

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING And HEARING July 5, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Rice
Cathy Rape
JAMES HULINGS
Ann Kopy
Frank Luek
FRANK GRANNON
John Rucka
Jimmy
Sandy Ferraro
Mark Lopez
Ann Lippert
Donald Lippert
Ken Goehring
Ann John
Jim John

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CALL TO ORDER:

Tim Sapienza, Council Vice President, called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM to hear public comment on the Storm Water Management Ordinance.

Attorney Racunas gave a brief summary of the ordinance.

No Public comments.

The hearing was closed and the regular meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Dave Eberle questioned why Harmony Borough is paying for ½ of the School Zone signs and Zelienople is paying for ½ of the signs. The original discussion was that the school would pay for the total amount. Frank Luek made a motion to accept the June 7, 2011 minutes noting a provision of the signs. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A list is available of all correspondence and announcements received. All correspondence and announcements are available for viewing in the Borough Office.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported that he had drawn up a form for an occupancy permit and/or change of use. He also drew up two ordinances as requested.

Frank Luek made a motion to approve the advertisement of the speed limit ordinance. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the skateboard ordinance including how to enforce the ordinance and striking "public park" from the ordinance. Attorney Racunas will make another draft.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the Occupancy permit Application. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Racunas requested a short Executive Session on litigation.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: Sharon McCormick contacted COG concerning prices on cell phones, but they haven't gotten back to her yet. She doesn't think they offer anything. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that he would like to shop around for different options

HARB: No report.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that Amy Brown works 20 hours a week. He asked her if she could do all the water authority business on time and she said yes so he asked her to do it for a month and see how it goes.

Sharon McCormick questioned what she should do if someone came in the office in the afternoon to do water business when Amy wasn't there.

Attorney Racunas stated that it needed to be discussed at an executive session.

Parks Board: Frank Luek made a motion to purchase "dog clean-up" signs at an estimated cost of \$150.00. Dave Eberle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Rape questioned if there was a release from liability form available for people to fill out if they did volunteer work in the Borough.

Planning Commission: No Report.

Sewer Authority: .No Report.

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Shared Services: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that he had attended the meeting. They discussed Street signs, design of the signs, etc. The work is in progress. Someone needs to make up a list of the streets.

Attorney Racunas stated that he will draw up a release form at no charge to the Borough.

STAFF:

Police Report: Chief Miller reported that the police are present at the Thursday Farmers' Market. Also they are looking at getting scales. Discussion on truck weight on the streets. Chief Miller also stated that he had contacted PennDOT to look at why so many trucks are coming through town.

Supervisor's Report: Wade Ion reported that the crosswalks are painted and Spring Street is ready to be paved. Tim Sapienza told Wade Ion to call PennDOT concerning a portion of 68 where the pavement is bulging.

The flag in the square was stolen again so a new flag had to be purchased. Tim told him to order a lock box for the flag.

The trees were trimmed by the bridge. The tree by McFarland's Violin shop is dying and may have to be taken down.

Tim stated that the light on the bridge is blinking on and off and has to be fixed.

Building Inspector: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: Jill Allman had given Council copies of the Audit Response that the Finance Committee had prepared. She asked Council to look it over.

Streets: Discussion concerning the street in front of Otto and Gert's. Council decided to not do anything with it at this time.

Public Safety: Tim Sapienza brought to Council's attention that a resident had moved from Evergreen Mill Road to Charles Street and is moving everything that he had on his property from one place to another and he can't do that. Tim has already had complaints from two people. Wade Ion is to look into the situation.

Facilities: Wade Ion reported that the property at Otto and Gert's had been mowed.

Business and Development: Dave Eberle questioned the notice concerning purchasing something that is not budgeted. Attorney Racunas asked that it be tabled until the next Council Meeting until he had a chance to look at it.

Frank Luek made a motion to rescind the motion made at the last meeting to purchase a tractor. Dave Eberle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Streets: No Report.

Public Safety: Mayor Rape reported that she had received a letter from Mrs. Pierce asking if something could be done at the intersection at Mercer and Evergreen Mill Rd. Council discussed different options.

Facilities: No Report.

Business and Development: Mayor Rape stated that the most recent edition of the Pennsylvania Bulletin has a list of unclaimed property. She will leave it at the Borough Office if anyone wants to look at it.

BILLS PAYABLE:

John Rice questioned the Attorney's bill as to why airport litigation is on the bill. Attorney Racunas is still working on it. Frank Luek made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Ferrainola asked about possibly putting in a speed bump on Mercer Street as a possible solution of speeding going over the bridge.

Mark Sapienza asked who cuts the weeds at the bridge.

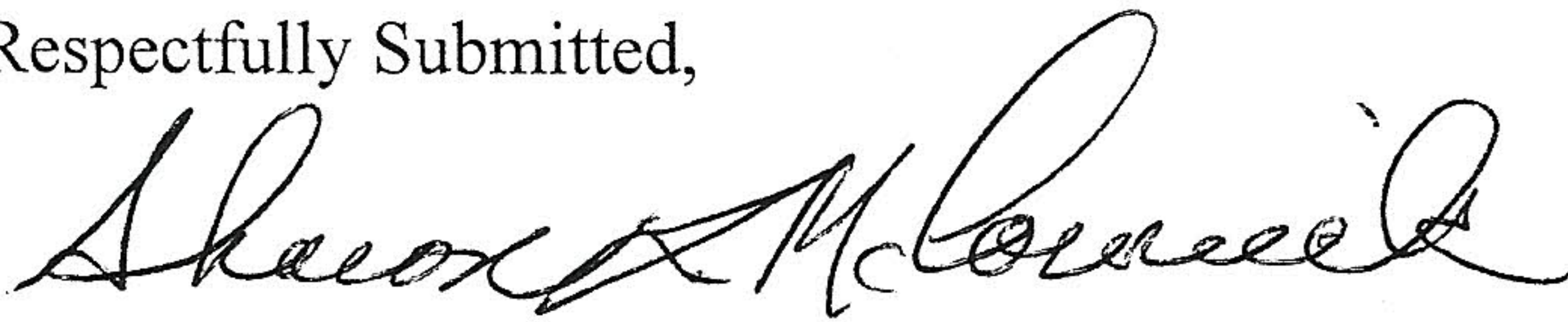
Harold Herr stated that the Water Authority is having a hard time making interest payments on their loan. They want to cut expenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called at 7:50 PM. (To discuss litigation and personnel)
Out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

ADJOURN:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. Information regarding Act 32 of 2008 (EIT Tax Collection)
2. Benefits Network Brief (Health Insurance)
3. Email – Managing Unthinkable Disasters
4. Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection
5. Letter from COG concerning Annual Conference
6. WBCA Minutes
7. Trib Media – Promoting Horse Trading Days
8. PSAB – Breakfast Invitation
9. Letter from Peoples Natural Gas concerning New Customer Service Center