MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 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 February 6 at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Scott Martin

Dave Davis

Mallory Perlin

Erin Wismer

Julie Bechtel

Theresa Pammer

Mayor Matthew Wismer

Absent: Stu Strauss

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

Also present:

Solicitor Dave Onorato

Borough Manager Marcus Dolny

Engineer Ryan Kern

John Klink

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the January 2, 2024, reorganization meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 6/0

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the January 2, 2024, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: E. Wismer Approved: 6/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- L. Rebstock asked about an issue regarding an improper HVAC installation in her community and confirmed that the Borough's Codes department was handling
- it. She also discussed issues again regarding Williams Way and was assured that the Borough continues to monitor and has seen favorable outcomes from the new parking district. Revisiting again the possibility of a police force, which the Borough has said simply is not financially feasible to start our own and currently do not have the option of exploring contracted services.
- L. Minardi and J. Marshall spoke on behalf of Historic Trappe regarding the Borough's support of co-applying for the 2024 Montco 2040 Grant and the possibility of creating a Historic District for inclusion on the National Historic Register. After a brief presentation E. Wismer asked if a district posed no restrictions, then why would anyone opt out? J. Marshall said mainly because of misinformation.

S. Martin stated that he would like M. Dolny to work with Historic Trappe to fully review the information and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Motion to approve a RESOLUTION 2024-09 for a Montco 2040 joint application in the year 2024 between Historic Trappe and The Borough for \$250,000 at no cost to the Borough:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

STAFF REPORTS:

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

R. Kern presented the summary of bids for the 2 – Year Concrete Contract. There were five received bids in total with Drumheller Construction being the lowest verified bid.

Recommendation to award Drumheller Construction.

Motion to approve the award:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 6/0

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2024, along with a bill list for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1622-1649 for payment totaling \$582,810.11.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: E. Wismer Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,145.41.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2024, for the Escrow Fund checks number 1044-1046 in the amount of \$3,393.50.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: E. Wismer Approved: 6/0

- J. Klink presented preliminary financial reports for the end of the year.
- M. Dolny presented Council with payment request #3 for the construction of the Firehouse in the amount of \$328,730.67.

A motion to approve:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 6/0

Mayor's Report:

M. Wismer announced he will be speaking to Scout Troop 7155 about the importance of public service and serving as a public official.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny told Council that the new Trash Contract is about ready for bid, asking if there are known changes they wish to include. A draft will be prepared to be reviewed at the next meeting before bidding.

M. Dolny asked for authorization for S. Martin to sign the Grant Contract for RCAP.

A motion to approve:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny reminded Council that he would be attending the PRPS and the PSAB Conferences and if any member of Council wished to join to please let him know.

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

Borough Solicitor:

D. Onorato asked for Council Consideration to approve RESOLUTION 2024-08 Increasing Water Rates beginning April 1, 2024, at the recommendation of the Public Works Committee.

A motion to approve:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 6/0

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

2023 Unofficial Financials for the Fire Company were presented to Trappe Borough Council for review. Construction is proceeding and fair weather has helped with progress.

M. Perlin and M. Dolny attended a regional discussion on emergency services at Skippack and additional efforts will continue to help combat any issues the region is facing.

Administrative Services:

Kevin McLoughlin of 125 Joan Drive submitted a letter of interest for the vacant Planning Commission seat.

A motion to appoint:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: E. Wismer Approved: 6/0

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee:

M. Dolny asked for approval to move the proceeds of the Fire House loan from PLGIT to the Victory Money Market account in order to issue checks for payment as needed.

A motion to approve:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 6/0

Parks & Recreation:

First Trappe Day Meeting February 20th at 5PM

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis prepared a summary of new and proposed laws, with overviews and recommendations of support stance at the state level.

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA: No Report

Regional Sewer: No Report

Memorial Committee:

Julie touched base on the upcoming Brandan Sisca Award for 2024, thinks it should be presented at Trappe Day. M. Dolny will get Julie and Ron in Contact Moving forward to fully discuss.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny