

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2023  
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 January 3rd at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Those present were:**

Dave Davis  
Scott Martin  
Stu Strauss  
Mallory Perlin  
Julie Bechtel  
Tara Hiley,  
Mayor Matthew Wismer

**Also present:**

Solicitor Dave Onorato  
Engineer Ryan Kern  
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny

**Absent:** Theresa Pammer

Visitors were present

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council would have an executive session to discuss personnel with no expected action to follow.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 471 PERMIT PARKING ON WILLIAMS WAY**

D. Onorato called the public hearing to order at 7:05 PM.

M. Dolny made a brief statement regarding the handling and enforcement of the Ordinance and what the intentions were for bringing it before council. After that the floor was opened for public comment. He stated that a resolution will be brought before council this evening that will outline the enforcement measures expected in relation to ordinance 471.

Helene Kolanko, 403 Franklin Court, asked for clarification as to why the board has reached this point and if this was being done because of one individual. S. Martin assured those in the audience that this has been a long-standing problem and the Council is looking at this measure as an enforcement mechanism to the issues faced along Williams Way.

M. Dolny understands how members of the community could feel that this is because of one person. Although, one individual certainly has brought issues to the attention of the Council. Ruth Kratz, 417 Franklin Court, asked how we were planning on enforcing individuals that do not comply. M. Dolny stated the enforcement is simple once a vehicle is towed, you'll need to pay those fees before your vehicle is released from the company that removed it. Ms. Kratz also expressed concern about the damage already done by said individual particularly environmentally. M. Dolny said that all activities conducted by Mr. Mann have been monitored

and regarding any effects his activities have had on the environment, DEP has been informed and is involved.

Hearing no other public comment D. Onorato close the public meeting at 7:11 PM and reconvened the regularly scheduled borough council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the December 29, 2022 regular meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 6/0**

**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.

Matter to note, they are finalizing proposed road work for 2023. Silverleaf is already identified, and letters will be going out to the community.

M. Dolny is working with R. Kern regarding collection and interpretation of data regarding the placement of speed control measures.

**Treasurer's Report:**

J. Klink was unexpectedly unable to attend. In the interest of Borough operations M. Dolny asked for a motion to pay necessary bills to be reviewed at next month's meeting. S. Strauss clarified that there was nothing outlandish in the bills.

**Motion to pay the bills as needed, subject to ratification in February:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: S. Strauss**

**Approved: 6/0**

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Wismer announced there will be a piano concert the held at The Community Music School on February 11, 2023, titled a Night of Music with the Mayor. The event begins at 7:30PM.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

M. Dolny presented Council with RESOLUTION 2023-1 Trappe Borough Fee Schedule for approval.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny stated that State Required changes to the Stormwater Ordinance, asked for approval to draft and advertise for the February meeting.

**Motion to draft and advertise:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny shared thank you letters from organizations receiving contributions in 2022. He also let council know registration for the 2023 PRPS conference is available if anyone wants to attend. He will be presented an education session with members from Barry Isett Engineering. A copy of the monthly permit report was distributed.

**Borough Solicitor:**

D. Onorato presented Ordinance 471 for consideration, S. Strauss clarified that we were legally covered from liability which we feel we are.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 471 creating a permit parking district for Williams Way.**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: D. Davis**

**Approved: 6/0**

D. Onorato presented council with RESOLUTION 2023-2 Enforcement Procedures for Ordinance 471

**Motion to Approve RESOLUTION 2023-2:**

**Moved: M. Perlin**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 6/0**

**Motion to accept professional reports as presented:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 6/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Safety:**

Last month the agreement with Freedom Valley Medical Rescue was terminated and we welcome Skippack Emergency Medical Services. Trappe Fire reported 420 responses in 2022 and are happy with the progression of the new station. They will be appearing before the Zoning Hearing Board on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

**Administrative Services: No Report**

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

**Finance Committee: No Report**

**Recreation:**

First Meeting for 2023 Trappe Day upcoming in January.

**Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report**

**Street & Development: No Report**

**Planning & Zoning: No Report**

**Regional Planning:**

Currently Preparing for Montco 2050

**Public Works & CTMA:**

Budget passed for 2023, no rate increases.

They are still waiting for further developments regarding FUGO as well.

**Regional Sewer: No Report**

**Memorial Committee:**

T. Hiley said she has been working with members of the Memorial Committee, Sue Kelly was present as one of the requestors. They are looking at placing standardized options for memorials and creating an annual volunteer memorial award.

**Old Business:**

M. Dolny stated that investments were made as requested.

**New Business: None**

**Executive Session – Personnel**

**Entered at 8:07PM**

**Exited at 8:23PM, with no action**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 8:24PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**