

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McNeill
Wade Law
Bill D. Egan Adam Tomlin
Joey Hamilton - Butler Co. Tourism
Cathy Rape
Tom Glesby
Frank Luek
Jim Rice
John Shanks
John Rice
JACK SHANKS
TIM MCCRACKEN
Dave Eberle
Dave Strawbridge
Sandy Frank

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to approve the, April 5, 2011 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A list of correspondence was made available and will be in the Borough Office if anyone wants to view any of the items.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Bill DiCuccio, candidate for Butler County Commissioner introduced himself.

Joey Hamilton from the Butler County Tourism Bureau handed out brochures and explained some of the things the Bureau does.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas reported on the Airport Hazardous Zoning. There needs to be revisions to the ordinance.

Bill Hummel sent comments and recommendations in concerning the storm water ordinance. Any changes, other than the Municipality's name, has to go through DEP, which will be denied. The ordinance will probably have to be approved as written.

Attorney Racunas also commented that he had confirmed the parcel that the questioned sidewalk is on. John Ruch stated that the sidewalk is part of the trail therefore maintenance of the sidewalk is the Borough's responsibility.

Attorney Racunas presented a resolution to amend the Heritage Fund which would allow the Borough to use money in the fund, not just the interest. Tim Sapienza made a motion to adopt resolution 5-3-11. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Jack Shanks stated that he had received an email to wait to amend the Heritage Fund because there are still family members alive who drafted and formed the Fund.

Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No Report.

HARB: No Report.

Water Authority: Dave Szakelyhidi reported that the Water Authority had paid the increase due to the Borough. The Board suggested that the Borough possibly use part of the money paid by the Authority to pay to have "Harmony" painted on the new water tank.

Parks Board: Frank Luek reported that the Parks Board has heard nothing about the grant they applied for. He also reported that Susie Altemus was working on the Silvester and the Website. The Board is also looking into having a dog cleanup section at the parks.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks reported that limb pickup will be the 1st Thursday of each month. People have to call the Borough Office to schedule pickup.

Planning Commission: No Report.

Sewer Authority: .No Report.

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Joint Comprehensive Plan: No Report

Staff: Wade Ion reported that they have been replacing stop signs and the street lights are fixed.

Cathy Rape had information on the Connoquenessing Valley Communities for Youth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel: Jack Shanks reported that business cards have been ordered.

Finance: Tim Sapienza made a motion to open a new bank account for the Silvester Celebration, with the signers being Jack Shanks, Dave Szakelyhidi, Dave Eberle, Sharon McCormick, and Amy Brown, and transferring \$3,143.95 from the General Fund into the new account. Frank Luek seconded the motion.

Tim asked if the money could be used for the Parks. Jack Shanks said that it was discussed as a possibility. Jill Allman asked if it could be switched to an interest bearing account next year.

Motion carried.

Streets: Discussion on painting crosswalks and double yellow lines. Dave Szakelyhidi questioned if 2 lines are needed. Wade Ion is to check.

Wade had talked to Zelianople about the possibility of sharing summer help.

Peffer Street needs repaired where the sewer line was put in. It is the contractor's responsibility. Wade to check it out.

Discussion on cost and responsibility of replacing curbs.

Public Safety: Jack Shanks reported that PennDOT finally approved the school signs. The plans have been signed by Harmony Borough and sent back for further processing.

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Jack Shanks recommended that Attorney Racunas write a letter to property owners stating that they have to remove the trees that are ready to fall into the creek, at the property owners' expense.

Moyers filed a complaint about the fill dumped behind their property. Asphalt is considered clean landfill. Attorney Racunas suggested putting a bond on the road. Jack Shanks will talk to Marburger.

Jack Shanks stated that all information to be put in the newsletter is to be in to the office by May 18. The newsletter is to be mailed June 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel: Frank Luek made a motion to accept as documented the explanation of Wages and Time Worked. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Attached.)

Tim Sapienza made a motion to allow Jack Shanks to attend the BCBA meeting May 17 at the Kaufman House. Cost of dinner is \$17.00. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Jack Shanks reported that Harmony Borough received a Certificate of Appreciation from PLGIT.

Mockenhaupt, Pension Actuary, brought to Council's attention that there are new requirements for the Pension. They offered to take care of it. Jack is to check on it.

Streets: Bid opening is May 5. John Rice stated that he would like the square swept for Memorial Day. Wade stated that he had talked to Mark in Zelig about sweeping.

Public Safety: Discussion concerning runoff from Jackson Manor. Attorney Racunas stated that it is the homeowners' responsibility. Jack will talk to Jackson Township.

Discussion on flood protection.

Facilities: The Callos Companies would like to rent the meeting room in the Municipal Building for job interviews. Discussion on insurance and liability.

Tim Sapienza made a motion to not rent the room. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaint forms are to be used.

Business and Development: Jack Shanks stated that Venture Outdoors is looking to come into the area and need a place to store equipment.

HBA scheduled Community Day for June 18. Streets need shut down. Tim Sapienza made a motion to close the Square from Bottle Brush to Jackson Street and from Spring Street to Liberty Street from 10:00 Am to 6:00 PM for Community Day. Jill Allman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June 30 there will be a concert and fireworks.

The Farmers Market will begin every Thursday, beginning May 26 through October.

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Wade Ion reported that some of the Borough's cones are missing and requested purchasing 36 new cones at a cost of \$30 each. Tim Sapienza said to ask the Fire Company if they could loan the Borough some.

Jack Shanks explained the proposed walking trail through Harmony, Zelenople, and Jackson Township.

Mayor, Cathy Rape asked for mulch and flowers for the monument area and on the light posts. Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to purchase the flowers for not more than \$500.00. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

John Rice made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Ruch expressed appreciation to Wade Ion and Frank Grannon for putting signs on the trail

He also stated that he got the architect drawing on the log house.

He stated that he would like Council to consider passing an ordinance for no bike riding on the sidewalks.

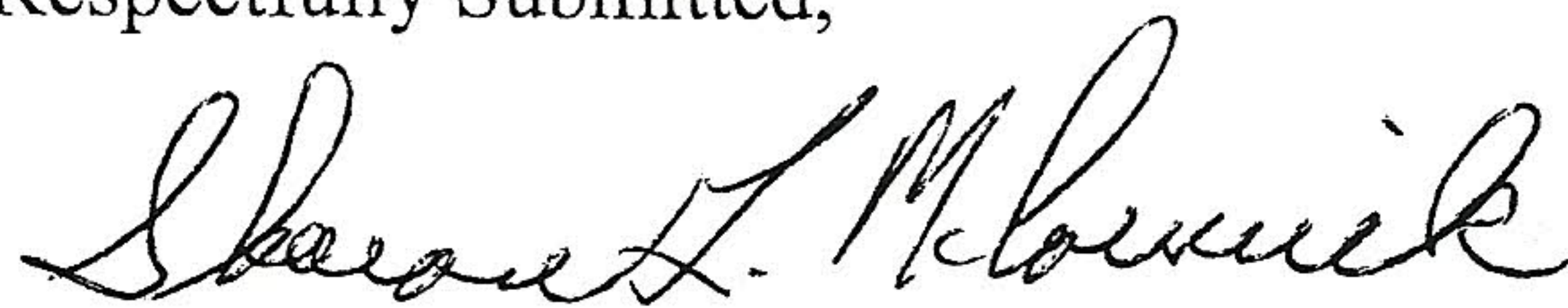
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive session was called at 9:00 PM to discuss Litigation.

ADJOURN:

Council was called back into regular session and adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

EXPLANATION OF WAGES AND TIME WORKED

Wade is supervisor of both the Water Authority and the Street Department. Of his wages, \$2.00 per hour of his regular wages is paid out of the General Fund. \$3.00 per hour is paid for overtime hours worked and is paid out of the General Fund. The rest of his wages are paid out of the Water Fund whether he works for the water department or the street department.

Frank is paid strictly out of the General Fund whether he works for the Street Department or the Water Department.

Bruce and Dave are paid strictly out of the Water Fund whether they work for the Street Department or the Water Authority.

Everyone (especially Wade and Frank) help one another out as needed.

Sharon's wages are paid half out of the Water Fund and half out of the General Fund. She works afternoons by herself and is therefore working for both the Water Authority and the Borough. However, she does payroll, the accounting, all reports, end of payroll, end of month, end of year reports, W2's all of which deals both with the Water Authority and the Borough. She makes the bank runs and also takes mail to the Post Office which again deals with both Water Authority and the Borough. Also, she helps Amy with Water Authority issues if Amy is busy .

Amy works mornings for the Water Authority. If she works when Sharon is off, she charges half of her wages to the Borough and half to the Water Authority. If needed, she has done payroll, end of payroll taxes and reports, bank runs and trips to the Post Office all of which deals with the Water Authority and the Borough.

Sharon and Amy help one another as needed.

Because of shared duties it would be time consuming and not be easy to keep track of exact time spent working in the different departments.