

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

President Phil Ronca called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Trappe Borough Hall, 525 West Main Street, Trappe, Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council President Ronca announced there will be an executive session this evening.

Those Present Were:

President Phil Ronca
Vice President Cathy Johnson
Scott Martin
Stu Strauss
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also Present:

Manager Tamara Twardowski
Solicitor David Onorato
Engineer Paul Schmoll

Absent:

Tammy Liberi
Pat Webster
Brett Yeagley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the October 2, 2019 regular meeting of Borough Council.

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 4-0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

S. Mancuso – representing College Woods HOA reported that the HOA had an update done to their reserve study and that their engineer had recommended sealing the roadway in the next year to help prolong the life of the roadway. Additionally, he recommends removing the speed humps so that the road qualifies for liquid fuels. P. Schmoll will take a look at the road and provide Council with an assessment.

S. Calvin – representing State Representative Joe Ciresi’s office said that his office will get the Borough a new flag as requested by the Borough Manager.

STAFF REPORTS:

Engineer’s Report: The written Engineer’s Report from Paul Schmoll, representing Barry Isett Associates (BIA) was presented to all to review. A copy of the report is available at Borough Hall.

Treasurer's Report: T. Twardowski presented the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2019 with a list of checks, check numbers 2731-2763, along with transfers, direct payroll charges and the Phoenixville Federal Card Service Center direct withdrawal from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$84,123.24.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 4 – 0

T. Twardowski presented the Treasurer Report dated October 31, 2019 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,251.84.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 4 – 0

T. Twardowski presented the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2019 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1150 in the amount of \$1,402.50.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 4 – 0

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wismer read a letter that he received from Augustus Lutheran asking for auxiliary police on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to noon for traffic control from September to June. Mayor Wismer suggested that Council consider subsidizing part of this cost as it does for the Historical Society since the church is a historical building that Augustus Lutheran is maintaining. Council did not choose to subsidize this cost.

Motion to approve auxiliary police for Augustus Lutheran at the churches expense as requested:

Motion: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 4 – 0

Borough Manager's Report: The written Borough Manager's report by Tamara Twardowski was presented to all for review. A copy of the report is available at Borough Hall.

T. Twardowski discussed a request from the Tax Collector requesting that Council pass a resolution stating that cash would not be accepted beginning in 2020 due to concerns regarding counterfeit money and also for safety reasons as collection hours are often held at times when no one else is at Borough Hall. After brief discussion, the Solicitor stated that he felt this was a decision that the tax collector could make on her own and it was not necessary for Council to pass a resolution.

T. Twardowski asked Council to approve the membership level for the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for 2020.

Motion to approve PWC benefactor level membership for 2020 in the amount of \$1,000.00:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 4 – 0

T. Twardowski presented the calculations breaking down the worker's compensation costs for the Trappe Fire Company and requested approval to send an invoice to Upper Providence Township for their portion.

Motion to approve calculations and invoice Upper Providence Township for their portion in the amount of \$11,831.97:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 4 – 0

Trappe Business Committee:

S. Strauss reported that the next Business Committee meeting met on October 28th. There was discussion of doing a survey to see what meeting times/topics would be of interest. A breakfast or lunch meeting was suggested. A business Facebook page was suggested along with the piggybacking of business events such as first Friday type events.

Public Works & CTMA: The minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting of the CTMA were presented. There was not a quorum for the CTJPW. A copy is available for inspection at Borough Hall. S. Straus reported that at the regional meeting it was brought up that around 1,000 new residential units will be added around the Route 29 corridor.

Traffic & Safety: The September and October 2019 State Police reports were distributed. The October report of the Trappe Fire Company and the September 2019 Trappe Fire Company Ambulance report were presented. The Fire Task Force will be meeting on November 25th. T. Twardowski will try reaching out again to our new Community Liaison for the State Police and see if we can get a meeting scheduled for the New Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

P. Ronca reported he received a lot of questions when he was going around the Borough about trailers and other recreational vehicles parking on Williams Way. He asked if there was a way to restrict parking of such vehicles at all times (rather than limiting it to 30 days). T. Twardowski stated that she has been issuing notices and thought that most people were complying. The Borough will continue to monitor the situation and see if it is still a problem.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:50 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.:

Respectfully submitted,

**Tamara D. Twardowski
Borough Secretary**