

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 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 September 5th at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Those present were:**

Mayor Matthew Wismer  
Dave Davis (Late Arrival 7:16PM)  
Stu Strauss  
Scott Martin  
Mallory Perlin  
Julie Bechtel  
Theresa Pammer

**Also present:**

Solicitor Dave Onorato  
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny  
Engineer Ryan Kern

**Absent:** None

**Also in Attendance:**

Visitors and representation from local emergency services

**APPOINTMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:**

The Borough Council was tasked with filling a vacated seat by Tara Hiley.

**Motion to appoint Erin Wismer to fulfill the open Borough Council Seat for remainder of the year:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 5/0**

Erin Wismer will also serve as the nominated candidate for the special two-year term added to the upcoming ballot.

Mayor Wismer administered the Oath of Office, and upon her being sworn in E. Wismer took her seat on Council for the remainder of the meeting and moving forward as her term entails.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2023 regular meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 6/0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

S. Martin informed the audience that there would be a brief executive session following the meeting, with no action expected.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #475 SALDO Amendment**

D. Onorato opened the public hearing at 7:08PM for publicly advertised ordinance amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requiring notification to neighboring properties within 500 feet.

Hearing no comments or questions further.

**Motion to close the public hearing:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 6/0**

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

Aileen Johnson from Perkiomen Valley Library reported to Council an update on summer activities, including August being the highest month ever for circulation, and gave a summary about upcoming Fall Programming. Board Member and resident Dave Douglas was introduced to the Board and the possibility of a future Story Walk was shared.

Upper Providence Supervisor John Pearson was there to promote the upcoming special event “The Wall that Heals”, a mini replica of the Vietnam Memorial and spoke of the Parade to Placement and need for Volunteers. M. Dolny stated that they are and will continue to work with the Upper Providence Parks department on the event.

Michael Coyne spoke about issues on E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. in relation to the light at Main Street. Feels the phasing and cycles are not working. M. Dolny stated that the Borough can petition PennDOT to allow for a study to be done and then to follow with a request for recommended changes if necessary.

**Motion to authorize request and study as warranted:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 7/0**

Michael Coyne also questioned the work and scope of said work on Boro Line Road, primarily a Mil and Overlay Project.

He specifically referenced one section where Boro Line Road intersects with Spring Mill Lane, but with no plans in front of me or pictures to what he was referencing M. Dolny stated that our engineer and himself had been in contact with staff from Upper Providence particularly the Manager and Road Master regarding the project. As to his knowledge it met all standards of the agreement but would review further.

Dave Douglas asked if we could review the condition of the Exxon Station on Main Street.

Eric Schultz asked for clarification to the PFAS chemicals found in two of CTMA's wells. It was noted that the wells do not service Trappe, and proper measures have been taken including one well being taken out of circulation.



**Borough Manager's Report:**

M. Dolny presented the Council with a Estimate from General Code to codify the past three years of ordinances not to exceed \$10,995.00

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: M. Perlin**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny presented the Council with a RESOLUTION 2023-13 Authorizing the Adoption of the Regional Emergency Operations Plan.

**Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2023-13:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny stated he had a request for closure of part of Harvard Drive within the community for a Block Party. All certificates of insurance have been obtained.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: D. Davis**

**Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny gave updates on the ARLE Intersection Project, Montco Borough's Association, and Collegeville Rotary Turkey Trot.

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

**Borough Solicitor:**

D. Onorato presented for action Ordinance 475 amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requiring notification to neighboring properties within 500 feet.

**Motion to approve:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel**

**Seconded: S. Strauss**

**Approved: 7/0**

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

**Moved: D. Davis**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 7/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Safety:**

Fire and EMS reports were given to Council for review.

J. Bolger updated the Council on this past month's activities, including the creation of an auxiliary for fundraising.

M. Perlin informed Council that on the EMS side they are still experiencing difficulties do to staffing issues from neighboring providers. Skippack will continue to work internally to address.

M. Dolny informed Council that the Limerick Drill will take place on September 26, 2023 and Theresa Pammer will serve as the Council representative along with himself for the drill.

**Administrative Services:**

S. Martin presented Jeff Schautz as the recommended candidate to fulfill the remained of Dave Davis' term on CTMA and Public Works Boards.

**Motion to approve and appoint:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 7/0**

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

**Finance Committee: No report**

**Recreation:**

M. Perlin noted that Trappe Day is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report**

**Street & Development: No Report**

**Planning & Zoning: No Report**

**Regional Planning: No Report**

**Public Works & CTMA:**

Waiting on options in regards to the handling of PFAS chemicals in the water supply, noted that Council recognizes the importance of clean water. At this point waiting on options to treat or possibly outsource.

**Regional Sewer: No Report**

**Memorial Committee: No Report**

**Old Business:**

M. Dolny gave an update on 306. W. Main Street. They are working to a resolution before returning to Zoning Hearing Board for recorded decisions.

**New Business:**

None

**Council Entered into Executive Session at 8:45PM until 9:12PM regarding personnel with no action taken.**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**