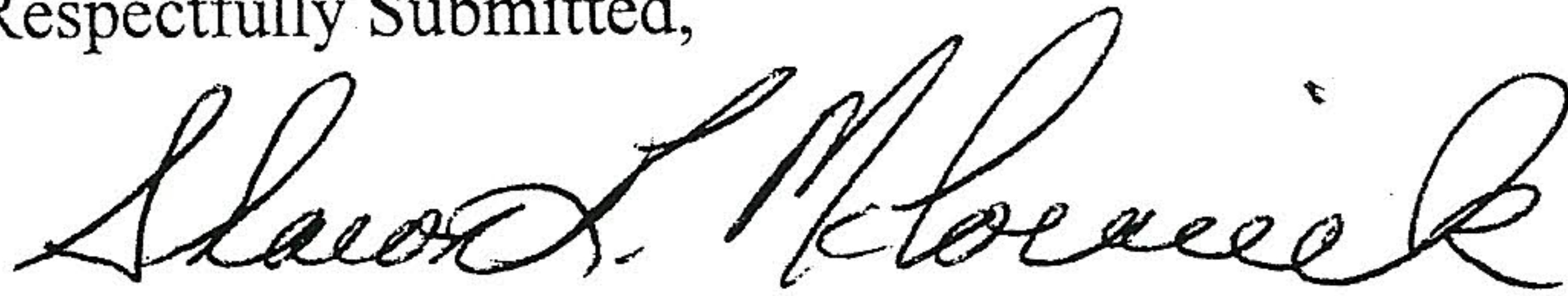
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 8:45 to discuss litigation. Out of executive session at 9:00 PM.

Tim Sapienza made a motion to approve paying for Wade Ion going on Medicare and paying for his wife's insurance as a single, then paying for his wife's Medicare when it is time for her to go on. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

August, 2011

FROM:

SUBJECT MATTER

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| 1. Municipal Derivatives Settlement | Settlement of Municipal Derivatives |
| 2. Notification System | Crime Watch Prevention Meeting |
| 3. Nextier Bank | What the bank does with personal information |
| 4. PSAB | Invitation to Wake Up to Issues Breakfast |
| 5. COG | |
| a. Callery President House burned | |
| b. Auction of truck | |
| c. Meeting presentation of National Energy Managers | |
| d. Grant Program | |
| e. Secretary/Manager meeting | |
| f. Salt Pricing | |
| g. Info on Sustainable Community Essentials Rapid Assessment | |
| 6. Butler County | Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2010 |
| 7. Wesley Hamilton | Composting |
| 8. W.B.C.A. | Meeting Minutes |