

**MINUTES OF THE October 4, 2022
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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 October 4, 2022 at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were:

Julie Bechtel
Dave Davis
Stu Strauss
Mallory Perlin
Theresa Pammer
Scott Martin
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also present:

Solicitor David Onorato
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Treasurer John Klink

Absent: Tara Hiley

Visitors were present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the September 6, 2022 regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Linda Rebstock offered her comments regarding the parking issues on Williams Way. M. Dolny stated that Borough Code limits their ability to address all matters at this time and the Borough Office has already drafted a new ordinance that will be voted on for advertisement later this evening. This should help alleviate a number of the issues the neighbors are seeing on this road.

L. Rebstock also asked about adding MPH markings to Williams Way during future road projects. M. Dolny state that it would be noted for future consideration.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

Main point of discussion was looking at the upcoming road projects for 2023. Silver Leaf is the most probable at this point.

Treasurer's Report:

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2022 along with a bill list for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1140-1168 for payment totaling \$163,715.41.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer Report dated September 30, 2022 for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,236.39.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2022 for the Escrow Fund check numbers 1019-1020 in the amount of \$14,464.58.

A motion was requested to the pay bills as listed, with request for clarification on escrow release to Halteman Landscaping by S. Strauss:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

Mayor's Report:

Spoke at Trappe Day, commending the current council and speaking of unity. Overall felt Trappe day was a success. Also noted the actions of then General George Washington 245 years ago to the date as the crossed through the area heading towards the battle at Germantown.

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

M. Dolny requested authorization to move an additional \$500,000.00 to PLGIT Term for a 12 month duration at 4.18% or higher.

Motion to approve:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny informed council that Rittenhouse HOA would be staining the light poles throughout their community; would make sure it was a natural color.

M. Dolny presented council with bids for the roof replacement of Borough Hall, recommended award to Rutter Roofing at \$28,920.00.

Motion to approve:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: S. Strauss Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny presented Council with a request for an Escrow reduction/release for the 7th Avenue Tract in the amount of \$325,681.44.

Motion to approve:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny presented a request from GAF Energy to waiver the Conditional Use requirement for the installation of Solar Energy on a residential home. After reviewing the presented documents no action was taken and the request was denied. In regards to possible future legislation

regarding the installation of this model and style of solar collection the matter would be passed to a committee for review.

An issue regarding the baiting of wildlife was tabled, as D. Onorato will research if any precedent exists regarding restriction of the activity.

M. Dolny also spoke to the board regarding matters regarding excessive dog barking in the community. No action at this time but he would continue to monitor.

M. Dolny informed the Council that they had not been awarded the DCED Grant they applied for, although this was the most competitive one.

M. Dolny did present the board with RESOLUTION 2022-12 Application for DCNR C2P2 Grant funding for Sisca Community Park and Garden Phase II.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny also notified council that he received notice from Catherine Kernen, Colledgeville Borough, regarding the installation of markers for parking at Water Works Park to aid in mass parking during events. The request is that Trappe pay 50% of the cost to install at a price of \$1,050.00. Question was asked if only the municipalities would be allowed to use this set up, which was unknown. D. Onorato also believed this should be approved by Public Works first before the board voted to approve. The matter was tabled.

Borough Solicitor:

D. Onorato presented RESOLUTION 2022-11 authorizing Tax Exempt Debt, Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policies and Procedures.

Motion to approve:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

D. Onorato presented RESOLUTION 2022-10 authorizing The Borough of Trappe to implement Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Waiver Provisions:

Motion to approve:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

D. Onorato presented a draft of the proposed ordinance regarding parking restrictions for Williams Way.

Motion to advertise for future approval:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

D. Onorato presented a draft of the proposed ordinance creating a licensing process to permit the consumption of alcoholic at Water Works Park.

Motion to advertise for future approval:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

S. Martin updated board on budget numbers for Ambulance and the status of the New Building. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2022. Board was looking for an update on the agreements for the land and building. Waiting on response from the legal counsel of the Fire Department. M. Dolny also stated that he hasn't had any luck finding the missing deed for a small section of the property that dates back to what is believed the inception. The board also discussed the parameters surrounding the payments and bidding in regards to the new building in relation to the grant money.

J. Bolger stated that they are working towards their operational agreement with Upper Providence. M. Dolny clarified with D. Onorato that an inter-municipal agreement would be needed.

S. Strauss asked D. Lynch about the housing of EMS equipment and the transfer of insurances.

Administrative Services: No Report

Business, Property & Parks:

Working towards a business meeting end of October, early November.

S. Strauss also noted the pipe is in the ground for the Regional Sewer Interceptor Project. Now working on restoration work and the installation of a generator that was approved and ordered at 4 Million Dollars, but is 18 months out.

Finance Committee:

Budget will be presented end of October.

Recreation:

M. Perlin felt this year's Trappe Day was one of the best and recommends starting earlier planning for next year.

Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning:

Starting to look at the next Comprehensive Plan which would push for more Eco-Tourism, safe routes to school, and identifying areas for high density housing. Updates will be coming forward as soon as they continue to work on the Montco 2040 Plan.

Public Works & CTMA: Reports included for Council's Review

D. Davis noted the possibility of expansion at the cell tower.

Old Business:

M. Dolny is working on the H. Rose's request, but to date has not had any luck making contact with EPA or DEP.

New Business:

Council was made aware that Out Door Movies are becoming more popular and could lead to noise issues in communities in the future. M. Dolny stated he would monitor.

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:51PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny