

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2016
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Nevin Scholl called to order the end of year closeout meeting of Trappe Borough Council December 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Trappe Borough Hall, 525 West Main Street, Trappe, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Connie Peck.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council President Scholl announced there will be an Executive Session after the public meeting this evening to discuss a personnel matter. A vote is expected after the Executive Session.

Those present were:

President Nevin Scholl
Vice President Cathy Johnson
Scott Martin
Stu Strauss
Pat Webster

Also present

Mayor Connie Peck
Treasurer John Klink
Borough Manager Robert Umstead

Absent:

Tammy Liberi
Phil Ronca

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: John Klink presented an abbreviated Treasurer's Report (bill list) dated December 27, 2016 check numbers 1570 through 1602, and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$239,109.86.

Treasurer John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 27, 2016 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1067 through 1072 in the amount of \$4,816.82.

Treasurer John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 27, 2016 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,337.97.

The reports were provided to all and are available for review at Trappe Borough Hall.

Motion to make payment of invoices included in the December 27, 2016 bill list, check numbers 1570 through 1602 and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$239,109.86:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 5 – 0

Motion to make payment of invoices included in the December 27, 2016 Treasurer's Report check numbers 1067 through 1072 from the Customers Bank Escrow Fund in the amount of \$4,816.82:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 5 - 0

Motion to approve electronic payment of the PECO invoices included in the December 27, 2016 Treasurer's Report from Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$2,337.97:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 5 - 0

A final Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2016 will be presented at the January 3, 2017 Council meeting after the December 30, 2016 payroll and any additional checks that may be approved by the Treasurer and Borough Manager are written.

Resolution 2016-10 Adoption of Budget Appropriations for 2016

President Scholl stated Resolution 2016-10 will allow for appropriations from funds on hand be made available to meet those expenditures which exceed the approved budget amounts for the calendar year 2016.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 5 - 0

Resolution 2016-11 Adoption of Borough of Trappe Budget:

President Scholl presented the proposed 2017-2021 Budget for the Borough of Trappe. The budget proposes no new or increased taxes. The Budget adoption was properly advertised and an Affidavit of Publication was presented.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-11:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 5 - 0

Achievements: President Scholl presented the following for 2016

Trappe Borough Achievements 2016

1. Completed a walking path from West Main Street near Borough Hall to Rambo Park. The majority of the project was funded through grants.
2. Economically developed and released a new TrappeBorough.com website using state of the art software.
3. Repaved Joan Drive (.62 miles).
4. Repaved the majority of Linden Drive and Linden Street (.15 miles).
5. Seal coated and relined Borough Hall and Rambo Park parking lots, and replaced broken concrete sidewalk at Borough Hall.

6. Updated the Trappe nine year Road Maintenance Schedule and incorporated five years into our 2017-2021 year financial plan.
7. Reestablished a contingency fund of \$250,000 for any unanticipated future infrastructure expenditures.

All of the above were accomplished without raising municipal real estate taxes. Trappe Borough maintains its status as having the third lowest municipal real estate tax in Montgomery County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 7:40 p.m.

A brief discussion ensued concerning a lump sum payment to Ellen Goodman in lieu of no retirement plan being provided.

Motion to provide a lump sum payment of \$2,441.71 to Ellen Goodman in lieu of any retirement benefit. The amount represents six (6) % of the salary for 2016:

Moved: S. Martin Seconded: C. Johnson Approved: 5-0

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Moved: S. Martin Seconded C. Johnson Approved: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert T. Umstead
Borough Secretary**