

**MINUTES OF THE March 5, 2024
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council Vice President Mallory Perlin called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on March 5th at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Stu Strauss
Dave Davis
Mallory Perlin
Erin Wismer
Theresa Pammer
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also present:

Solicitor Dave Onorato
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Ryan Kern

Absent: Scott Martin and Julie Bechtel

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the February 6, 2024, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

E. Johnson from the Perkiomen Valley Library gave updates on the library and upcoming events and activities. Happily reporting that 2023 saw new highs in circulation. A few items to note were access to power libraries, these are databases available through E-resources. Also noted new programs making Audio and E-books and magazines available to download, and maybe best of all the Library has the specialized glasses available for viewing the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

G. Hankins spoke to council again in regards to his concerns relating to possible development next to his property. M. Dolny stated that he would request, although he cannot mandate, that the applicant meet with him. And also clarified the stages of development, if approved, and the measures taking during that process to answer questions from Council.

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 Main Street Streetscape Project. There were eight received bids in total with NJS Concrete being the lowest verified and responsible bidder.

Recommendation to award to NJS Concrete the base bid and all three allowances totaling \$297,008.00.

Motion to approve the award:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

Treasurer's Report:

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2024, along with a bill list for three payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1650-1677 for payment totaling \$1,276,828.42

Motion to pay the bills as listed, with clarification on reimbursements to the Fire Company and expenses related to winter weather.:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: E. Wismer

Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,148.08.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2024, for the Escrow Fund checks number 1047-1049 in the amount of \$20,067.50.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented financial reports for review.

Mayor's Report:

M. Wismer met with Scout Troop 7155 working on their Community Citizenship Badge speaking about public service and the importance of voting.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny presented Council with the prepared draft for the Trash and Recycling RFP. And asked Council for authorization to bid.

A motion to present the notice to bidders for the Borough of Trappe's RFP for Trash and Recycling Services:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

Administrative Services: No Report

Business & Property:

Look at possible dates and times for future business meeting

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation:

Held first Trappe Day Meeting, event will be held from 11:00 to 4:00PM and our Headliner will be Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis noted that the Governor had submitted his proposed budget

Street & Development:

Updated the Council on the effectiveness of the permanent speed sign on E. 7th Avenue

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss gave the results of the well testing conducted so far in 2024 and provided the monthly reports.

Regional Sewer:

Generator is expected to have install complete within a few months.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Old Business: Revisited the idea of getting a Vac Truck for Public Works, M. Dolny stated that they are looking into the additional street cleaning in 2024

New Business: None

Council entered Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 8:45, exiting at 9:13 with no action taken.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:14PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny