

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Collegetville-Trappe Municipal Authority**

**Collegetville Borough Hall
Collegetville, Pennsylvania
January 23, 2018**

Vice Chairman Johnson called the Collegetville-Trappe Municipal Authority meeting to order on the above date at 7:00 PM. Members present were Mr. Traupman, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Mann, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Keenan and Mrs. Johnson. Also present were Attorney John Walko, Matt Boggs of Entech Engineering and the Director Joseph Hastings.

The members stood for the Pledge of Alligence to the Flag.

At this time Attorney John Walko took control of the meeting for the purpose of reorganization.

Attorney Walko called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Collegetville-Trappe Municipal Authority. Mr. Scholl nominated Mrs. Johnson for the position of Chairman. Mr. Mann seconded. There being no further nominations, Mr. Keenan moved to close the nominations and to elect Mrs. Johnson as Chairman of the Collegetville-Trappe Municipal Authority. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Walko turned the meeting over to Chairman Johnson.

The Chairman called for a slate of nominations. Mr. Mann nominated Mr. Keenan for the position of Vice Chairman, Mr. Scholl for Treasurer, Mr. Mann for Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Strauss for Secretary and Mr. Traupman for Assistant Secretary. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion. There being no more nominations Mr. Keenan moved to close the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mann made a motion to appoint Entech Engineers as the Engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Scholl made a motion to appoint Hladik, Onorato and Federman as Trappe's representative to sit as solicitor. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. Mr. Keenan stated that this board is a separate entity from both boroughs and it is inappropriate to have Trappe's solicitor representing the municipal authority as it is a conflict of interest. Mr. Scholl stated that Trappe would like to have their solicitor so they have representation as they do on the Public Works Committee. Mr. Mann commented that the Public Works is owned by the Boroughs and is not a separate entity and that is why both borough solicitors represent it. He also stated that each borough is represented by the members it appoints to this body. Mr. Keenan added that only a single solicitor not affiliated with either borough could represent CTMA's best interest. Mr. Traupman asked if CTMA should be represented at the Borough councils' meetings.

Mr. Schuetz from the audience commented that having one solicitor came about for certain reasons and so an independent solicitor was selected.

The motion to appoint Hladik, Onorato and Federman failed with Mr. Mann, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Traupman voting nay.

Mr. Mann made a motion to appoint Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion. The motion failed with Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Scholl and Mr. Strauss voting nay.

Mr. Keenan stated that if a motion to appoint a new solicitor fails then the status quo remains. Mr. Scholl referenced last year's minutes that the solicitor was only appointed for 2017 and believes it is not a perpetual appointment. Mr. Walko was asked for his opinion and although he is an interested party and does serve at the pleasure of this board he does believe that the status quo remains.

Mr. Onorato, Trappe Borough's Solicitor, was in the audience and he advised the Trappe Borough members to not pay any solicitors bills unless the solicitor has been appointed affirmatively. Mr. Keenan responded that the current solicitor was appointed affirmatively last year and has not yet been relieved of his duties.

Mr. Traupman asked if anyone can point out an instance when the current solicitor did not represent the best interest of the authority. There was no such interest. He also pointed out that since reports are given at each borough councils' meeting the respective solicitor has an opportunity to review the reports therefore there is representation. Mr. Traupman also mentioned that having one solicitor was done to provide cost savings.

Mr. Scholl pointed out that for many years CTMA had two solicitors at each meeting. Mr. Scholl also indicated that there is no cost savings to be had as ratepayers end up paying for three solicitors during the time CTMA meets and for three solicitors to drive to and from the meeting. In prior years, ratepayers only had to pay for two solicitors.

Mr. Scholl asked that the solicitor consider resigning because he doesn't have majority support. The solicitor did not respond. Mr. Hastings suggested that we reach out to Pennsylvania's Municipal Authorities Association for an opinion to resolve the issue.

Mrs. Johnson stated that it is clear there is an impasse and asked Mr. Walko to continue for this evening.

MINUTES:

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the December 20, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Scholl seconded the motion and it passed with Mr. Strauss abstaining.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Marion McKinney, Collegetville Borough President asked that the members consider providing some feedback at some point to the Boroughs for some clarity in respect to the issue of the appointment of a solicitor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boggs presented the Engineer's Report to the committee and is attached herewith. The engineer reported Glenwood Reserve did take care of flushing the system and they have a few minor items that still need to be addressed.

The bid results were presented and discussed. Mr. Mann moved the bid be awarded to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. in the amount of \$310,091.50. Mr. Scholl seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mann made a motion to authorize the Director to execute the notice of award and the agreements. Mr. Scholl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The review letter for the 8 unit subdivision at 199 W. Third Ave has been sent

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Mann presented the check register which is attached herewith. The beginning balance on the Customers Bank's check register as of December 19, 2017 was \$113,891.28, deposits were \$50,347.89, and disbursements were \$97,371.74, leaving an ending balance of \$66,867.43 on January 19, 2018. Mr. Mann made a motion to approve check numbers 3031 through 3058 along with interim check numbers 3059 and 3060 and all EFTs and general journal entries listed. Mr. Scholl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mann reviewed the other financial reports which are also attached herewith.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director presented the Director's Report and is attached herewith. The Director reported that the sewer pump relays and capacitors were rebuilt up at Bonny Brook sewer pump station and there are some issues that are still being worked on there.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor advised on a Senate Bill #597 which PMAA is challenging. The bill states that the Pennsylvania's auditor general has the right to audit any municipal authority whenever they would like to and this expense is to be the burden of the authority. It also gives them the right to determine performance levels of an authority.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

There was no Chairman's Report.

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the Business Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Traupman. The motion passed unanimously.

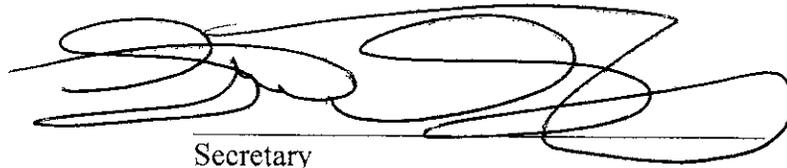
OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.



Secretary