

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 6, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

JACK SHANKS
Wade
Jim Miller
Cathy Rape
Tom Cichonose
Lynn Pepper
Frank Luek
Dave Szakelyhidi
Sheena McQuinn
Frank & Andrew Hammer

MIKE RAZNAUSKAS
JIM HULINGS
Tom Sapienza
Dave Strawbridge
Danyles Metz
Sandy Ferranola
TYLETE SIENKIEWICZ
John Rice
Mark
Susan Attenu
Cyril Spinks
Harold Herr

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BID OPENING FOR THE PROPERTY THE OLD WATER TANK WAS ON:

Lynn Peffer bid \$5,000.00 for the property.

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 November 1, 2011 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items)

Joella Banker gave a presentation and request to hold the Shamrock Run in a portion of Harmony Borough.

Tim Sapienza made a motion to allow the race to go through Harmony on March 17, 2012. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSION:

HARB: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Brett Shanks. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WBCA: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Harold Herr. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vacancy Officer: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Karen Sharrar. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: John Rice made a motion to appoint Jack Shanks. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Discussion that Rick Zoelle agreed to stay on the authority. Tim Sapienza rescinded his second to the motion due to the fact that he didn't know that Rick Zoelle agreed to stay on the Authority. Dave Eberle seconded the motion.

John Rice – Yes
Frank Luek – No
Dave Szakelyhidi – No
Jack Shanks Abstain
Tim Sapienza – No
Dave Eberle – Yes

Motion failed.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Rick Zoelle. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Jeff Byko. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to reappoint Margaret O'Reilly. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

John Rice – No

Frank Luek – Yes

Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes

Jack Shanks – Yes

Tim Sapienza – No

Dave Eberle – No

Cathy Rape – Yes (Mayor voted to break tie)

Motion carried.

SET MEETING DATES: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to advertise 2012 meeting dates. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Resolution to appoint Council Member: Tim Sapienza made a motion to ratify the appointment, by resolution, of Harold Herr as a Council Member. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Racunas brought to Council's attention that the Borough was reimbursed by a grant for the money spent for the airport ordinance.

Attorney Racunas stated that the tax rate ordinance was advertised.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to ratify the motion to advertise the tax rate ordinance. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Luek made a motion to adopt the tax rate ordinance. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Luek made a motion to adopt the skateboard ordinance. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Landfill by Red Barn: Discussion on whether the landfill was on the floodplain or not. On the original map the landfill was not on the flood plain, but now the landfill has been spread out and it is really close to the flood plain. There is a wetlands there and they are beginning to encroach on it. Attorney Racunas wrote a letter. Council is to look over the letter and decide if it is to be sent out or not.

Weight Limit and Bonding Ordinance: Attorney Racunas will give Council a revised ordinance next month.

Jack Shanks thanked Tim Sapienza and Dave Eberle for serving on Council. They will be going off Council at the end of December.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: The December 8 meeting was cancelled. At the last meeting they went over the purchasing procedures. January 12 there will be a meeting to introduce all newly elected officials.

HARB: Wade Ion stated that a certificate of appropriateness needs approved for Josh Meeder to replace the windows at the old Otto and Gert building. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Certificate of appropriateness. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: The new service pump is working

Parks Board: Jack Shanks reported that Zelienople and Harmony are not going to merge parks. He sent a letter that Harmony will donate \$11,000 to Zelig Park each year as long as there are no circumstances that make the funds unavailable. In response the Friends of the Parks will hold two fund raisers a year and the funds are to be donated to Harmony to be used for the parks.

Susie Altemus reported on the Silvester planning. North Country Brewery would like to set up in the square. Tim Sapienza stated that he doesn't feel the Borough should sponsor it. Cathy Rape stated that they also have to stay away from Grace Church.

100 people have signed up for the race so far.

Discussion on where to hold the ball drop. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested that if they use a truck for the Ball Drop, use the same truck for the DJ.

Senior Project: Tyler Sienkiewicz would like to put an information kiosk at the Harmony Boat Launch. He would like the Borough to cover the cost and he would do the labor. Frank suggested that the Parks Board fund the project and maybe Tyler could get some donations

Tim Sapienza made a motion to approve the project. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Shanks stated that he will talk to Dambaugh Lumber and see if they can help out in any way with supplies.

Planning Commission: Josh Meeder is going for a variance. The people who bought the mill are going to the Planning Commission.

Shared Services. There is going to be a meeting January 30 at 7:30 PM at the Zelienople Borough Building. There will be a presentation on compositing

Staff:

Building Inspector: Leaf pickup is finished. The total cost to the Borough was approximately \$1,600.00. A load of salt was ordered. Christmas banners were put up. The salt spreader needs a lot of repair. Wade suggested that Council look into replacing it.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Finance: Bank bids. Finance Committee still looking into it.

Budget: John Rice made a motion to approve the 2012 Budget. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Swift 911 - Council will wait until August 2012 to make a decision as to whether to pay for unlimited calls.

CSX Issues: Attorney Racunas contacted them. They want a letter of exact problems that need fixed. There is no agreement. Wade is to take pictures to send to them. Dave Szakelyhidi suggested asking for their safety inspection report.

Geese: There is an ordinance against feeding geese. Jack Shanks asked that the ordinance be repealed or something be done about it.

Harold Herr arrived at 8:15 PM.

Tim is to contact the arborist about trimming the trees.

Recycling Bins: Too expensive. Jack Shanks said to go to Walmart and buy a bin.

Polar Bear Plunge: Jack stated that EMS should be there. Tim Sapienza is to contact fire chief, Neal Nanna about having Emergency vehicles there.

Personnel: Jack Shanks suggested that Committees meet more often next year.

New Council Members Seminars: January 3 & 4 in Cranberry at \$150.00. Borough will pay for it.

Uniforms: Wade and Frank to get prices.

Liquid Fuels: Update letter. The estimated allocation for 2012 is \$24,755.54.

Spray brine with Salt: Wade explained how it works.

Bids on Property: Received one bid for \$5,000.00. The advertisement was for a minimum of \$15,000.00. John Rice made a motion to reject the bid. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wood Street Park: There was a suggestion that the park be used for parking. Council decided to drop the issue.

Business and Development: Census Boundary Maps. Look into it.

Newsletter: Newsletter articles need to be turned in. The next newsletter will be going out the 2nd week in January.

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Cathy Rape brought to Council's attention that the wreaths on the monuments were donated by Jack Frankenstein. She also stated that a Harmony businessman, Bob McFarland died.

BILLS PAYABLE: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all bills as presented and to also add BCBA bill for dues in the amount of \$25.00. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Ferrainola asked if a property applies for a variance if adjacent property owners are notified. Attorney Racunas replied that all property owners will be notified by a letter.

Mark Sapienza asked if a few people could approach Mr. Rogers about putting off fireworks on his property. He also asked if we have central recycling. Jack Shanks stated that shared services is looking at it.

Mike Razanaus, Harmony Borough's representative to the Library Board thanked Harmony for their donation.

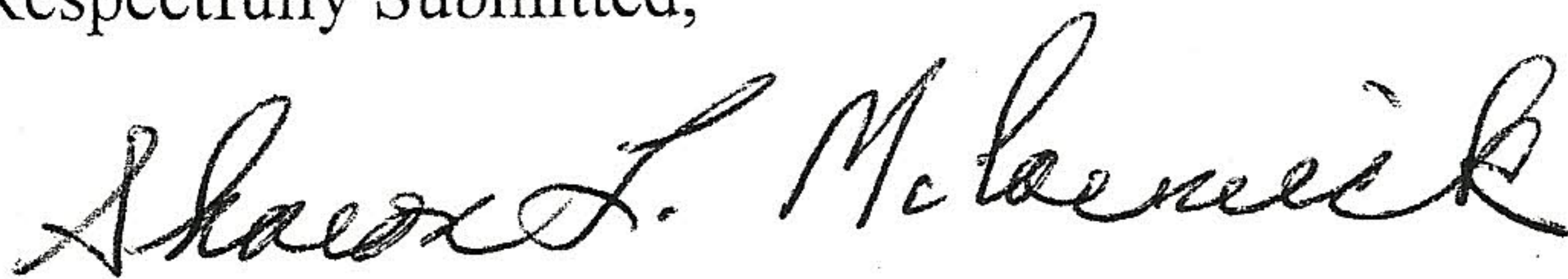
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called at 8:50 PM to discuss personnel

ADJOURN:

Tim Sapienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE
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FROM:

1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber
2. Bottlebrush
3. Local Government Academy
4. PSAB
5. Pipeline
6. UPMC
7. WBCA
8. COG
9. Butler Area School District

SUBJECT MATTER

- Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events
Schedule of events
Newly Elected Officials Course
Marcellus Shale gas formation
Safety Information for Public Officials
Patient care questions
Minutes
Sustainable Community Essentials Rapid Assessment
Summer Food Service Program