

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2015
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

President Nevin Scholl called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 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: President Scholl announced that there would be an Executive Session this evening to discuss legal matters.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was made by the Municipal Secretary.

Those present were:

President, Nevin Scholl
Vice President, Cathy Johnson
Tammy Liberi
Scott Martin
Phil Ronca
Fred Schuetz
Pat Webster
Mayor Connie Peck

Also in attendance were:

Solicitor, David Onorato
Engineer, John Sartor, P.E.
Treasurer, John Klink
Borough Manager, Robert Layman

Excused/Absent:

SERVICE AWARD FOR DAVID PERLIN – ZONING HEARING BOARD: Council President Nevin Scholl and Mayor Connie Peck presented David Perlin an award in recognition of his nearly 20 years in service to the Borough as a member of the Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

ORDINANCES: Council President Scholl turned the meeting over to Solicitor Dave Onorato at 7:22 p.m. in order to conduct the hearing on proposed Ordinance 428 the Mortgage Subdivisions, Ordinance 429 providing regulations on signs and Ordinance 430 involving Tapping Connections and Customer Facilities Fees relative to the water system. The hearing was recorded by means of transcription.

The hearing on the proposed Ordinances was closed at 8:13 p.m.

Solicitor Dave Onorato recommended that the Council consider the adoption of proposed Ordinance 428, providing for mortgage subdivisions.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilman Scott Martin, adoption of Ordinance 428 providing for mortgage subdivisions in the Borough's Community Commercial District was approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Dave Onorato recommended that the Council consider Ordinance 430, setting forth the tapping fee, connection fee and customer facilities fee for any property located in Trappe Borough connecting to the water system operated and maintained by the Colledgeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Committee.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Pat Webster, approval of Ordinance 430, establishing the tapping fee, connection fee and customer facilities fee was approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Members of the public and Council discussed the proposed sign ordinance with many comments and questions. Solicitor Onorato suggested that the Council had two ways they might go on the Sign Ordinance. The Council could table the ordinance or they could approve it and come back and consider changes at a later date.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Schuetz, seconded by Councilwoman Pat Webster, the tabling of Ordinance 429, setting forth regulations on signs, was approved. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting of Borough Council. Councilwoman Pat Webster stated that in Mr. Miller's comments under the Public Forum Section (page 1) it should be worded that he would undertake a review of the "current IT infrastructure" rather than "situation". Further on page 2, it should be noted that rather than saying that he would make recommendations "on this subject", it should state that he would make recommendations on "areas of improvement and potential cost savings". Council Vice President Cathy Johnson stated that under the Engineer's Report on page 5, the heading "Joan Drive Pavement Project" should be replaced with "Borough Road Program Review".

On a motion by Councilman Phil Ronca, seconded by Councilman Fred Schuetz, the Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Meeting of Borough Council were approved, as amended. Motion carried 7 – 0.

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: President Scholl called for public comment.

Sean Murphy, 350 West Third Avenue, approached the Council in regards to storm water runoff entering his property. Mr. Murphy suggested that as a result of the work completed on Borough Line Road in 2014, there is an increase in the flow of storm water runoff over his property. As a result, the banks of the stream that bisect his property have been eroding. This is threatening the viability of a number of his plantings.

Borough Engineer John Sartor indicated that the storm water system was designed to create no increase in the volume or rate of flow of water. Mr. Sartor suggested that his problem could be related to changes in the number of and types of rain events or from development elsewhere.

Council President Nevin Scholl stated that the problem could also be a result of releases from storm water basins in the area in Upper Providence Township. Solicitor Dave Onorato suggested that Mr. Murphy might approach Upper Providence Township directly on this. Mr. Onorato further stated that the Borough is unable to spend money on a problem to which the Borough Engineer has indicated the Borough has not contributed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated April 7, 2015, check numbers 2811 through 2848 from the PNC Bank General Fund, and electronic transfer of fund account fees to PNC Bank and Payroll charges in the amount of \$110,470.33; and electronic transfer of funds to PECO from the PNC Bank Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$2,780.85. The Treasurer's Report included check numbers 1152 through 1154 from the PNC Escrow Fund totaling \$3,200.42. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided to all and is available for review at Trappe Borough Hall.

Council President Nevin Scholl raised a couple of questions about the Solicitor's bill. First, Mr. Scholl noted that part of the funds to pay this bill were being taken from the general fund when they should be taken from the escrow account. Treasurer John Klink said that the best way to correct that would be by making a correcting entry in the next bill. Second, Mr. Scholl indicated that an amount for the Mortgage Subdivision seemed to be in error. The amount on the bill sheet is \$348.00 whereas the amount on the summary sheet is \$84.00. Mr. Layman pointed out that this is because some of the charges listed on the bill sheet had already been paid. The actual amount on the summary sheet is the amount owed.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilman Phil Ronca, payment of invoices included in the April 7, 2015 Treasurer's Report, check numbers 2811 through 2848 and, electronic transfers from the PNC Bank General Fund and Payroll charges in the amount of \$110,470.33, was approved. Motion carried 7 – 0.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, electronic payment of the PECO invoices included in the April 7, 2015 Treasurer's Report from the PNC Bank Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$2,780.85, was approved. Motion carried 7 – 0.

On a motion by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, seconded by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, payment of invoices included in the April 7, 2015 Treasurer's Report, check number 1152 through 1154 from the PNC Escrow Fund in the net amount of \$3,200.42, was approved. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Treasurer John Klink stated that included in his report is the list of Investments and Key Indicators dated March 31, 2015. Mr. Klink also noted that included was a detailed listing of the snow removal cost incurred to date in 2015.

Borough Manager's Report: Robert Layman presented the Borough Manager's Report, a copy of which was provided to all and is available for review at Trappe Borough Hall. Mr. Layman made the following comments:

Sewer Specialty Services Company Agreement on Pipe Repairs: Robert Layman stated that the Borough had received a quote for the two pipe patch repairs on East 7th Avenue. The agreement is for the amount of \$5,500.00.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, approval of an agreement with Sewer Specialty Services Company for two storm water pipe patch repairs for the amount of \$5,500.00 was made. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Street Sweeping Bids: Robert Layman stated that the Borough had put out a joint bid with Collegeville for the sweeping of the Borough streets. The low bid was from Thomas R. Arena in the amount of \$94.76 per hour. Mr. Arena had done the sweeping in 2014 and Geoff Thompson, Collegeville Borough Manager, indicated that he did a good job. It was suggested that the sweeping not be done until later in the spring, in order to capture any spring releases from the trees.

On a motion by Councilwoman Pat Webster, seconded by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, acceptance of the bid by Thomas R. Arena in the amount of \$ 94.76 per hour for the sweeping of the Borough Streets was approved. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Insurance Policies Renewal: Robert Layman reported that the Borough's PIRMA insurance policy for general property, auto liability, public officials and property are due for renewal on May 1, 2015. The premium for this package is \$17,303.00. This represents an increase of 9% over the previous premium. Mr. Layman stated that all policy holders had been subject to a 7% increase. In addition, Trappe was subject to an extra 2% charge due to experience in the previous year.

On a motion by Councilman Phil Ronca, seconded by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, approval to renew the PIRMA policies for the year 2015-2016 at a cost of \$17,303.00 was made. Motion carried 7-0.

Robert Layman reported that the State Workman's Insurance Fund renewal for the year starting May 1, 2015 had been received. The premium had decreased by 2% from the previous year. This was due to a decrease in the premium for the Volunteer Fire Company.

On a motion by Councilman Scott Martin, seconded by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, approval to renew the State Workman's Compensation Policy for the year 2015-2016 at a cost of \$21,120.00 was made. Motion carried 7 – 0.

IT Communication-Parker Wayne Consulting: Robert Layman stated that the Communications Committee had been looking into undertaking a comprehensive review and integrated approach to the Borough's internet and communications needs. They have received a proposal from Parker Wayne Consulting to undertake a review which would allow the

identification of areas of improvement and potential cost savings within the Borough's current IT infrastructure. The cost for this is a not to exceed cost of \$935.00

On a motion by Councilwoman Pat Webster, seconded by Councilman Phil Ronca, acceptance of the proposal by Parker Wayne Consulting dated March 10, 2015 for the development of an IT plan and to identify areas of improvement and potential costs savings at a not to exceed price of \$935.00 was approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Knox Box Security Tie-In: Robert Layman submitted a proposal for connecting the Knox Box to the Borough's Security System from Omega Security. With this, the security alarm would be activated if someone opens the Knox Box. The cost for making that connection would be \$425.00.

Fire Department Chief Brian Long suggested that this was not necessary, as anyone not authorized to enter the building would not know how to deactivate the alarm and that it would go off regardless. The matter was tabled.

Update on Additional Backup drive: Robert Layman provided an update on his effort to determine the adequacy of different methods of backing up the Borough's computer files. Among these were the use of additional backup drives and utilizing on-line sources. Mr. Layman indicated that he had spoken with Scott Miller of Parker Wayne Consulting on this and that Mr. Miller had indicated that this was one of the matters into which he was going to look. The consensus of the Board was to wait for the Parker Wayne Consulting Report.

MS4 Statement: Borough Manager Layman stated that "buy locally" was not only a slogan to encourage the growth of local businesses. It could also save money and lessen damage to the environment. In buying products that are produced locally, one is able to cut down on the amount of transportation that is needed to get the materials to market, thus reducing the amount of traffic congestion on the road, along with the use of fuel necessitated to bring those goods to market.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Connie Peck reported on the following:

Bunny Hop 5K Run: Mayor Connie Peck reported that the Bunny Hop 5K Run is less than a week away, but that there is still time to register to participate. A request was made for five Auxiliary Police for the event. This is an increase in the amount in the past. The reason is a concern for the safety of the runners.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, approval for the supply of 5 Auxiliary Police Officers for the Bunny Hop 5K Run was made. Motion approved 7-0.

Bike Ride with the Mayor: Mayor Connie Peck stated that the Bike Ride with the Mayor is scheduled for Saturday, May 9. It will be necessary to obtain a Special Event Permit from Penn DOT. The signs for the Bike Ride will be posted two weeks in advance by Ginny Polis.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilman Phil Ronca, approval of Resolution 2015-04, authorizing execution of the Penn DOT Special Event Permit Application for the Bike Ride with the Mayor was made. Motion approved 7-0.

A discussion was held on the number of Auxiliary Police that would need to be involved in the Bike Ride with the Mayor. Mayor Connie Peck suggested that two would be sufficient.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, approval for the use of two Auxiliary Police for the Bike Ride with the Mayor was made. Motion approved 7-0.

Girl Scout Award: Mayor Connie Peck stated that the Borough has been informed that Lindsay Patla, 317 Nicholas Lane, Trappe will be honored with the Girl Scouts Gold Award. The ceremony will take place at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge in King of Prussia on April 26, 2015. The Girl Scouts have asked the Borough for a congratulatory letter. Mayor Peck asked for the Council's approval to issue the recognition plaques similar to the ones provided to the Boy Scouts.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Schuetz, seconded by Councilman Scott Martin, approval for the purchase of a plaque in recognition of the efforts of Girl Scout Lindsay Patla was made. Motion approved 7-0.

Speakers House "Raise the Roof": Mayor Connie Peck reminded the Council that the Speaker's House "Raise the Roof" event is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at the Barn on Bridge. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Fredrick Muhlenberg House on West Main Street.

Engineer's Report: John Sartor presented the Engineer's Report dated March 31, 2015, a copy of which was provided to all and is available for review at Trappe Borough Hall. John Sartor made the following comments:

Trappe School Development: John Sartor stated that their office has been in receipt of the preliminary plan submission and they have started their review.

Clahor Pipe: John Sartor indicated that the surveyors from their office have completed the field collection of additional property survey data and have reviewed the remaining title reports received from the Borough Solicitor. The existing features base plan is currently being revised to include the additional information. Once that is completed, there will be a meeting with the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor in order to determine the next step.

Borough Hall Sidewalk: John Sartor indicated that Gilmore Associates has submitted the materials for the closeout of the sidewalk construction at Borough Hall. He is waiting for the scheduling of the inspection by Penn DOT. When that happens, the Borough Code Officer, Tom Heisner will be in attendance.

Borough Line Road- Phase 2: John Sartor indicated that he has reviewed the latest version of the proposed agreement with Upper Providence for the Phase 2 Construction of Borough Line

Road. There was a question on the issue of the videotaping of the storm sewer lines. Mr. Sartor will check with the engineer for Upper Providence on this.

East Seventh Avenue Reconstruction from West Main Street to Betcher Road: John Sartor stated that he has received the bids and that the low bidder is Joseph E. Sucher and Sons with a bid in the amount of \$ 214,884.70. However, they are claiming that they made a mistake on their bid and that with the change, as offered, they would no longer be the low bidder. Solicitor Dave Onorato suggested that the low bidder should withdraw their bid, if they want to change their bid. Mr. Sartor is to address the contractor on this.

If the bid of Joseph E. Sucher and Sons is withdrawn, the low bidder will be Reading Site Contractors with a bid of \$271,524.05.

Cherry Street: Council President Nevin Scholl noted that Mayor Connie Peck and he had walked the length of Cherry Street and found its condition to be significantly deteriorated. Mr. Scholl suggested that the Borough's Engineer should look at the street and provide a recommendation on action. Mayor Connie Peck stated that the Public Works Department should also look at the inlets to determine if there is a need for maintenance work on these. Finally, it was suggested that the Borough should get a quote from Sewer Specialty Services Company for videotaping and cleaning the storm water lines.

Solicitor's Report: Dave Onorato reported on the following:

Old School New House Conditional Use Hearing: Dave Onorato indicated the Borough Council needed to set a date for a hearing by Old School New House relative to a conditional use application in regards to his proposal for the construction of 30 dwelling units in the old school House at 29 East First Avenue. Mr. Onorato had recommended that the hearing be held on May 5, 2015, the night of the next Borough Council meeting. Alternatively, he noted that the hearing could be held on a date other than on a night that there is not a Council meeting.

There ensued a discussion on the notification requirement relative to this hearing. Dave Onorato noted that the Borough is required to notify all property owners within 500 feet of the property, but that if the Council wanted they could make a wider notification. Mayor Connie Peck stated that if the Council was going to extend the property owners to which notification is being sent, there should be a standard to such notifications in all circumstances. It was further suggested that the Borough might want to look into some sort of email distribution for such notices.

Council Vice president Cathy Johnson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pat Webster, to establish 6:30 p.m. May 5, 2015, as the date of the hearing on the Old School New House Conditional Use Application. Motion approved 7-0.

Tax Assessment Appeal, Trappe Village Corp v. Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals: Dave Onorato presented a proposed settlement agreement between the County Board of Assessment Appeals and Trappe Village Corp. in regards to the overpayment of taxes for the years 2013 and 2014. Under the agreement, The School District, the County and the Borough would need to refund a portion of the property tax paid. In the case of the Borough of Trappe, the amount would be \$ 161.70.

On a motion by Councilman Scott Martin, seconded by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, approval of the settlement agreement in the case of Trappe Village Corp. v. Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals was made. Motion approved 7-0.

On a motion by Councilman Phil Ronca, seconded by Councilman Scott Martin, the Treasurer's Report, the Borough Manager's Report, the Mayor's Report, the Engineer's Report and the Solicitor's Report were approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Services: Council Vice President Cathy Johnson presented the Administrative Service Report, providing the following comments:

Policy and Procedures Manual: Council Vice President Cathy Johnson presented to the Council two proposed policy statements to be made part of the Borough's Policy and Procedure Manual. The first is entitled "Policy for Contacting Borough Professionals" and sets forth the procedures for contact with Borough Professionals, such as the Solicitor or engineer. The second is entitled "Use and Charges for Auxiliary Police Support". This sets forth guidelines for the consistent application of fees associated with the service of the Auxiliary Police.

On a motion by Council Vice President Cathy Johnson, seconded by Councilman Phil Ronca, adoption of the Policy Statements entitled "Policy for Contacting Borough professionals" and the "Use and Charges for Auxiliary Police Support" was approved. Motion approved 7-0.

Communications: Councilwoman Pat Webster presented the Communications Committee Report, providing the following comments:

Newsletter: Councilwoman Pat Webster reported that the Spring 2015 edition of the Borough Newsletter has been out in the mail.

Website: Councilwoman Pat Webster reported that the website is still under review. The committee is considering if the website needs to be overhauled or if undertaking a few "tweaks" would suffice. A discussion ensued about what should be done to improve the website. Councilwoman Webster asked that the Councilmembers let the committee know what features they would like to see.

Finance & Streets: Council President Scholl presented the Finance and Streets Committee Report, providing the following comments:

Banks: Council President Scholl stated that he is working with the Borough Treasurer on other financial institutes for providing banking services to the Borough. Currently, they have information from the current bank and two others.

Parks & Open Space: Councilman Fred Schuetz presented the Parks and Open Space Committee Report, providing the following comments:

Spring Clean-up: Councilman Fred Schuetz stated that the Borough is preparing for the Spring Cleanup at Rambo Park and Borough Hall scheduled for April 25. 10 yards of mulch are to be delivered at Rambo Park and 2 yards delivered at Borough Hall. The Borough is looking for help in the cleanup from a number of sources, including the Scouts and the DA's office. At this time, it is unknown how many will be there. Volunteers are welcome.

Councilman Fred Schuetz noted that Ed Reiff of Sassafras Landscaping has already done some work to improve the appearance of Rambo Park. Around the park sign, he did the weeding and replaced some of the bushes. This was done at no cost to the Borough.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Tammy Liberi provided a report on the activities of the Planning Commission

Meetings: Councilwoman Tammy Liberi noted that the Planning Commission did not meet in March, but will be meeting in April.

Regional Planning Commission: Fred Schuetz announced that there is a kick off for the Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study on April 30, 2015 at the Perkiomen Middle School West Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Public Works & CTMA: Council Vice President Cathy Johnson presented the Public Works and CTMA Report, providing the following comments:

CTJPWD and CTMA Minutes: Council Vice President Cathy Johnson stated that the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meetings of the Collegeville – Trappe Joint Public Works Department and the Collegeville – Trappe Municipal Authority are in the Council Member's packet.

East 7th Avenue Water Line Replacement: Council Vice President Cathy Johnson reported that the contractor for the CTJPWD has completed the water line replacement and that they will soon be starting on the lateral reconnections. It is anticipated that they will be done at the end of April and that the road would not be worked on in May and that they would come back in during June to take care of any remedial work.

Traffic & Safety: Councilman Scott Martin provided the Traffic and Safety Committee Report, making the following comments:

April 16 "Get Together with State Police": Councilman Scott Martin announced that there will be a public "Get Together" meeting with the State Police at Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. At that time, Officer Crummy will give a talk about identity theft.

Trappe 300th Anniversary: Councilman Scott Martin announced that a meeting has been scheduled with the Trappe Historical Commission and the Speakers House on preparations for the Borough's 300th Anniversary.

Walkable Community: Councilman Phil Ronca provided the Walkable Community Committee Report, making the following comments:

County Walkable Communities: Councilman Phil Ronca stated the Borough had not been selected by the County for the “Walk MONTCO” program.

Trail Priority Recommendations: Councilman Phil Ronca stated that the Walkable Community Committee has established priorities on possible trail locations. Aside from the Main Street – Rambo Park Trail, the committee’s top priority was the Oak Road connector to Hunsburger Park to Perkiomen Trail.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Councilman Phil Ronca stated that the committee looked at the issue of sidewalk maintenance and was reviewing a number of different options for getting the sidewalk repairs done. One option would involve the creation of a Business Improvement District. Solicitor Dave Onorato will check into the law and report to the Council on this program.

OLD BUSINESS: Council President Scholl called for any old business.

LED lighting grant application: Council President Nevin Scholl reported that another round for grant funding for the replacement of the Borough’s street lights with LED fixtures through Penn DOT’s Multi Modal Transportation Program had opened. Mr. Scholl stated that Rachel Morrison received some feedback from the state on the last application, so that the Borough can produce a better application. Mr. Scholl indicated that if the Council was interested in moving forward, he would approach Schwenksville about being a partner with Trappe. The re-lamping in Trappe is estimated to cost a total of \$75,000.00 with the Borough paying about \$25,000.00. With the saving realized from the LED lights, this would result in a payback time of about 3 years. The consensus of the Council members was to apply for the funding.

David Perlin Resignation: Council President Nevin Scholl stated that the Council needed to vote on the acceptance of Dave Perlin’s resignation from the Borough Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Scholl indicated that there is not a candidate for replacement at this time. In response to a question from Councilman Fred Schuetz, Council President Nevin Scholl stated that the alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board are not interested in the position.

On a motion by Councilwoman Pat Webster, seconded by Councilman Fred Schuetz, acceptance of the resignation of Dave Perlin from the Borough’s Zoning Hearing Board was made. Motion carried 7-0.

Payment of Recognition: Council President Nevin Scholl asked Council for approval for payment for the Recognition award provided to Dave Perlin upon his retirement from the Borough’s Zoning Hearing. Council President Scholl stated that the cost was about \$100.00.

Councilman Fred Schuetz asked how such recognitions relate to the “Dillon’s Rule”. A discussion ensued among the members of Council on the establishment of a policy on such efforts. A concern was that any policy be fair and that no one is left out.

As to “Dillon’s Rule”, Solicitor Dave Onorato indicated that this stated that the Borough cannot do what the Codes of the Commonwealth do not allow. This includes such things as the granting of scholarships. It does not prohibit something as an award of recognition.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Schuetz, seconded by Councilman Scott Martin, approval was made for the purchase of the award for Mr. Perlin. Motion carried 7-0.

Length of Meetings: Councilwoman Tammy Liberi brought up the subject of the length of the Council meetings. Ms. Liberi asked how Trappe compares with other communities. Solicitor Dave Onorato indicated that it is somewhat difficult to make a comparison. While some are shorter in duration, a number have workshop meetings beforehand. Much of the discussion happen in those sessions. Also a number of municipalities have two meeting a month.

3rd Avenue and Main Street intersection: Mayor Connie Peck stated that the Historic Commission is approaching Penn DOT about the traffic flow at this intersection. It has been noted on numerous occasions that large trucks making a turn will run into the wall on the North West corner. In going to Penn DOT, the members of the Historical Commission asked if the Borough was interested in being involved. The consensus of the Council was to be involved in such efforts.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Council President Nevin Scholl asked if there were any additional comments from the public. Hearing none, Council President Scholl recessed the meeting to go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:02 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session.

At 11:23 p.m. Council re-opened the regular meeting. The Board considered the bids for East 7th Street. Joseph E. Sucher and Sons, Inc. was the low bidder with a bid of \$214,884.70. However, they have indicated a mistake in their bid and will need to withdraw. If that happens, Reading Site Contractors is the next low bidder at \$271,524.05.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Schuetz, seconded by Councilman Phil Ronca, approval of the awarding of the contract for the paving of East 7th Street to Reading Site Contractors in the amount of \$271,524.05 conditioned on the withdraw of the bid of Joseph E. Sucher and the confirmation that all Reading Site Contractors paperwork is in order was made. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Tammy Liberi, seconded by Councilman, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert Layman
Borough Manager/Municipal Secretary**