

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2017
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Nevin Scholl called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council April 4, 2017 at 7:05 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 was an Executive Session prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss a legal matter and there will be an Executive Session after the public meeting this evening to discuss a legal matter. A vote is not expected after the Executive Session.

Those present were:

President Nevin Scholl
Vice President Cathy Johnson
Tammy Liberi
Scott Martin
Phil Ronca arrived at 7:47 pm
Stu Strauss
Pat Webster

Also Present

Mayor Connie Peck
Solicitor Dave Onorato
Treasurer John Klink
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Borough Manager Robert Umstead

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the March 7, 2017 regular meeting of Borough Council. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 6 - 0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mark Talbott, General Manager of Advanced Disposal was present. Mr. Talbott was present to inform the Borough Council that Advanced Disposal would be changing its collection method to the use of "totes" if the Council extended the contract with Advanced Disposal, per the terms of the contract. Mr. Talbott advised "totes" will be used to enable his collectors to utilize the mechanical abilities of the trash collection vehicles to empty the "totes." Mr. Talbott advised new gray "totes" will be distributed to residents of the Borough at no cost. The "totes" will be owned by Advanced Disposal, when residents move the "totes" should remain with the property. At the end of the contract, if a new contract is not awarded to Advanced Disposal, the "totes" will be collected by Advance Disposal.

Mr. Earl MacIlwain, who granted an easement to construct the Rambo Park Trail, was present and advised Council he is displeased with the construction of the fence along the trail. The fence obstructs the vision of his sign advertising his auction dates. Mr. MacIlwain was advised changes will be made promptly.

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.

Clahor Avenue Mill and Overlay – Plans and designs had been completed previously, and an advertisement for bids has been published. The bids on PENN Bid were opened on March 30, 2017. Seven bids were received. The apparent low bidder is Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. of Green Lane with a bid of \$209,777.30 which includes work in Trappe and Collegeville. Trappe's portion of the bid is \$114,151.30 and Collegeville's portion is \$95,626.00. An inter-municipal agreement between Trappe and Collegeville was presented outlining the work to be completed for each municipality.

Motion to approve the inter - municipal agreement between Trappe and Collegeville and award the contract for Clahor Avenue mill and overlay contingent upon Collegeville approving the inter municipal agreement and the award to Floyd G. Hersh, and the review of the contract by Solicitor Onorato:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 6 - 0

Treasurer's Report: John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2017 with a list of checks, check numbers 1670 through 1703, and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$105,301.34.

Treasurer John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2017 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1079 through 1080 in the amount of \$3,095.70.

Treasurer John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2017 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,343.79.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided to all and is available for review at Trappe Borough Hall.

Motion to make payment of invoices included in the March 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report, including check numbers 1670 through 1703 and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$105,301.34:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 6-0

Motion to make payment of invoices included in the March 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report check numbers 1079 through 1080 from the Customers Bank Escrow Account in the amount of \$3,095.70

Moved: T. Liberi

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 6-0

Motion to approve electronic payment of the PECO invoices included in the March 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report from Customers Bank Liquid Fuel Account in the amount of \$2,343.79:

Moved: C. Johnson

Second: S. Martin

Approved: 6 - 0

P. Ronca arrived at this point in the meeting.

Beginning April 6 thru April 8 there will be a special exhibition at the Henry Muhlenberg House on W. Main St.

The Mayor requested authorization to order a plaque for Eagle Scout Adam Vettori.

Motion to authorize the purchase of a plaque to honor Eagle Scout Adam Vettori:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 7 – 0

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Onorato presented Ordinance No. 440 which amends Chapter 178, Article IV, Section 178-401D – the Storm Water Management Ordinance. The ordinance was duly advertised.

Motion to approve ordinance No. 440:

Moved: P. Ronca

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 7 – 0

Motion to approve the business reports:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 7 - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Services: C. Johnson referred to the “All Permits Issued” page within the Engineer’s report and pointed out the number of permits issued. She noted this is a reflection of the work performed by the Borough’s Administrative Assistant.

Communications: P. Webster reported the Spring/Summer Newsletter is prepared and ready to go to the printer for printing and distribution.

Motion to authorize printing and distribution of Spring/Summer newsletter:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved: 7 – 0

P. Webster reported that Mayor Connie Peck will be honored by the Speaker’s House as the Speaker’s Choice Award for numerous years of service to the Borough and its various organizations. The award will be presented at the “Raise the Roof” celebration on May 7.

It was also reported that 13 postings had appeared on Facebook for the Borough and approximately 1,000 friends view many of the postings.

Finance & Streets: No Report

Parks & Open Space: The pergola has been installed and it appears to be quite a nice addition to the Rambo Park Trail. A discussion ensued concerning the sign to be installed. Maintenance on the grounds and the maintenance agreement awarded was in the Borough Manager’s report. It was suggested that a directional sign be installed in Rambo Park indicating the path towards Main St.

C. Johnson acknowledged the long and hard work put into the Rambo Park Trail by Fred Schuetz.

Planning, Zoning & Ordinance: The minutes of the Borough Planning Commission meeting March 21, 2017 were presented.

Regional Planning Commission: - The February 20, 2017 minutes of the CPVRPC were presented.

Public Works & CTMA: The minutes for the February 28, 2017 meetings were presented. The Interest Income Computation and Cell Site Report dated Feb 28, 2017, for the Public Works and the Interest Income Computation for CTMA dated Feb 28, 2017 were presented. The generator at the PW facility is nearly complete. It was also reported the Seventh Avenue water tank will be out of service for repairs.

The Emergency notification system has been updated. After a test by the Public Works has been completed; the Borough will run a test of the system. Information is to be provided to P. Ronca to add a message to the web site instructing residents how to update their information.

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

Walkable Community: No Report

Trappe 300 Celebration: S. Martin presented information concerning the sign proposed for the Main Street Park welcoming motorists to the Borough. A picture of the sign with dimensions was presented. The wording on the reverse side of the sign was the subject of discussion. Costs for the sign were presented including landscaping around the base which was estimated to be \$2,150. In addition to this cost, the cost of the sign is estimated to be \$10,796 and the base \$4,390 as estimated from Hetrick Gardens or a total of \$17,336. This exceeds what was originally approved. It was determined that the landscaping was not needed at this time and the base is the most important item at this point. There may be some additional boulders or rocks needed to stabilize the area that has to be excavated.

Motion to approve the installation of the base for the sign at a cost of \$4,390 from Hetrick Gardens and the above sign at \$10,796 from Pizzico Signs Incorporated for a total of \$15,186:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Ronca

**Approved: 6 – 1
P. Webster voted No**

Technology Platform: PSAB has announced Trappe Borough has been awarded the Third Place in Web Site Design. The award will be presented at the PSAB Convention in May.

OLD BUSINESS: The next round of the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant is now open. This state grant would provide funding for the purpose of street light LED re-lamping. A grant request in the amount of \$72,710 will be requested. Resolution 2017-05 authorizing the filing of the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant was presented.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: P. Ronca

Approved: 7 – 0

Letter to Montgomery County Commissioners and PA Department of Community and Economic Development requesting support were presented. Minor amendments were suggested.

Motion to approve letters requesting support for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7 - 0

