

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2020
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council President Phil Ronca called to order the special virtual meeting of Trappe Borough Council on March 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Those Present Were:

President Phil Ronca
Vice President Cathy Johnson
Mallory Perlin
Scott Martin
Stu Strauss
Pat Webster
Brett Yeagley
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also Present:

Manager Tamara Twardowski
Solicitor David Onorato
Treasurer John Klink

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve both minutes as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: B. Yeagley

Approved: 6 - 0

S. Martin Abstained as he was absent from meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The virtual meeting, along with how to participate or provide public comment was advertised in the Pottstown Mercury and on the Borough Website. T. Twardowski is monitoring the email address provided for comment and has received no comments.

While waiting for public comment, President Ronca announced that he did receive a letter of resignation from Brett Yeagley with the anticipation that June meeting will be his last. He thanked Brett for his service and relayed that he will be missed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2020 along with a bill list with checks 2915-2946, two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal credit totaling \$178,395.47.

A motion to pay bills as listed:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7 - 0

John Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated March 31, 2020 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,302.74.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: B. Yeagley

Approved: 7 - 0

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2020 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1161-1163, including Escrow Release number 1 for 410 Betcher Road (\$20,550.00) in the amount of \$22,340.00.

A motion was requested to the pay bills as listed including \$20,550.00 for Escrow Release number 1 for 410 Betcher Road:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 7 – 0

Mayor's Report: The Borough enacted an Emergency Disaster Declaration on March 20, 2020 and extended it on March 27 and April 3, 2020. The Declaration was authorized by Mayor Wismer and President Ronca. It is anticipated that this Declaration will continue to be extended through at least April 30th and the declaration will need to be reauthorized every 7 days. B. Greenwood commented that the Fire and Ambulance have been able to secure Personal Protection Equipment through a request by the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator to Montgomery County which was made possible by the declaration.

A motion to ratify the disaster declarations made March 20, March 27, and April 3, 2020:

Moved: C. Johnson

Seconded: B. Yeagley

Approved: 7 – 0

Borough Manager's Report:

T. Twardowski reported that she received pedestrian studies from Daewood Engineering, on behalf of PennDot, for the intersections of Route 113 and Heritage Park Boulevard and Route 113 and Laurel Drive. The recommendation from Daewood is based on the studies to restrict pedestrian crossing at these intersections. There was a request for the Borough to concur with the assessment and the ADA Unit has endorsed these restrictions. PennDot is planning to go out to bid mid-April for this work. T. Twardowski recommends approving PennDot's installation of these restriction signs. Council requested that the Manager let the Homeowner Associations for Heritage Park and Laurel Drive know that PennDot has undertaken the studies and intends to install the signage.

T. Twardowski presented a sample Resolution provided by Montgomery County as they are requesting that municipalities extend the discount deadline for real estate tax until May 31, 2020.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 extending the discount period for real estate tax until May 31, 2020:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: C. Johnson

Approved 7-0

The Borough's Insurance Provider, H. A. Thompson obtained an alternate proposal for Workers Compensation Insurance for the May 2020-21 year. The lowest proposal was from AmTrust North America. The yearly premium is \$17,005.00 versus the State Workers Insurance Fund premium of \$18,904.00. S. Strauss commented that his company uses AmTrust has had a positive experience.

Motion to approve cancelling SWIF insurance policy and signing a policy with AmTrust for May 2020-21 in the amount of \$17,005.00:

Motion: C. Johnson

Seconded: B. Yeagley

Approved: 7-0

