

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2023  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Council ~~Vice President Mallory Perlin~~ **President Scott Martin** called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on July 11th at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Those present were:**

Mayor Matthew Wismer  
Julie Bechtel  
Stu Strauss  
Scott Martin  
Tara Hiley

**Also present:**

Solicitor Dave Onorato  
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny  
Engineer Ryan Kern

**Absent:** Mallory Perlin, Dave Davis, Theresa Pammer

**Also in Attendance:**

Members of the Memorial Committee and Visitors

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 4/0**

**Presentation of the Inaugural Braden T. Sisca Memorial Award:**

S. Martin, turned the floor over to Council Representative of the Memorial Committee, T.Hiley. She acknowledged the turn out and the pleasure of presenting the award and then asked Committee Member R. Rahmer to come forward for the presentation. R. Rahmer on behalf of the Memorial Committee and Awards Committee (T. Hiley, R. Rahmer, F. Schuetz, B. Sisca, and J. Bolger) spoke of the man, Braden T. Sisca, who the award was honoring and what the award stood for. In front of the Brough Council, Representative Webster, Representative Ciresi, Family and Friends R. Rahmer presented the 2023 Braden T. Sisca Memorial Award for outstanding service and volunteerism to Brian Long.

**PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None



M. Dolny asked for authorization for additional funding to cover the additional costs due to PennDOT revisions in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the Main Street Project.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 4/0**

M. Dolny asked for authorization for two change orders in relation to the 2023 Road Project relating to the replacement of damaged stormwater management pipes totaling \$106,550.00.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 4/0**

S. Martin asked about the section closest to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., M. Dolny says they will further research during the road work and if further repairs are needed they have the budget to repair.

M. Dolny presented the Council with a RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of the formal application and business plan for a grant through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

**Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2023-09:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: S. Strauss**

**Approved: 4/0**

M. Dolny suggested that Council add a provision to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requiring that applicants notify neighboring properties.

**Motion to prepare:**

**Moved: T. Hiley**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 4/0**

M. Dolny informed Council that the Borough received perfect marks regarding the DEP MS4 Audit, with special thanks to Isett and Associates Christine Mildner and Emily Lehman.

M. Dolny gave Council a copy of the Permit Report.

**Borough Solicitor:**

No Report

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

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 4/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Safety:**

Fire, EMS, and PSP reports were given to Council for review.

M. Dolny stated that the lease between the Fire Company and the Borough has been distributed for review. Lease has to be signed by August 1, 2023 at the latest.

M. Dolny asked for approval contributing \$2,500 toward the \$18,000 (roughly 14%, based on population) consultant service contract with Upper Providence to help lay the structure for future operational partnership in relation to Fire services.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 4/0**

**Administrative Services:**

S. Martin informed Council that Tara Hiley has given notice that once her house sells due to career advancement she will be resigning from council and moving, as she has provided a letter stating such. R. Rahmer asked that it be noted their gratitude and thanks for her guidance and work in relation to the Memorial Committee.

**Motion to accept with regret at the time of sale of Tara Hiley's residence:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 4/0**

M. Dolny stated that with instruction by S. Martin and M. Perlin he looked into candidates for a short term seasonal employee to focus on some projects that needed updating. He has found an excellent applicant, Ms. Bethany Belkowski. He would like to offer a position to Ms. Belkowski from July 12, 2023 to August 11, 2023 at \$19/hour not to exceed 40 hours per week.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Hiley**

**Approved: 4/0**

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

**Finance Committee:**

M. Dolny noted that the Borough will be focused stay liquid until the completion of the Fire House.

**Recreation: No Report**

**Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report**

**Street & Development: No Report**

**Planning & Zoning: No Report**

**Regional Planning: No Report**

**Public Works & CTMA:**

S. Strauss informed Council that issues were found with two of the wells that resulted in ~~them~~ **one** being taken off of the system for the time being. It is expected that DEP will be involved. Says this is in relation to why they are doing the study with North Penn Water, but they originally thought it could be issues with more wells than just the two.

**Regional Sewer: No Report**

**Memorial Committee: No Report**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

M. Dolny informed the board that he will be on vacation the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Council adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**