

**MINUTES OF THE June 14, 2022  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Council President Scott Martin called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Those present were:**

Julie Bechtel  
Dave Davis  
Theresa Pammer  
Mallory Perlin  
Stu Strauss  
Tara Hiley  
Scott Martin  
Mayor Matthew Wismer (7:06PM)

**Also present:**

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

**Absent: None**

Visitors: See Included Sign in Sheet

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: Announcement of a session, with action to follow regarding the union contract for Public Works Employees**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the May 3, 2022 regular meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 7/0**

**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, no action taken.

Per the manager's request, information was given regarding traffic calming measures due to the request for speed bumps or humps to be placed on two streets, Clahor and Williams Way. R. Kern stated that bumps are not a viable option and only used in private roads and parking lots. There could be a possibility for use of speed humps, but there are drawbacks.

Although effective with speed reduction, there is a noise factor along with greater cost for maintenance and upkeep. Can also add greater inconvenience for snow removal, and provision



risk unless financing is secured and the firm works as an advisor through the entire process. Essentially this will allow financial institutions to bid the requested note. S. Strauss asked if local banks are more likely to bid, but it was noted it really depends on what we are looking for and if that mirrors the direction of the institutions lending. There is no option for balloon payments but draw down features and penalty free pay back is available. If approved we would target the August meeting for possible award of financing.

**Motion to approve the services of PFM Financial Advisors LLC:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: D. Davis**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny asked council to consider the proposal for Triscari to redesign our website and serve as our future email host. Reminding them our current provider will be no more as of August 2022. Proposed cost is \$3,950.00.

**Motion to approve the services of Triscari:**

**Moved: M. Perlin**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny announced a variance was granted by the Zoning Hearing for 87 Cherry Avenue.

M. Dolny will be meeting with Borough Security Provider for a quote to add cameras to the building after issues with vandalism.

M. Dolny is discussing with D. Onorato and Colledgeville the possibility of beer and wine vendors for future events at Waterworks parks.

M. Dolny reported the Borough was awarded the 2040 Montco Grant towards the Sisca Memorial Park and Garden Project of \$162,000.00 Dollars.

M. Dolny asked for some clarification on how to proceed relative to a violation of our public parking ordinance. It was determined that we would file the citation and take our chances without plate verification.

**Borough Solicitor:**

RESOLUTION 2022 – 8 Consideration of 803 W Main Street for Subdivision and Land Development.

**Motion to approve with a fee of \$6,375.00 fee in lieu for planting of replacement trees and a fee of \$6,375.00 fee in lieu providing open space:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 7/0**

**Motion to approve staff reports as presented:**

**Moved: M. Perlin**

**Seconded: S. Strauss**

**Approved: 7/0**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Traffic and Safety:**

The May report from Trappe Fire Company was received. Deputy Chief & Acting Chief John Bolger was present noting that the building committee has awarded the project to Gorski Engineering. M. Dolny and S. Martin have started meeting with other stakeholders in regards to the current merger and future viability of EMS Services.

M. Dolny brought RESOLUTION 2022-07 before Council, authorizing operational support activities for participating members of the fire company.

### **Motion to approve:**

**Moved: T. Hiley**

**Seconded: T. Pammer**

**Approved: 7/0**

### **Administrative Services:**

M. Dolny made the recommendation of a new Memorial Committee to serve as an advisory board. The board would consist of Tara Hiley, serving as the Chairperson and Borough Council liaison, Ronald Raymer, and Fred Schuetz.

### **Motion to approve:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Pammer**

**Approved: 7/0**

S. Martin and M. Perlin proposed the idea of allowing a hybrid work environment due to the increasing fuel costs thus providing some relief for the staff. The work week would consist of one day of remote work per employee scheduled as allowed. The other staff would be on site keeping the office open.

### **Motion to approve proposed hybrid work schedule:**

**Moved: T. Pammer**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Perlin noted that office staff had relayed inquires as to the Borough's position on the observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. M. Dolny stated that holidays are listed in the Borough Employee Handbook and believes it was just not addressed to change. S. Martin asked if it was a federally recognized holiday and if so, then believed the office should follow suit.

### **Motion to approve inclusion of Juneteenth to recognized borough holidays beginning in 2022:**

**Moved: M. Perlin**

**Seconded: T. Pammer**

**Approved: 6/0**

**S. Strauss had stepped out of the meeting for a brief period during the vote**

**Business, Property & Parks: No Report**

**Finance Committee: No Report**

### **Recreation:**

M. Perlin informed council that we're making progress on Trappe Day and looking forward to the event, highlighting some of the upcoming features for the day.

**Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report**

**Street & Development:**

T. Hiley asked if we were still considering further safety measures for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. M. Dolny stated that yes, those discussions are up coming.

**Planning & Zoning: No Report**

**Regional Planning:**

Perkiomen Trail Interactive map is complete. Other projects coming out of Regional are the Private Owner Stewardship Handbook and a Climate Change Vulnerability Tool.

**Public Works & CTMA:**

Minutes and financial reports from the May 21, 2022 meetings were provided. D. Davis informed Council that a low-income program through the state has been adopted by CTMA and it is at no cost to the authority. They are currently reviewing FUGO plans for water and wastewater. Plans for the Donnybrook Sewer Wall Repair have been submitted to DEP.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Members of Rittenhouse Homeowners Association Board inquired about finding a final solution to the issues with the stormwater basin repair from 2021. M. Dolny stated that he had just received an email and would be setting up a final meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel**

**Borough Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:31PM**

**Borough Council reconvened the general meeting at 10:19PM**

**Motion to approve and execute the agreement between Teamsters Local Union 830 and Collegeville – Trappe Joint Public Works Department reached on May 25, 2022:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 7/0**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 10:21PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**