MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 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 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 Programing. 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. 7th 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 CTMAs 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.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer: A copy of the written report is on file at the Borough Office:

R. Kern asked for approval and release of payment application for 2023 Roadway Improvements to H&K Group, Inc. date 8/31/23.

Motion to approve for the amount \$153,871.20:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

M. Dolny showed renderings for the new Sisca Park and Garden

R. Kern presented Castle Cove's Escrow Reduction Request #4 in the amount of \$32,451.75.

Motion to approve:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 7/0

R. Kern also spoke in regards to a field observation report at the request of the Borough Manager for E. 7th Ave. in regards to safety concerns and the cross slope. The long-term solution would be different methodology in the construction of the road. However, until that is done M. Dolny will research measures to help limit the issues.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2023 along with a bill list for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1461-1488 for payment totaling \$112,364.02. D. Davis asked if the payment to Daywalt Animal Control was for specific incidents or flats charges for the service, M. Dolny we only pay if they are used.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2023 for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,134.34

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 7/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2023 for the Escrow Fund checks number 1034 – 1036 in the amount of \$9,876.00.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 7/0

J. Klink presented the Council all reports for the month of August.

Mayor's Report:

Fall Fest at North Star Farms returns for 2023 and they are looking for a food vendor for Saturdays, suggested it might be an opportunity for the Fire Company to do a Fundraiser.

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 30th.

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