

HARMONY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING October 4, 2011

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon L. McCarneal
John Rice
Tim Sapienza
Dave Eberle
Jim Miller
Jack SHANKS
Cathy Rape
Wade Luek
Cathy Rape
Sue Altman
FRANK GRANNAN
Sandy Ferraro
Dave Straubinger
Chris Ranges
Mark Sapienza
Cathy Rape

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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:

Tim Sapienza made a motion to approve the September 6, 2011 minutes as presented. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (agenda items)

Jay Grinnell, Jackson Township Supervisor, explained about the dumping of dirt behind the barn from the Evergreen Mill project. All the required engineering studies were done and permits obtained. Both PennDOT and DEP approved the dumping.

Bill Hummel explained that the old Flood Plain maps were for insurance purposes, but the new maps, which are preliminary, should be used for everything else as they show the best information at this time. He also explained that if you are going to put fill in a flood plain there needs to be documentation from the engineer which you already have.

They cannot dump in a floodway, which they are not, but they can put fill in a flood plain. Tim Sapienza stated that originally we were told that the fill was temporary. The fill is not in Harmony Borough. Tim asked why Harmony Borough is dealing with it. Until it impacts the Borough he doesn't see why Harmony Borough is involved. Dave Szakelyhidi stated that we are asking Jackson Township to follow the same rules as Harmony Borough. Discussion concerning the amount of fill put in the flood plain and the fact that it is now higher than what the original map shows the flood plain to be. Bill Hummel suggested contacting PennDOT to see if there is a contract to remove the fill when the project is done. Jay Grinnel is to check with PennDOT and find out what their position is. Jack Shanks stated that the point is that everyone has to work together. Jay is going to call them and ask them when they are going to move the dirt and we will go from there.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A list of all correspondence was made available. Correspondence can be viewed in detail at the Borough Office.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Racunas gave an update on the airport ordinance. Once it is closed out the Borough should receive a check for expenses.

Attorney Racunas also discussed tree trimming with PennDOT. PennDOT is willing to engage in a perpetual maintenance agreement. The agreement only has to be signed one time. There are other requirements. The Borough would have to hire an arborist to determine what trees need to be removed and what trees need trimmed. A bond would have to be submitted to PennDOT for a minimum of \$10,000.00 (may be refunded). Pay to PennDOT 150% of what the cost of the tree removal would be (non-refundable). He assumes this would be a shared cost with Zelienople, but he is

not sure if Zelenople is aware of the cost. If we know an arborist at a reasonable cost who could give us an inventory it might give us an idea of what the cost would be.

BOARD REPORTS:

COG: No report. The salt bid is taken care of.

HARB: No meeting. A certificate of appropriateness needs approved for the sign for the new bakery. Tim Sapienza stated that it would be nice to see a picture of what we are voting on. Tim Sapienza made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign for the new bakery. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Authority: No report. The tank project is almost finished.

Tim Sapienza made a motion to appraise the property the #1 tank was on. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks Board: Frank Luek reported that the Parks Board had a meeting. They would like to see better upkeep of the property. The fence is falling down. Harmony Business Association is putting out a brochure. They thought that maybe Council would like Harmony's points of interest included in the brochure.

Silvester: Susie Altemus gave an update on the planning of the Silvester race and donations that have been received so far. Flyers have been printed.

Planning Commission: No Report.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Zoning: No Report.

Vacancy Officer: No Report.

Shared Services: Jack Shanks reported on the planning of the trail (Connoquenessing Heritage Trail) and signs. He stated that the insurance company had been contacted concerning liability insurance for the trail. There will be no additional cost of liability insurance to the new portion that is in Harmony Borough. 1 ½ miles are not in Harmony. Property owners will be notified and Matt has already written up release of liability for the property owners. Matt will also write up easement agreements for future property owners.

Street Sign Replacement Project: Samples of the signs were ordered. (\$64.00) Harmony's cost would be \$2790 if they get a \$14,000.00 grant (\$7,000.00 is Harmony's portion).

Leaf Pickup: Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay \$800.00 to Dambaugh's to dump the leaves unless a less expensive site becomes available. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff:

Police Report: The police report was faxed over earlier in the day.

Supervisor's Report: Wade Ion reported that a stop bar was put on First & Edmond Street. Discussion on where to put the six ton weight limit signs.. A different concrete company is dumping behind Marburgers. Jack Shanks will contact them.

Leaf Pickup will be October 17 to November 21.

Building Inspector: Otto and Gerts has been sold. ½ of the building has been leased out. Knauf's Feed Mill has been sold as a residence. Discussion on the zoning and what is allowed in the district. Attorney Racunas will check it out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance: No Report. The Liquid Fuel allotment for 2012 will be \$25,770.00.

Streets: A letter is to be sent to Carl concerning weight limits on the streets. Attorney Racunas will put a letter together for the next meeting.

Discussion on the Skateboard Ordinance. Jack Shanks suggested that there be no skateboards or scooters allowed on the sidewalks in the Business District. (C1 & C2) Attorney Racunas will put something together for the next meeting.

Verizon poles will be out by next week. Tim Sapienza stated that there are two on Rt. 68 that need to come out too.

Facilities: Gas notification issue. The notification was Don Pepe's decision. Council decided to pay the bill.

Chief Miller is to check on the cost of unlimited notifications.

Cell Phones: Jack Shanks checked the cost and coverage of Sprint and Verizon. Council decided to stay with Sprint.

CSX: Jack reported that he checked and you are not allowed to sublease the CSX lot. The Borough paid the bill. Historic Harmony will donate an appropriate amount of money to Harmony Borough to use the lot.

Parks Ordinance: Council went over the draft of the ordinance and made some changes. Frank Luek made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Farmers Market: Jack Shanks stated that the Farmers Market is done a month early. Next year the Market will be through the end of September.

Personnel: A meeting date needs to be set for a personnel meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Streets: Historic Harmony requests use of the Harmony Lot for parking of the Harmony Volunteer fire Department during the Christmas Market and also asked if they could restrict the Municipal Building lot for handicap parking (Historic Harmony to provide the signs). Historic Harmony will provide certificates of insurance.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to allow the fire trucks to park on the Harmony Lot. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to allow restricted parking at the Municipal Building for handicap parking. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Safety: Mayor Rape reported that there is a sidewalk on German Street that is raised and weeds growing over it. The gas company removed the sidewalk and put it back. Attorney Racunas understood the ordinance to state that the Borough owns the curbs and the property owner owns the sidewalk.

Army Corps Study: Structural damages to property other than the 2004 flood are minimal and therefore they are not going to do anything.

National Energy – COG wants to look at the municipalities in COG to go with National Energy. Attorney Racunas is to look at it to analyze if there is a cost savings.

Microphones: Historic Harmony asked if they could purchase the microphones back that they purchased from Historic Harmony as the Borough doesn't use them anymore.

Frank Luek made a motion to sell the microphones to Historic Harmony for \$100.00. Dave Szakelyhidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Room Rental: Jack Shanks brought to Council's attention that Carrie Baker is interested in renting a room for a meeting. Council agreed that there is a policy to not rent the room.

Business & Development: Butler County Tourism Votes are needed for members on the Board.

Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to vote for

Historic Heritage: John Ruch

Agriculture: Rodney Schaffer

Restaurants: Bob McCafferty.

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Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Polar Bear Plunge: HBA is requesting a Polar Bear Plunge as a fund raiser on New Years Day at the canoe launch. They must have a release of liability.

Frank Luek made a motion to allow the Polar Bear Plunge. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat: John Rice made a motion to set Trick or Treat for October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

BILLS PAYABLE:

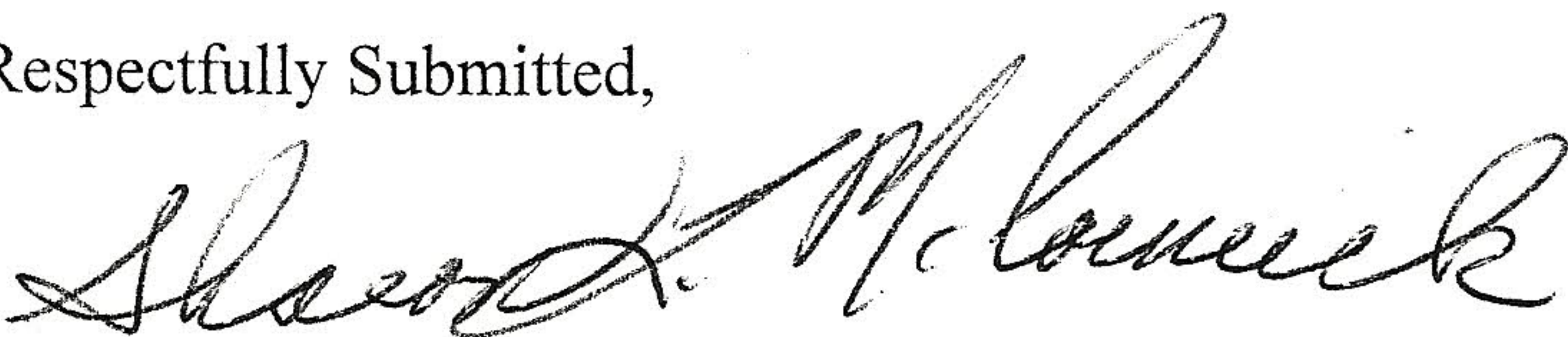
Dave Szakelyhidi made a motion to pay all bills as presented including the Mayors Association dues for \$50.00. Tim Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into an Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss Personnel. Out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

ADJOURN: Tim Sapienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Luek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L. McCormick

Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE
October, 2011

FROM:

SUBJECT MATTER

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| 1. Butler County Tourism | Listing in Visitors' Guide |
| 2. Sheryl Kelly | Hazardous Waste Collection & Drug Take Back Day |
| 3. Butler County Emergency Manag. | Water Rescue for First Responder Course |
| 4. Harm. Zelig Business Assoc. | Fall Festival Chili Cook-off |
| 5. Golden Triangle Construction | 79 Closure |
| 6. BCBA | Spouses Night Out |
| 7. PSAB | Budget Bulletin, Classes, Wakeup Breakfast |
| 8. Zelig Harm. Chamber | Schedule |
| 9. Evergreen Nursing Center | Vendor Day to benefit Alzheimer's Assoc. |
| 10. WBCA | Minutes |
| 11. COG | Pre-Winter Meeting |
| 12. COG | CogCare Insurance |