



TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 7:00 pm AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | President Nevin Scholl |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Mayor Connie Peck |
| 3. Executive Session Announcements | President Nevin Scholl |
| 4. Roll Call | Borough Manager |
| 5. Approval of Minutes: September 6, 2016 | |
| 6. Conditional Use Hearing – 120 W. Main St. | Solicitor David Onorato |
| 7. Public Forum for Agenda & Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker) | |
| 8. Borough Engineer | Paul Schmoll, P.E. |
| A. Engineer's Report | |
| B. PPG Stearly – Escrow Reduction #9 & #10 | |
| C. Colonel's Place – Escrow Reduction #4 | |
| D. Building/Zoning Report | |
| 9. Treasurer Reports | John Klink |
| 10. Borough Manager | Robert Umstead |
| A. Monthly Report | |
| B. MS4 Statement | |
| 11. Mayor's Report | Mayor Connie Peck |
| 12. Borough Solicitor | David Onorato |
| A. Ordinance #438 – Rounding Real Estate Tax Bills | |
| B. Proposed Ordinance – Enforcement of Parking Regulations | |
| C. Merger of Lot Doctrine | |
| 13. Committee Reports | Cathy Johnson |
| A. Administrative Services | Pat Webster |
| B. Communications | Nevin Scholl |
| C. Finance & Streets | Stewart Strauss |
| D. Parks & Open Space | Tammy Liberi |
| E. Planning, Zoning & Ordinances | Nevin Scholl |
| F. Public Works & CTMA | |
| 1. Report on activities of Public Works & CTMA | |
| 2. Night work on 113/Betcher Road Main addition | |
| G. Traffic and Safety | Scott Martin |
| 1. Trappe Fire Co & Ambulance Reports | |
| H. Walkable Community | Phil Ronca |
| I. Regional Planning | Pat Webster |
| J. Technology Platform | Phil Ronca |
| 14. Old Business | Nevin Scholl |
| A. Verizon Franchise agreement | Nevin Scholl |
| B. Comcast Franchise agreement | |

15. New Business

A. Zollers' request for building permit fee waiver for existing well

Nevin Scholl

16. Executive Session

17. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE October 4, 2016
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Nevin Scholl called to order the regularly scheduled meeting, of Trappe Borough Council on October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Trappe Borough Hall, 525 West Main Street, Trappe, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Stewart Strauss.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council President Scholl announced there will be an executive session after the public meeting this evening to discuss a legal matter. No vote is expected after the Executive Session.

Those present were:

President Nevin Scholl
Tammy Liberi
Scott Martin
Phil Ronca
Stewart Strauss
Pat Webster
Absent: Cathy Johnson

Also present:

Mayor Connie Peck
Solicitor David Onorato
Paul Schmoll, P.E./Barry Isett & Associates
Borough Manager Robert Umstead
Treasurer John Klink

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting of Borough Council. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Second: S. Martin

Approved: 6 - 0

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING: PPG Stearly - 120 W. Main St.

The applicant, Ben Goldthrop, was represented by John J. Iannozzi, Esquire. Solicitor David Onorato outlined the procedures for the hearing. Timothy P. Woodrow representing the applicant reviewed the existing plans for the Stearly tract and the previous approvals. Via a question and answer format, the following information was entered into evidence. The property at the corner of 1st and Main St. was previously approved for a possible bank pad site. It has been on the market for a number of years and has not sold. It is the applicant's intent to replace the commercial approval to residential with eight twins with access from a little street intersecting with 1st Ave. The applicant believes the plan complies with all standards for in the Zoning Ordinance. A question arose concerning the placement of the homes and four homes would actually have the rear of the home towards Main St. Mr. Goldthrop addressed how he would landscape the rear of the homes with a berm and shrubbery. A number of questions were presented by Borough Solicitor David Onorato and answered by Mr. Woodrow.

Questions were asked by Council members and addressed by Mr. Iannozzi and Mr. Woodrow concerning parking, location of the homes and formation of a homeowner's association.

Upper Providence Township is planning sanitary sewer improvements on South Lewis Road which requires road closures and detours of vehicle traffic onto Borough Line Road in the Borough. A plan for the detours was presented with a request from the Township for approval.

Motion to approve the detour plan of vehicle traffic onto Borough Line Rd for the purpose of sanitary sewer improvements on S. Lewis Road subject to review and approval of Barry Isett & Associates:

Moved: S. Martin

Second: P. Ronca

Approved: 6 – 0

An agreement between GoreCon, Peck's Electronics and the Borough affording GoreCon the authorization of using the driveway East of 538 W. Main St for access to Rambo Park for the purpose of construction at the Peck/MacIlwain Trail was presented.

Motion to approve the agreement between GoreCon, Peck's Electronics and the Borough as presented:

Approved: P. Ronca

Second: S. Martin

Approved: 6 – 0

MS4 REPORT – An article on the composition of drinking water was presented which lists various pollutants found in many streams. Also what individuals can do to prevent pollution.

Mayor's Report-- Mayor Peck reported that Trappe Community Day was held on Sept 24, 2016 and there was a good attendance. Thank You letters are being mailed to all participants.

Solicitor's Report

A proposed ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Borough Code to permit the Tax Collector to round real estate tax bills the same as the County does was presented.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 438 amending the Tax Collector's authority to round real estate tax bills:

Moved: S. Strauss

Second: P. Webster

Approved: 6 – 0

A revised ordinance amending Chapter 315-26 to provide for the enforcement of parking regulations was presented and authorized to be advertised for consideration at the November 1, 2016 meeting.

Motion to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinance for the enforcement of parking regulations:

Moved: S. Martin

Second: P. Webster

Approved: 6 - 0

Motion to approve the Business Reports

Moved: P. Ronca

Second: P. Webster

Approved: 6 – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Services: No Report

Communications: P. Webster reported the January newsletter will be a special issue celebrating "Trappe 300".

Finance & Streets: No Report

Parks & Open Space: S. Strauss reported he will be working with the Borough Manager to establish a maintenance plan for Rambo Park and the grounds at Borough Hall.

Planning, Zoning & Ordinances: The minutes of the September 20, 2016 Planning Commission were distributed.

Public Works and CTMA: A copy of the minutes of the CT Joint Public Works Dept. and CT Municipal Authority meetings held August 16, 2016 was distributed to Council members.

The Public Works Department is planning to add a new water line from just beyond South Elementary School on E. Third Ave to the intersection of old Betcher Road and then on old Betcher Road to Betcher Road to Nicholas Lane. A discussion ensued concerning the work being performed at night rather than during the day time due to the heavy traffic volume. It was the general consensus of Council this was a good idea; however Perkiomen Township must be in agreement. The PW Department will be responsible for notifying the residents and getting input from them.

Traffic and Safety: A "Meet and Greet" session has been set for October 20, 2016 with a representative of the PA State Police. The session will be held at Trappe Borough Hall and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Walkable Community: No report

Regional Planning: No Report

Technical Platform: P. Ronca reported the new web site has received several changes and upgrades and will be ready for the public in the near future.

New Business: N. Scholl reported he attended a meeting at Upper Providence Township concerning EMS Service in the township and the surrounding region. No decisions were made as it was an informational meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:15 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Council reconvened at 11:15 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Moved: T. Liberi

Second: P. Ronca

Approved: 6 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert T. Umstead
Borough Secretary**

