

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2020  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Council President Cathy Johnson called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held virtually, on December 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Those Present Were:**

Cathy Johnson, President  
Scott Martin, Vice President  
Dave Davis  
Tom Lauterio  
Mallory Perlin  
Stu Strauss  
Pat Webster

**Also Present:**

Marcus Dolny, Borough Manager  
John Klink, Treasurer

**Absent:**

Mayor Matthew Wismer

**Treasurer Report**

John Klink presented the year end bill list dated December 30, 2020 with check numbers 3179-3214, 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 \$85,954.57.

S. Strauss questioned the delineation on engineering charges between Borough responsibility and escrow.

C. Johnson questioned snow removal charge as she felt it wasn't the best effort, other Council members did not see the same issues in their areas of town. M. Dolny stated that there were very little complaints or issues but he will continue to monitor and work with the company.

**A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: P. Webster**

**Approved: 7/0**

John Klink presented a bill list dated December 30, 2020 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO and transfers in the month of \$81,939.55

**A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:**

**Moved: P. Webster**

**Seconded: T. Lauterio**

**Approved: 7/0**

John Klink presented the bill list dated December 30, 2020 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1187-1198 in the amount of \$13,116.73.

**A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: S. Martin**

**Approved: 7/0**

John Klink presented a bill list dated December 30, 2020 for the Open Space Fund transfers and payment in the month of \$5,332.74

**A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:**

**Moved: P. Webster**

**Seconded: C. Johnson**

**Approved: 7/0**

**Borough Manager**

**Ordinance #460**

An Ordinance emending section 300-57A of the Borough Code by adding a fire tax (.5 Mills) and fixing the overall tax rate for 2021 at .97 Mills.

**Motion to approve Ordinance #460:**

**Motion: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: S. Martin**

**Approved: 5/2**

**D. Davis and M. Perlin voting in the negative.**

Resolution 2020-18, a Resolution of the Borough of Trappe adopting the 2021 Budget was presented.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2020-18:**

**Motion: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Lauterio**

**Approved: 6/1**

**M. Perlin voting in the negative.**

Resolution 2020-19, a Resolution of the Borough of Trappe appropriating funds to meet expenditures which exceed budgeted amounts was presented.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2020-19:**

**Motion: S. Martin**

**Seconded: S. Strauss**

**Approved: 7/0**

**CTPW Budget 2021**

Resolution 2020-20, a Resolution increasing water rates for 2021, was presented.

There was discussion regarding budget, existing surplus, and other factors. P. Webster questioned why with the current state of environment during the pandemic and so many working from home isn't generating greater revenues. S. Martin wanted to know where the suggested bench marks are derived from. S. Strauss seconded that sentiment saying it was the first he had heard of the 10% mark, saying taxes and fees are going up across the board. With an action that could be done at any time as a good will gesture he felt holding off would be better since it was not 100% necessary. P. Webster 2.35% is what they would like to do to close the deficit.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2020-20:**

**Motion: S. Martin**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 5/2**

**S. Strauss and D. Davis voting in the negative.**

**New Business:**

S. Martin requested that accounting services provided for the Fire Company be added to January meeting agenda.

P. Webster questioned the attendance of the Mayor.

**Council entered Executive Session at: 7:59PM**  
**Council exited Executive Session at 8:24PM**

**A motion was made to make the following payments in lieu of pension.**

**Ellen Goodman: \$2750.00**

**Marcus Dolny: \$750.00**

**Tamara Twardowski - \$4,500.00**

**Motion: P. Webster**

**Seconded: T. Lauterio**

**Approved: 7/0**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**  
**Borough Secretary**