

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2022
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council Vice President Mallory Perlin called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on March 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Julie Bechtel
Dave Davis
Tara Hiley
Theresa Pammer
Mallory Perlin
Stu Strauss
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also present:

Solicitor David Onorato
Engineer Ryan Kern
Treasurer John Klink
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny

Absent: Scott Martin

Visitors: See Included Sign in Sheet

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: Personnel/Litigation with no expected action

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

M. Dolny called to include RESOLUTION 2022-05 Funding commitment letter for DCNR Grant.

Motion to Approve:

Moved: T. Hiley

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the February 1, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes with a wording correction:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 6/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

State Trooper Loretta Miree, State Trooper William Butler, and State Trooper David Webb joined the meeting. Trooper Webb introduced himself as the new station commander, and we were given the news that Trooper Miree would be transferring. Trooper Butler will now serve as the Borough's new point of contact. Stated that they have been working on speed enforcement within the Borough as we have requested. Outlining the parameters for issuing violations.

S. Strauss thanked the troopers for their service, and although we seem lucky with no major crime issues asked what the community can do to prevent crime. Trooper Webb stressed the importance of keeping valuables out of sight and locking doors. People should know their surroundings and question things that don't seem right. Trooper Miree spoke to the effectiveness

of Crime watches and utilization of apps like Next Door to communicate and share information with others.

Trooper Webb also said that they should be moving into their new station soon, and that they were fortunate to get that.

M. Dolny, on behalf of council, thanked Trooper Miree for her service and noted that she would be missed. Also stated that he looked forward to working with Trooper Butler.

Aileen Johnson, Branch Manager for the Perkiomen Valley Library at Schwenksville joined council with Board Member Dave Douglas to update council in regards to upcoming activities and the 2022 summer reading program. Also noted the building repairs are still ongoing and not completely rectified as of date.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer: A copy of the written report is on file at the Borough Office, no action taken.

Treasurer's Report:

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 25, 2022 along with a bill list from, two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit, and with checks 3589-3618 for payment totaling \$138,075.80.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated February 25, 2022 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,021.18.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: T. Hiley

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 25, 2022 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check number 1238 in the amount of \$13,516.00.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny asked for authorization to prepare and release the remaining escrow for Eye Design and Viant respectively after accounts are audited.

Motion to allow:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

Mayor's Report:

Commented on correspondence from Senator Robert Casey, sending congratulations in regards to his re-election and support for the service to our community.

Borough Manager's Report: A written copy of the report is on file at the Borough Office.

M. Dolny presented the bids received for the 2022/2023 Concrete Work:

Drumheller Construction Co. - \$24,776.00

Ernel Co. Inc. - \$33,576.00

Ocean Construction - \$27,239.25

M. Dolny asked for a motion to award concrete the contract for 2022-2023 to Drumheller Construction Co.

Motion to award:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Resolution 2022-03 authorizing the Borough to apply for a PennDOT Special Events Permit for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-03:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny asked for authorization to use Auxiliary Police for the Memorial Day Parade

Motion to approve:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Hiley

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny presented the proposed cost structure from Barry Isett for the Streetscape Project relating to the two Multimodal Grants.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Resolution 2022-04 will authorize a funding commitment for a LSA Grant.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-04:

Moved: T. Hiley

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 6/0

Resolution 2022-05 – DCNR Grant Application

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-05:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

F. Schuetz wanted to compliment the manager M. Dolny for his enthusiasm and knowledge of the grant programs and approach to recreation in our community.

M. Dolny gave updates on other projects and matters within the community with no action taken.

The permit report for February was provided.

Borough Solicitor: No Report

Motion to approve staff reports as presented:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports received: Trappe Fire Co. (February), Trappe Ambulance (January), State Police (February)

Fire Chief B. Sisca went over current call reports and it was noted that tours of the firehouse would be given on Saturday March 5, 2022 for Council Members who have not gotten the opportunity.

Administrative Services:

M. Dolny sadly informed Council that Ellen Goodman has given a letter of intent to retire on May 5, 2022. Begrudgingly, M. Dolny asks that Council accept E. Goodman's notice and allow him to post the position.

Motion to accept with regret:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Hiley

Approved: 6/0

Business, Property & Parks:

S. Strauss noted that we are currently seeking seasonal maintenance bids. Also stated that Regional Sewer's infrastructure project is coming to an end.

Finance Committee: No Report

Recreation:

Working on finalizing upcoming event calendar, but we have set the date for 2022 Trappe Day for September 10, 2022 with a rain date of September 11, 2022. The next meeting will be Thursday March 10, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

Minutes and financial reports from the January 25, 2022 meetings were provided.

D. Davis noted that salaries are currently being reviewed, and noted that new equipment for leak detection was purchased. D. Davis felt it was unnecessary and voted in the negative but it passed anyway. M. Dolny stated that it's important to note with such equipment that without proper and seasoned training the effectiveness of the equipment is pretty much lost.

Motion to approve committee reports as presented:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Hiley

Approved: 6/0

Old Business: None

New Business:

J. Bechtel expressed her dissatisfaction with the state of the new convenience store/ gas station located at 306 N. Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Possible Litigation, no action to be taken

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:30PM

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Motion to reconvene the General Session at 8:47PM

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny