

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Cathy Johnson called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held virtually, on August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not Council desired to continue with the Council meeting this evening due to the storm, as some were dealing with power outages, flooding, and internet issues. However, since most members had gotten internet back recently, Council agreed to proceed. T. Twardowski did advise that she had informed the applicant for the 421W. Main Street Conditional Use application that the matter would likely not be considered this evening, so they may not be present.

There will be an executive session after the meeting.

Those Present Were:

President Cathy Johnson
Vice President Scott Martin
Dave Davis
Tom Lauterio
Mallory Perlin
Stu Strauss
Pat Webster

Also Present:

Manager Tamara Twardowski
Solicitor David Onorato
Treasurer John Klink
Engineer Ryan Kern

Absent: Mayor Matthew Wismer

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES #455 & #456:

Solicitor Onorato announced that both Ordinances had been advertised for consideration at the public hearing scheduled for this evening.

After opening the hearing, he introduced the following exhibits for Ordinance 455:

- B1 – a copy of the Ordinance
- B2 – Montgomery County Planning Commission Review
- B3 – Trappe Planning Commission Review
- B4 – Proof of Publication

This ordinance will amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance so that Trappe Borough Council can require open space to be provided in a development or approve a fee in lieu of open space at their discretion, rather than the current discretion of the developer.

S. Strauss asked when this ordinance would take effect and how it would affect current applications. D. Onorato explained this would only affect new submittals, not pending applications. P. Webster expressed that she doesn't want to see trees harvested needlessly and hopes that we would encourage leaving existing trees as they are. There was no public comment or questions.

Solicitor Onorato then introduced the following exhibits for Ordinance 456:

- B1 – a copy of the Ordinance
- B2 – proof of publication

This Ordinance will allow emergency cost reimbursement to emergency services. The Fire Company and EMS operating within the Borough will be allowed to seek reasonable reimbursement for responding to incidents.

There were no comments or questions from Council or the Public.

Solicitor Onorato closed the hearings.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 7-0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer: A copy of the written report is on file at the Borough Office.

R. Kern gave an update on the 2020 roadwork and advised that the concrete work and the paving was 99% completed during the month of July. Unfortunately, BIA has been unable to identify another contractor to do the storm sewer work at a reasonable price that Trenchless Pipe Solutions was original awarded. The recommendation is to perform this work next year combining it with additional work.

Motion to rescind the award of the W. First Avenue storm pipe repair to Trenchless Pipe Solutions in the amount of \$10,945.00 due to the company permanently closing:

Motion: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7-0

R. Kern advised Council that he recommends performing a dye-test on the basin at Eye Design to determine if the infiltration basin and outfall are functioning properly. Council asked if he could give a not to exceed cost for this work.

Motion to authorize Barry Isett and Associates to perform a dye test on the basin at Eye Design at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00:

Motion: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7-0

A site meeting was held at 460 Betcher Road on 7/24/2020 to discuss the grading permit application. The applicant proposes to remove the existing home and build a new one. The BIA representative requested that the design engineer submit stormwater calculations in order for BIA to make a recommendation to Council as to the effect of this work on the surrounding watershed. BIA has reviewed the calculations and R. Kern advised that the impact on the area is minimal enough that he would recommend waiving the stormwater requirements but is concerned with the request to waive E&S provision of installing a rock construction entrance or tire wash. This could be waived if a note was placed on the plan indicating that any sediment which is tracked or washed onto the roadway or adjacent property shall be immediately removed by the contractor and the area restored to an acceptable condition, as determined by the Borough Engineer. Additional erosion control BMP's shall be installed, if necessary, as directed by the Borough Engineer to prevent future occurrences.

Motion to accept staff reports as presented:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6-0

Traffic and Safety:

Reports of the Trappe Fire Co. for July 31, 2020 along with the 2nd quarter financial reports for the Trappe Fire Co. and Ambulance were presented. The July 2020 State Police report was also presented. Copies of all reports are available at Borough Hall for inspection.

Administrative Services: C. Johnson advised that Council needed to do an annual performance evaluation and salary adjustment for T. Twardowski at the September meeting.

Public Works & CTMA:

C. Johnson reported on the July meeting and provided copies of minutes and financial reports. Two agreements were discussed at the Public Works meeting including a Salt Shed Repayment Agreement and a Police Services Agreement. Regarding the salt shed payback; the finance committee is recommending that Trappe make a payment in 2020 of \$40,000 which was originally budgeted and then pay the remainder back at the PLGIT Prime interest rate within 10 years. The agreement as shown this evening encompasses that recommendation.

The police services agreement would authorize Collegeville Borough Police to have authority in the jointly owned Water Works Park as well as the CTJPW property. T. Twardowski has forwarded a copy of the Police Services Agreement to the State Police for review and comment. A response has not yet been received.

Motion to approve Salt Shed Repayment Agreement:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6-0

Motion to approve the Police Service Agreement contingent upon approval from State

Police: Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: T. Lauterio

Approved: 6-0

Council recessed to executive session at 9:38 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,438.00 to the property owners at 11 and 33 Clahor Ave for work done by contractor of their choice on a storm sewer easement in exchange for a release and waiver of claims:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: T. Lauterio

Approved: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tamara D. Twardowski
Borough Secretary**