

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Council President Cathy Johnson called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held virtually, on November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

There will be an executive session after the meeting. C. Johnson announced that executive sessions were held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel.

**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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes. S. Strauss requested that the minutes be amended to include that the reason that he is against the rezoning in Ordinance 457. He thinks that the VC zoning district is for business and historical use, not for residential use.

**Motion to approve the minutes with the changes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss (with changes)                      Seconded: S. Martin                      Approved: 7-0**

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #459**

**Motion to table the public hearing until the December 1, 2020 meeting:**

**Moved: S. Martin    Seconded: P. Webster                      Approved: 7-0**

**PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

R. Tyson – W. Third Avenue asked why the Council was not approving the subdivision plan for the Bringhurst Estate at 71 W. Third Avenue. For 25 years he has fought to try to get something done about the condition of the property. With the exception of the current Borough Manager, T. Twardowski, the Borough has done nothing to help the surrounding residents. He, as well as the other surrounding neighbors are in favor of the current plan, they do not want townhomes and the current condition of the property is affecting their property values. Since the developer has taken ownership at least there is a landscaper coming in and maintain the properties. He is encouraging the Borough to either approve the plan or make it open space.

Diane Filapani – W. Third Avenue echoed Mr. Tyson's comments. She asked where the plan stands as the builder has put the property up for sale.

It was announced that the plan is on the agenda for discussion under the Borough Engineer's report.

D. Sharkey – Colonel's Place asked if the topic of Ordinance 458 which limited parking on Colonel's Place could be added to the December agenda for discussion. The residents are upset that the Borough implemented parking restrictions on Colonel's Place and they would like to discuss this further with Council. The homeowners were not notified that the Ordinance was going to be discussed and passed.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

R. Kern discussed the 2021 road projects and shared quotes that were received for televising of the storm sewers on Meadowview, Neborlea, Pacer, Paddock, and Kelso. The lowest day rate was received by USG, Inc. who has done the work for the Borough for the last several years.

**Motion to accept USG Inc.'s proposal in the amount of \$2,250.00 per day and Jet/Vac cleaning at \$2,350.00 per day:**

**Moved: S. Martin**

**Seconded: P. Webster**

**Approved: 7-0**

BIA did a closeout inspection for Eye Design and are awaiting as-builts for the storm sewer before closing out the project. P. Webster asked if Mr. Rose has been contacted to let him know the project is going to be closed out. Borough Staff has not been in contact with Mr. Rose.

Currently BIA is gathering topographic data for the Joan Drive BMP. The proposal for the design of the BMP is on the agenda for approval this evening.

The handicap ramp design is awaiting feedback from the Borough. C. Johnson asked for a proposal to prepare a preliminary design for the handicap ramp at the front of the building rather than the rear as it currently is.

S. Strauss asked R. Kern how BIA bills when a person is goes out on an inspection or to a meeting, is it based on the person's skill level or on what knowledge level is required for the job. R. Kern responded that the Company decides who should go out based on their skill/knowledge level and what is required from the job and then that person is billed at their classification within the Company.

71. W Third Avenue – Attorney D. Shulski, Engineer D. Rentschler, and builder BJ Winters were present to discuss the project. Attorney Shulski stated that she understands that there was concern last month at the Council meeting regarding individual storm water systems being on each lot and the applicant had been asked to look at redesigning the plan. She responded that the design is compliant with all the Borough's ordinances and the applicant is not asking for any waivers relating to storm water. The applicant provided some correspondence from both PennDOT, DEP and the Conservation District that the stormwater facilities complied with their regulations as well. The applicant is not planning to have a homeowner's association for this







