

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2021
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Cathy Johnson called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Those Present Were:

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

Also Present:

Manager Marcus Dolny
Solicitor David Onorato (Via Zoom)
Treasurer John Klink
Christine Mildner, Barry Isett & Associates

Absent: Scott Martin

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #462

A public hearing for the consideration of Ordinance #462 advertised in the Pottstown Mercury on May 22, 2021 adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code and its Appendixes was opened at 7:04PM.

Hearing no public comment, Public Hearing was closed by C. Johnson at 7:05PM.

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

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

Christine Mildner attended the meeting on behalf of Barry Isett & Associates. She reviewed the outfall inspection report which will be included in the record.

An opinion of probable cost (\$75,210.00) for the ADA Ramp replacement at Borough Hall was presented.

Motion to authorize a public bid for the work as proposed, but itemized:

Moved: T. Lauterio

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

Treasurer's Report:

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2021 along with a bill list from, two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit, and with checks 3322-3346 for payment totaling \$70,997.42.

A motion to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Webster

Approved: 6/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated May 31, 2021 for the Customers Bank Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$1,928.17.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: T. Lauterio

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2021 for the Customers Bank Escrow Fund check numbers 1212-1215 in the amount of \$7,640.20.

A motion was requested to the pay bills as listed:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

Mayor's Report: Spring Plantings starting on farm, academic work taking place on portion of farm land owned by Ursinus that he will share with council at July's meeting.

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

M. Dolny updated council on financial investing opportunities. DCED would not grant approval for use of annuities, therefor M. Dolny will look into CD rates again.

M. Dolny also brought to council's attention a request for a Memorial Bench to be placed in Rambo Park, M. Dolny suggested the use of the "Buddy Bench" Program.

A proposal for Playground mulch was presented for the tot lot at Borough Hall and Rambo Park in the amount of \$6,720.00.

A motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

A proposal for Colonel's Place line striping as an addendum to the 2021 roadwork contract in the amount of \$1,725.00 was presented.

A motion to approve:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

(S. Strauss stepped out)

M. Dolny reported that he met with the Finance Committee in regards to the use of the Multimodal Grant award of \$250,000.00. The target will be for the implementation of installing and repairing sidewalk and curbing on the north side of West Main Street; first extending from the property known as Main Street Park, which is owned by the Borough, and extend to East 7th Avenue, and second on the north side of Main Street in the area of Dewees Tavern. The grant would allow for consideration of assistance to 501C3s and privately owned residential and commercial properties in the target area. Council was in agreement of this approach and M. Dolny will speak with B. Smith of Barry Isett & Associates to determine feasibility.

RESOLUTION 2021-05 authorizing approval of operations support activities for participating members of the Trappe Fire Company. The resolution is required by the Borough's Workers' Compensation Insurance Company.

Motion to approve:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

A recent publication from the Department of Environmental Protection entitled "Be Stormwater Smart" was distributed.

M. Dolny also submitted the permit report for May.

Solicitor's Report:

Conditional Use Decision for 102 W 7th Avenue.

Council members clarified the restrictions outlined in the Use Decision in regards to adherence to noise limitations and the adding of buffering if needed.

Motion to approve the Conditional Use Decision as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Lauterio

Approved: 6/0

Ordinance #462

Motion to adopt Ordinance #462 which adopts the 2015 International Fire Code and Appendices:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 6/0

Motion to accept staff reports:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports for PSP (May) and Ambulance (April) were presented. Fire Reports were delayed due to the holiday and will be sent out when received.

M. Dolny introduced Steven Sellet from the Fire Company who was in attendance.

Mr. Sellet is the chairman of the building committee and they are prepared to make a recommendation for a reviewing engineer/architect to the Trappe Fire Company Executive Board. Jack Althouse/Architects LLC toured the location and prepared a schematic design that helps visualize the possible direction for the future building. This concept depicted a hybrid of new construction combined renovation of old construction. This was done in an effort for council to get an idea of the direction they are considering.

S. Sellet was questioned regarding the state of the current building, as the common narrative has been the only option would be an entirely new building. S. Sellet stated that it was the professional opinion of the engineer that the existing building was viable to be used as part of the new building. S. Strauss was concerned in regards to unseen costs using the existing building, and other council members' echoed concern that all they have heard is the building was not useable. M. Dolny stated that a hybrid would offer significant cost savings and if it would help

ease concerns having an independent third-party structural engineer give a report on the state of the existing Fire Company Building could be arranged.

Motion to have a third-party structural engineer evaluate the current Fire House at the expense of the Borough:

Moved: P. Webster

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 5/1

C. Johnson voting in the negative

All other movement regarding this project is pending the approval of recommendations to be reviewed by the Trappe Fire Company executive board.

Administrative Services Committee:

C. Johnson reported that illegal solicitation was happening over Memorial Day Weekend, M. Dolny said he'll post a reminder to the community that solicitation permits are required.

Information, Communication, & Technology:

P. Webster stated that the community map is ready to send to the printing company for final review.

Ordinance Committee:

Comprehensive Review of the Zoning Ordinance is ongoing and progress is being made.

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space:

S. Strauss asked to get pricing for Pet waste stations for Rambo Park

Public Works & CTMA:

Minutes and financial reports from the April 27 meetings were provided and are available for review.

Regional Planning:

S. Strauss stated that ongoing wastewater projects are moving slower than anticipated.

D. Davis gave updates on a series of ongoing projects around the County.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny