

February 7, 2012

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING February 7, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phyllis Metz, Frank Luek, Dave Szakelyhidi, Jack Shanks, Harold Herr, John Rice, Jim Hulings, and Mayor Cathy Rape.

OTHERS PRESENT:

JACK SHANKS
Jim Mily
Jim HULINGS
Shaaron L. McConnel
FRANK + ANDREA GRANNON
Mary Rice
Susie Osterman
Wanda
Cathy Rape
Tom Pucit
Joe White
Dulce M
Sandy Ferrarash
Dave Strawbridge
Harold Herr

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Jack Shanks corrected the January 3, 2012 minutes under the Police Report, to state that "Jack Shanks and Police Chief, Jim Miller discussed the new Police Contract". Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the January 3, 2012 minutes as corrected. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney, Matthew Racunas stated that he had advertised the Police Contract Ordinance. Harold Herr made a motion to accept the Police Contract Ordinance. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Racunas also reported that letters had been sent to the Butler County Commissioners concerning landfill but has had no response yet.

Attorney Racunas also reported that he had looked over the Butler County Humane Society Agreement and sees no problem with it. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Butler County Humane Society Agreement. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Hulings made a motion to advertise the Weight Limit Ordinance. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Jim Hulings will attend the February 9 COG Meeting.

HARB: There are two Certificates of Appropriateness that need approved.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness for Bottle Brush to replace the windows. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Murray Agency property at 519 Main Street to place a pediment over the doors to be added with a slate roof. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the water authority would like to trim the trees by the water tower. PennDot will allow the trees to be cut but wants a report from an arborist and an estimate of the value of the trees. Harrisburg has no problem with it.

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Parks Board: Frank Luek stated that Susie Altemus did a good job on the Silvester and the report.

Frank reported that The Parks Board has an application for a grant.

There is a possibility that the new trail will be open in May. They still have to look at the easements.

The Shamrock Shuffle is scheduled and possibly a trail race and ½ marathon

Also looking at having a Blue Grass Concert. Possibly a venue system. Bands will be playing all day long.

Estimates by Frank and Wade to put in the grant. (25 ton of 2A limestone at 15.80 a ton for the boat launch and to build a walking trail from the Paragon parking lot to the boat launch) 25 ton of limestone dust at 15.95 a ton for the walking trail (they would like to have it rolled. To rent a roller the cost is \$165.00 per day) They will probably need it for 3 days.

Materials have been picked up for the kiosk at the Boat Launch.

Planning Commission:

Frank Luek nominated Chuck Welsh to be on the Planning Commission. Phyllis Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSAB: Jack commented on the Policy Resolution. Phyllis Metz attended the New Council Member Training. Jim Hulings is attending the training March 3.

Sewer Authority: Harold Herr stated that he had met with Rocklake today. If they didn't sign up for sewer WBCA was going to cancel their agreement. He reported that Rocklake was very favorable with signing the agreement. There will be a hearing in a couple of weeks.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks reported that Council had attended a meeting at Zelienople to discuss composting with Zelienople, and Cranberry. Adams Township is also interested. Discussion on place and cost.

Staff:

Supervisor's Report: Wade Ion reported that street signs are needed and the grant money hasn't been released yet. Jack Shanks stated that he will contact Andrew Spenser in Zelic.

Wade also questioned when the trail needs done. Jack stated that it needs done by March 17 for the Shamrock Shuffle.

Discussion on the run off from Jackson Manor. Attorney Racunas is to write a letter to Jackson Township stating that something needs done about the run off onto the trail before the March race.

Wade Ion and Frank Grannon attended the safety meeting in Zelienople. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that it is his understanding that it is part of the Water Authority's safety manual to attend safety meetings. And it is filed with the DEP. The Water Authority has to do it. They will get 5% off their insurance and 5% off if there is a claim.

Wade reported that they have a lot of salt. If it doesn't snow he will have to find a place to put the salt.

Wade also reported that he had received a call from Mr. Murray concerning the lights being off at the parking lot by his apartments on Pittsburgh Street. The lights are wired to each individual apartment. The tenants turned them off to save electricity. Wade stated that according to the Borough's ordinances, parking lots have to be lit. He will call Mr. Murray back and tell him that the lights need to be on.

Building Inspector: Wade reported that Mantia's roof is on.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Training: Jack reported that Phyllis had attended the training and found it very useful.

Finance: Jack questioned if the park payment could be sent. Discussion on taking the money out of the Parks or Silvester Fund. Jack asked Council to think about it. John Rice stated that they should wait until the tax money came in.

Pashek Check: Jack reported that we finally got the \$20,000.00 for the grant from the state for the joint comp plan. It was sent to Pashek, then the Post Office lost it. The check was made out again and Pashek picked it up and a day later the first check was returned as undeliverable even though the same address was on the envelope that was on all mail sent to them!

US Liner Status: Jack reported that he hasn't been able to get together with the supervisor to discuss the noise. Also, he got a report from Delsa that styrofoam, packing that US liner uses has been going out into the creek, so Jack is going to talk to them about that also.

Parking on Pittsburgh Street: Originally there was a problem with the plow going up Pittsburgh Street when cars were parked there. Residents would like parking to be allowed on half the street. Discussion. Council agreed to leave it 'no parking'.

Safety Classes: The Water Authority is going to take care of the safety classes. Dave questioned when EMA will be paid. Sharon McCormick stated that all donations are paid when the tax money comes in.

Jack reported that thank you letters were sent to Barbish and Frankenstein. Discussion concerning giving plaques to people who donate to the Borough. Mayor

Rape stated that there should be some kind of criteria as to who gets the plaques. The Business Association will look into it.

News Letter: Jack stated that the next newsletter is due to go out the middle of March. One correction needs to go in the newsletter concerning when residents are allowed to burn

Personnel: There will be a personnel meeting to go over the Policy Manual. The meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 7:00 in the Municipal Building. The Committee will also be defining the job description of the zoning officer.

The Pension Audit is finished. The full audit is in two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Truck and Salt Spreader: Wade explained the need for a new dump truck and salt spreader. He is to write the specs for what he needs.

Solvency Fee: Attorney Racunas is to look at it before Council decides whether or not to pay it.

Streets: John Rice gave a report on what streets needed repaired. Dick Knapko from PennDOT is coming down to go over the streets and give estimated costs on the needed repairs.

First Aid: Jack reported that he had a bid from Cintas to replace all the first aid kits for \$630.00. Harold Herr made a motion to replace the first aid kits at a cost of no more than \$700.00. Jim Hulings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

School Sign on Pittsburgh Street: Cathy Rape commented on the placement of the school sign stating that it is hard to see.

Shoveling Snow: People are shoveling snow onto the streets. The ordinance states that residents are not allowed to shovel the snow onto the streets. Wade is to go talk to them and give them a warning.

Business and Development: Jack reported that the new center has opened. The next Business and Development meeting will be February 22 at 8:00 in the Municipal Building. Jack gave an update of ideas to improve Harmony, funding options, increase foot traffic, etc. The Mardi Gras will be February 18. All money raised from the Mardi Gras will go to Harmony for the parks.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

John questioned how many tons of salt were ordered and the cost of the salt. Wade estimated \$60 a ton. John Rice made a motion to pay bills as presented. Harold Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

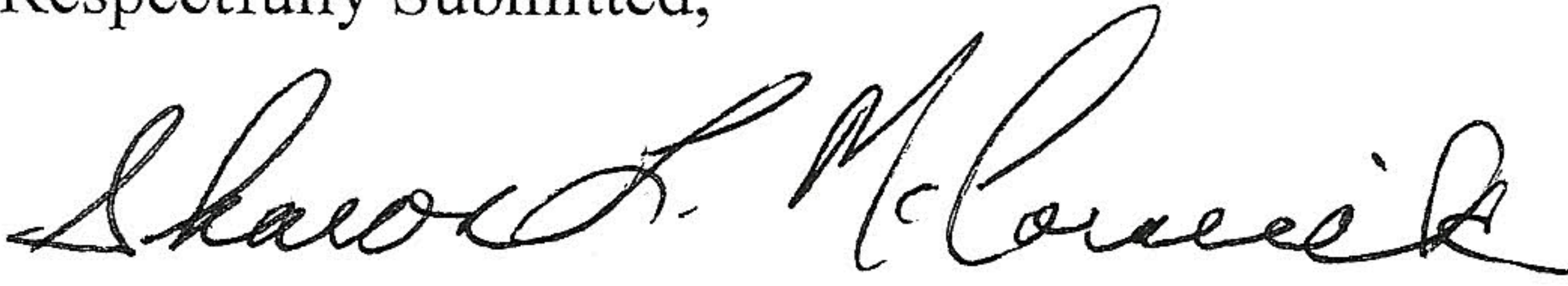
Council went into Executive Session at 8:26 PM. They came out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

Cathy Rape stated that she would like to go to HARB about doing a facelift at the monuments.

ADJOURN:

Harold Herr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. McCormick".

Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE
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FROM:

SUBJECT MATTER

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| 1. Zelenople-Harmony Chamber | Chamber of Commerce Schedule of events |
| 2. Local Government Academy | Application for Summer Intern
Know Your Codes Roundtable |
| 3. BCBA | Dinner Meeting – February 16 |
| 4. BCTCB | General Membership Meeting
Grant Application |
| 5. WBCA | Minutes |
| 6. COG | Meeting for Newly Elected Officials
January 12 th Agenda
February 9 th Agenda
Crack Sealer Scheduling |
| 7. HBA | Networking Event |
| 8. Community Assistance Bulletin | New Lighting Legislation |
| 9. American Cancer “Society | Daffodil Days |
| 10. Law Offices of Patricia L. McGrail | Newsletter |
| 11. Preservation | Preserving Pennsylvania |
| 12. The Strand | Joan Osborne Concert |
| 13. PSAB | Grant Workshops
Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Application
Annual Conference Registration & Schedule
Road Safety Improvement Program |
| 14. Zelenople Police | Monthly Report |