

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2024
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 January 2nd at 7:12 PM.

Those present were:

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

Also present:

Solicitor Tom Dyer
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Ryan Kern
John Klink

Absent: None

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Martin announced there would be an executive session regarding personnel with expected action at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the December 5, 2023 regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 7/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

George Hankins spoke to Council in regards to possible development of 56 W. 7th Avenue, sharing his concern regarding the handling of stormwater and the possible impact on his property. M. Dolny noted that although no formal submission has been made yet, one is expected and he will be notified when one has been. In early discussions it was noted that stormwater in the one area was an issue, and the intention seemed to be to directly address that by directing the water away from Mr. Hankins property.

Michael Peter asked for an update on the FUGO subdivision. The Board is still awaiting the applicant to move forward, M. Dolny stated that he is currently working through some issues with the county and state regarding permits and without that resolution the Board will not proceed.

Mayor's Report:

M. Wismer attended Historic Trappe's Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny gave Council a copy of the 2022 Liquid Fuels Audit for review.

M. Dolny updated Council on current and believed upcoming land development proposals.

M. Dolny informed members CTMA/Public Works that he was sent a request for the compost hours to be adjusted.

M. Dolny asked Council for permission to prepare and advertise the next Trash and Recycling Bid.

Motion to approve:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: E. Wismer

Approved: 7/0

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: M. Perlin

Approved: 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Fire, EMS, Police reports were given to Council for review.

J. Bolger also noted that the Fire Company responded to 390 calls in 2023. Also noted that the ladder truck is currently out of service for the next week to two weeks during part of the construction. County is aware and we are being assisted by neighboring Ladder Companies.

Next Building Meeting will be Tuesday January 9, 2024.

S. Martin and S. Strauss discussed the furniture quote and information needed and submitted to the State for review in the RCAP Grant process.

M. Perlin informed Council and the public present that Freedom Valley is closing stations and we may see an impact because of additional coverage areas and calls for neighboring EMS services.

Administrative Services:

R. Rahmer has stepped down from Planning Commission and the Council will need to appoint a replacement.

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis noted there are new laws going into effect focusing on crime and public safety. Stricter laws and penalties are being explored for porch pirates and package theft. Also, there is now provisions for the expanded availability of public records, and an increase in the licensure of pet dogs within the County.

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

Public Works and Water passed the budget with a proposed water increase. On average of \$3.00 per bill. This is to facilitate additional testing and the commitment to clean water. CTMA passed the budget for the Sewer with no increases proposed.

M. Dolny shared the engineer's report from Public Work's regarding the advantages and disadvantages of possible connection to North Penn Water.

Regional Sewer:

S. Strauss stated they are closely monitoring the proposed requests and need for future EDU's within the region

Memorial Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

S. Martin asked members of the Public Work's Board to look further into the possible acquisition of a vac truck or trailer to aid in the cleaning of storm drains among other uses.

**Council Entered into Executive Session at 8:35PM to discuss the Contract of Public Works
Director Joe Hastings**

Council Exited Executive Session at 9:00 PM

In the matter of the presented and proposed Contract for Public Works Director Joe Hasting:

Motion to ratify and approve the presented contract:

Moved: M. Perlin

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 7/0

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny