

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2017
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Nevin Scholl called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council August 1, 2017 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 regular scheduled meeting to discuss legal matters. A vote is not 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
Solicitor Dave Onorato
Treasurer John Klink
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Borough Manager Robert Umstead

Absent:

Phil Ronca

Senator Bob Mensch representing the 24th Senatorial District was present and presented a proclamation honoring Trappe on its 300th anniversary. The proclamation was read.

COUNCIL PERSON APPOINTMENT: Due to the resignation of Council person Tammy Liberi there is a vacancy on Borough Council. The resignation was accepted at the July 11, 2017 meeting and Council President N. Scholl announced at that meeting resumes would be accepted for possible appointments. One resume was received from Brett Yeagley. Mr. Yeagley was present and confirmed he was a resident of Trappe Borough for more than one year and he was a registered elector.

Motion to Appoint Brett Yeagley to fill the unexpired term of Tammy Liberi, which expires 12/31/17:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 5 - 0

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Connie Peck. B. Yeagley was seated at the Council table.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Special meeting of Borough Council. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting as presented:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 4 - 0

S. Strauss abstained not present at July 11 meeting

B. Yeagley abstained

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2017 regular meeting of Borough Council. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 4 – 0

S. Strauss abstained not present at July 11 meeting

B. Yeagley abstained

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

President Pro-Tem - Due to the resignation of T. Liberi from Council and as President Pro-Tem, it is the recommendation of President Scholl that Scott Martin be elected president pro-tem.

Motion to elect Scott Martin as president pro tem:

Moved P. Webster

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 5 – 0

S. Martin abstained

PPG STEARLY / MAIN STREET CROSSING PHASE II:

Resolution 2017-06 was presented for approval of Phase II for the Main Street Crossing project. A brief discussion followed. Item 3.(i) was amended to include “replace existing sidewalks and curbs (added).” Item 3. (u) was added which provides a sign easement to the benefit of the Borough at the corner of West First Avenue and Main Street. Four waivers were approved.

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-06 as amended:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 5 - 1

N. Scholl voted No

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.

A status report was presented on the Clahor Avenue reconstruction project. Application No. 2 for a partial payment in the amount of \$55,539.90 was presented and recommended by BIA.

Motion to approve Application No. 2 for payment to Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. in the amount of \$55,539.90:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6 – 0

President N. Scholl reported that he and Mayor Peck took a field trip along Main Street to view the traffic signals and the need for possible upgrading. A report was presented. Barry Isett & Associates has provided a quote of \$400 to review the Review of Traffic Signals for Walkers and prepare a grant request (Green Light Go Grant).

Motion to approve up to \$400 for Barry Isett & Assoc. to prepare a grant request for improvements to the traffic signals for walkers:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 6 - 0

Treasurer’s Report: John Klink presented the Treasurer’s Report dated July 28, 2017 with a list of checks, check numbers 1800 through 1835, payroll charges and the Phoenixville Federal Card Service Center direct withdrawal from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$370,078.05.

Mayor Peck has received a request to provide Auxiliary Police to direct traffic for the VFW's car show to be held on August 18, 2017. One Auxiliary Police is requested for the hours of 5 pm to 9 pm and the VFW will pay for the services.

Motion to approve the use of an Auxiliary Police to direct traffic at the VFW's car show as requested and to be invoiced to the VFW:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 6 - 0

Mayor C. Peck requested two Auxiliary Police for Friday to help set up the parking area and three for Saturday to help with the traffic in the park from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm for Trappe Community Day on Saturday, September 23.

Motion to approve the use of Auxiliary Police for set up Friday and traffic control on Saturday as requested:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6 - 0

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Onorato presented a proposed ordinance establishing requirements for issuance of Occupancy Certificates, Temporary Access Certificates, inspections relating thereto, application fees and penalties, Ordinance No. 442.

The proposed ordinance was duly advertised in the Pottstown Mercury on July 24, 2017.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 442 as advertised:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 6 - 0

Motion to approve the business reports:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 6 - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Services: No Report

Communications: P. Webster reported several hundred "hits" have been recorded on the Facebook page. Pat is looking for pictures for the upcoming newsletter.

Finance & Streets: 2016 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant – the Borough has received a notice the Borough was not selected for funding. The 2017 grant request is still under consideration.

Parks & Open Space: S. Strauss reported there are some trees and shrubs in the park that need pruning. S. Strauss will present a report to the Borough Manager.

Also, it has been reported that on a number of occasions, there have been cars parked at Rambo Park parking area. The Borough Manager was directed to investigate the park rules and regulations and report at the September meeting.

Planning, Zoning & Ordinance: The minutes of the Borough Planning Commission meeting July 18, 2017 were presented.

Regional Planning Commission: - No Report

Public Works & CTMA: The minutes for the June 27, 2017 meetings were presented. The Interest Income Computation and Cell Site Report dated June 30, 2017, for the Public Works and the Interest Income Computation for CTMA dated June 30, 2017 were presented.

A copy of the annual report to Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) was received for the Colledgeville Trappe Municipal Authority and is on file.

Traffic & Safety: Reports of the Trappe Fire Co. (July 2017) and the Trappe Fire Co Ambulance (June 2017) were presented. Copies of both reports are available at Borough Hall for inspection.

S. Martin reported a “meet and greet” meeting with the PA State Police has been set up for September 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Trappe Borough Hall.

Walkable Community: No Report

Trappe 300 Celebration: The base for the sign at the western entrance to the Borough has been completed.

Technology Platform: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:47 p.m. Council entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Adjournment - There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Moved: B. Yeagley

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 6 - 0

Respectfully submitted,



Robert T. Umstead
Borough Secretary