

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

---

Council President Nevin Scholl called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council on November 14, 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 may be taken after the Executive Session.

**Those present were:**

President Nevin Scholl  
Cathy Johnson  
Scott Martin  
Phil Ronca  
Stu Strauss  
Pat Webster  
Brett Yeagley

**Also Present**

Mayor Connie Peck  
Solicitor Richard Watt, representing  
Hladik, Onorato & Federman  
Engineer Paul Schmoll  
Treasurer John Klink  
Borough Manager Robert Umstead

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular meeting of Borough Council. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: C. Johnson**

**Approved: 5 - 0**

**C. Johnson & P. Ronca abstained - absent**

**PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS NONE**

**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 letter was presented recommending approval of Escrow Release No. 9 for Colonel's Place Development in the amount of \$44,031.87 as this work has been completed.

**Motion to approve Escrow Release No. 9 for Colonel's Place Development in the amount of \$44,031.87:**

**Moved: P. Ronca**

**Seconded: S. Martin**

**Approved: 7 - 0**

A Road Program Engineering Cost for roadwork for 2018 was presented. The costs for the following roads were included: Holly Drive and Ash Street - \$16,500; Center Avenue, Cherry Avenue and Bonny Brook Avenue - \$18,000; Nicholas Lane - \$16,500; and Oak Road - \$16,500 for a total of \$67,500.





(CTJPWD) will undertake a "Quiet Title Action" to acquire the land now known as Water Works Park. The residents were invited to the next CTJPWD meeting scheduled for Dec. 20, 2017 at which time any questions will be answered. Approval of the letter being mailed was requested.

**Motion to approve the mailing of the letter to residents surrounding Water Works Park concerning the "Quiet Title Action":**

**Moved: C. Johnson**

**Seconded: B. Yeagley**

**Approved: 7 – 0**

Solicitor Watt presented a report on Act 42 which authorizes the Commonwealth to issue ten (10) Category 4 Casinos. A Category 4 Casino is a small casino which may be located within municipalities. Municipalities may issue a resolution which would prohibit the casinos being located within their municipality. A brief discussion ensued. Solicitor Onorato will be directed to prepare a resolution which would prohibit casinos being located within Trappe Borough for consideration at the December 5 council meeting.

**Motion to approve the Staff Reports as presented:**

**Moved: P. Ronca**

**Seconded: P. Webster**

**Approved: 7 – 0**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative Services:** A brief report was presented concerning upgrades to Council meeting room.

**Communications:** No Report

**Finance & Streets:** A chart listing the outstanding grant applications was presented. The Multimodal Transportation Fund grant which would fund the replacement of all street lights with LED lights has recently been awarded to Trappe. The grant amount requested was \$72,710 which represents 70% of the estimated costs.

An article from the Journal of Accountancy concerning Fraud Hotlines was presented and a brief discussion ensued.

**Parks & Open Space:** A Fall/Winter maintenance program for the Borough's lands is in process of being prepared. Estimates will be secured.

It was suggested lighting would be appropriate for the new sign located at the western entrance to the Borough. Borough Manager R. Umstead to secure pricing.

**Planning, Zoning & Ordinance:** No Report

**Regional Planning Commission:** No Report

**Public Works & CTMA:** The minutes for the September 26, 2017 meetings were presented in addition to the Interest Income Computation and Cell Site Report for the CTJPWD. Also, the Interest Income computation for the CT Municipality Authority.

**Traffic & Safety:** Report of the Trappe Fire Co. (October 2017) was presented. A copy is available at Borough Hall for inspection. The Trappe Fire Co. Ambulance reports for August and September were presented.

A brief update on the new radios for the fire company was presented. The estimated cost to be \$120,000.

**Walkable Community: No Report**

**Trappe 300 Celebration:** A request for funding of the cost associated with the Holiday Tree Lighting was received. Also, a cost estimate for the construction of a time capsule for the Trappe 300 activities was received. A discussion ensued.

**Motion to donate \$600 for the purchase of a time capsule for the Trappe 300 activities:**  
**Moved: C. Johnson                      Seconded: S. Strauss                      Approved: 7 – 0**

**Technology Platform:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A cost analysis for the electric generation portion of the electric bills for Borough Hall, the traffic lights and streetlights was presented. An approximate savings of \$1,982 annually is projected if a change is made to Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for electric generation with a 61-month contract.

**Motion to approve a 61-month contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for generation of electricity used by the Borough and authorize execution of the required contract:**  
**Moved: P. Ronca                      Seconded: S. Martin                      Approved: 7 – 0**

Resolution 2017-07 supporting completion of 500 miles of trails in the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025 was presented.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07:**  
**Moved S. Martin                      Seconded: P. Ronca                      Approved: 7 – 0**

A letter was received from Styer Associates confirming their understanding of the services to be provided for the audit of 2017 financial records and filing of the necessary reports. The fee for these services will be \$7,070.

**Motion to approve Styer Associates letter confirming the services for 2017 audit for \$7,070:**  
**Moved: P. Ronca                      Seconded: S. Strauss                      Approved: 7 – 0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:35 p.m. Council entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

**Council reconvened at 10:25 p.m.**

**Motion to approve Solicitor Watt's filing of a "Quiet Title Action" for the property located at the termination of Oak Road next to Ursinus College designated "Reserved":**  
**Moved: P. Ronca                      Seconded: S. Martin                      Approved: 7 – 0**

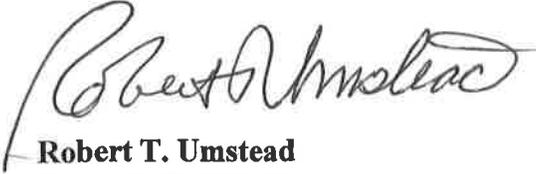
At 10:27 p.m. a motion to adjourn was presented.

Moved: B. Yeagley

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 7 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert T. Umstead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Robert T. Umstead**  
**Borough Secretary**