

**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

Also present:

Solicitor Dave Onorato
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Ryan Kern
John Klink

Absent: Stu Strauss

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

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.

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