

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING January 4, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wade
JACK SHANKS
Cathy Rape
Dan Luek
Bob Luek
Susan Peary
John Rice
Larry Barnes
Jim Miller
Valerie Keenan
Stan Zimmerman
Frank Luek
FRANK GRANNON
David Luek
TIM McCRACKEN
Mark Long

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CALL TO ORDER:

John Rice, Council President, called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Jack Shanks made a motion to approve the December 7, 2010 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items) No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Notification that the Stormwater Management Plan was adopted by the County. Municipalities have 6 months to review it.
2. Chamber Chatter
3. Letter concerning availability of property on Grandview Avenue
4. The Butler County Tourism is offering gift certificates on line
5. Victim Outreach is asking for \$1,000 donation
6. Letter from the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County to develop a blight elimination program in the municipality (identify possible buildings to revitalize or demolish)
7. Letter from COG
8. Grant Workshop
9. Note from Frank Grannon Family
10. WBCA minutes and 2010 annual report
11. Harmony Business Association Letter in reference to the CSX Parking Lot.
12. Letter of resignation from Harmony Borough Council from Michelle Barto.

Frank Luek made a motion to accept Michelle Barto's resignation. Jack Shanks seconded the motion. Motion carried

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had contacted the solicitor for the airport authority and gave an update on the grant approval.

Discussed the Historic Harmony agreement concerning the log cabin.

Requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

Dave Eberle submitted 3 names to fill Michelle Barto's position on Council:

Tim Sapienza
Tom Tomayko Jr.
Dave Rogers.

Frank Luek made a motion to appoint Tim Sapienza to fill Michelle Barto's unexpired term on Council. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Rice resigned as Council President and called for reorganization and turned the meeting over to Attorney Racunas.

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Dave Szakelyhidi nominated Jack Shanks. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to close the nominations. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Jack Shanks, Council President.

Frank nominated Tim Sapienza as Vice President. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

Frank Luek made a motion to appoint Dave Szakelyhidi, Dave Eberle and Jack Shanks as check signers. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: No Report.

HWA: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority is currently filling the new tank. They had some service lines break but they are all repaired.

PARKS: No Report.

LIBRARY: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report.

VACANCY OFFICER: No Report.

SILVESTER: It was beautiful weather, there was a big crowd and good fireworks.

SHARED SERVICES: Snow removal is to be resolved and they are looking at the crosswalks

BOROUGH STAFF:

Police: There was a break-in at a garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: John Rice brought to Council's attention that an alternate needs to be appointed for the joint tax collector committee. Frank Luek is now moved to the #1 position. Council appointed Jill Allman to be the alternate.

John Rice made a motion to approve the wage scale. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attached.

Streets: John Rice reported that he had talked to Rich Crown about paving a portion of Edmond Street. Jackson Township's portion would be \$2,026.00.

Public Safety: Changes need to be made to the proposed School Zone plan. Bill Hummel is going to contact PennDOT to see what needs to be done for them to approve the plan.

Storm Water Management: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to change the Storm Water Management to 5 ft. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

John Rice – No
Frank Luek _ Yes
Dave Szakelyhidi – Yes
Jack Shanks – Yes
Jill Allman _ Yes
Dave Eberle – Yes

Motion carried.

Facilities: Jill Allman made a motion to approve the agreement between Harmony Borough and Historic Harmony. (for the Information Center being placed on the Borough lot). Frank Luek seconded the motion.

John Rice – No
Frank Luek – Abstain
Dave Szakelyhidi – Abstain
Jack Shanks – Abstain
Jill Allman – Yes
Dave Eberle – No

Motion failed.

Upon Request a letter is to be sent to the Ethics Board asking for an advisory opinion. Attorney Racunas will send a letter to the Ethics Board asking for an advisory opinion of 4 individuals on Council:

Dave Szakelyhidi
Frank Luek
Jack Shanks
Cathy Rape

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report

Streets: No Report.

Public Safety: No Report.

Facilities: No Report.

Business and Development: Jack Shanks reported that the HBA met and elected new officers. They set the calendar of events for 2011.

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BILLS PAYABLE:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Zimmerman questioned why "No Parking" signs were placed on a portion of Pittsburgh Street. He stated that he has no place to park. He stated that he has lived there 12 years and there has never been an accident.

Jack Shanks stated that there was a public hearing and an ordinance. He stated that Council will look into it.

Bob Franz stated that he had walked the Harmony Trail in early December and the Wise property had flooded. He said people should be aware of that.

Mark Sapienza stated that the information center property belongs to the Borough. He suggested that Historic Harmony donate the logs and get someone from Council and the Business Society designate what it is to be used for.

Susan Webb is blocking the handicap ramp with a sign. Wade is to address it.

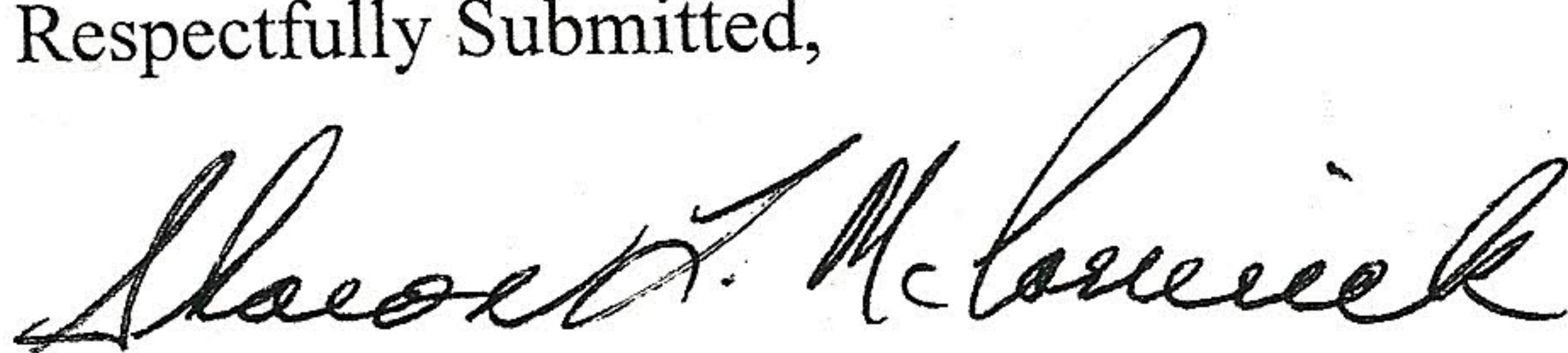
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was called at 8:20 PM. The Regular Meeting was called back in session at 8:40 PM.

ADJOURN:

Frank Luek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Herr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick
Secretary