

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Cathy Johnson called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held virtually, on March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Those Present Were:

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

Also Present:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 7/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

D. Beard asked for an update to the BMP plans for College Woods. M. Dolny informed him documents would be sent to the HOA the following morning.

B. Greenwood offered his recognition of a job well done to Public Works for their efforts during the winter weather events to date.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

Treasurer's Report:

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2021 along with a bill list from, two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit, and with checks 3247-3265 for payment totaling \$134,736.34.

A motion to pay bills as listed:

Discussion in regards to current costs associated with snow removal. Projected budget has already been exceeded due to more frequent and more intense winter weather events.

M. Dolny also noted the Borough Office is seeking reimbursement for the extra cost in acquiring salt this past month due to a breach in the Morton Salt Contract.

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 7/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated February 28, 2021 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$1,949.01.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 7/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2021 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1201-1204 in the amount of \$8,646.13.

A motion was requested to the pay bills as listed:

Moved: T. Lauterio

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 7/0

S. Strauss recommended that the staff and Council explore better investment opportunities moving forward. M. Dolny said he would prepare options for next month's meeting.

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

Prior to the Manager's report a community member's question was addressed regarding the blinking light at Main Street and 5th Avenue. M. Dolny stated the performance of the light is meeting current PennDOT standards. However, due to other concerns and by suggestion of Fire Chief B. Greenwood he will meet with PennDOT to determine if the light would serve the community better if it was a fully functioning light and not just blinking.

Note from the manager's report M. Dolny will also work with PennDOT regarding safety measure for crossing Main Street at 1st Avenue.

M. Dolny presented a proposal from Barry Isett & Associates for work related to 803 W. Main Street. The proposal is in reference to a possible land swap and access to Main Street Park with a shared use of an access road between the Borough and the property owner. S. Strauss felt if there is any land swap it would be for the benefit of a shared driveway. P. Webster was not in favor of a shared driveway, but open to looking at an option where we would open an access road that the property owner could share or connect to. D. Davis stated shared driveways can be done but require particular details in the agreement. F. Schuetz asked to be recognized and spoke about previous discussions with PennDOT in relations to access to Main Street and also referenced a master plan that was designed and included the area. Council took no further action pending meetings with M. Dolny and S. Strauss with F. Schuetz and asked M. Dolny to reach out to PennDOT for their opinion and input.

Resolution 2021-04 – PA Safe Digging Month, initiated by the Pennsylvania 811 utility notification information system, is celebrating its 49th year of continuous service.

The Borough supports the Pennsylvania Underground Line Protection Law, Act 287 of 1974 and proclaims April 2021 as "Pennsylvania Save Digging Month":

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 7/0

Information, Communications, and Technology:

P. Webster informed Council that M. Dolny has been given full access to the Borough's Facebook Account.

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space:

S. Strauss Stated that due to weather we should see bids for summer landscaping in April, would like to see if we can find an Arborist to look at the Borough and Park Trees for a condition and maintenance report.

Public Works & CTMA:

Minutes and financial reports from the January 26 meetings were provided.

Regional Sewer working on staying on schedule with current projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered into at 8:43PM and returned to open meeting at 9:04PM

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny