

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024  
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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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 April 2nd at 7:00 PM.

**Those present were:**

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

**Also present:**

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

**Also in Attendance:**

Visitors

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2024, regular meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

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

R. Kern spoke in regards to the upcoming Street Improvements Bid. Council agreed the added Alternative Bid Option for Traffic Calming Measures on Cherry, Ash, and Holly should be installed speed bumps and not removal if installed.

**Motion to approve bidding with alternates:**

**Moved: J. Bechtel                      Seconded: S. Strauss                      Approved: 7/0**

**Treasurer's Report:**

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2024, along with a bill list for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1678-1703 for payment totaling \$793,976.69

**Motion to pay the bills as listed, with requesting clarification for concerns regarding cash flow in relation to the Fire House Construction:**

**Moved: S. Strauss                                  Seconded: T. Pammer                          Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,148.19.

**A motion to approve bills as listed:**

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

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2024, for the Escrow Fund checks number 1047-1049 in the amount of \$4,170.75.

**A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:**

**Moved: E. Wismer                                  Seconded: J. Bechtel                          Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny presented financial reports for review.

**Mayor's Report:** NO REPORT

**Borough Manager's Report:**

M. Dolny presented Council with the results Trash and Recycling RFP 2-year base term.

Republic Services - Declined to Bid

Waste Management - \$1,015,182.00

Whitetail - \$1,233,733.68

J.P. Mascaro - \$1,364,568.00

M. Dolny stated that Waste Management was the lowest responsible bidder.

**A motion to award Waste Management the 2-year contract with 3 optional years as outlined for Trash and Recycling Services:**

**Moved: T. Pammer                                  Seconded: D. Davis                          Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny presented Council with RESOLUTION 2024-11, authorizing the closure of Main Street for the 2024 Memorial Day Parade.

**A motion to approve:**

**Moved: M. Perlin                                  Seconded: J. Bechtel                          Approved: 7/0**

M. Dolny discussed further the possibility of further pursuing Historical Designation for certain properties in Trappe. The Council felt the best course of action was to look at the area and map out the possible locations for designation.

M. Dolny reminded council of an upcoming training for Emergency Management and reminded them that they will need to sign up for the course prior to class on April 16, 2024

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

**Borough Solicitor: No Report**

**Motion to accept professional reports as presented:**

**Moved: M. Perlin**

**Seconded: J. Bechtel**

**Approved: 7/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Safety:**

S. Martin updated the Council consolidation efforts and the construction of the building. He also attended a flag ceremony in honor of the late Fire Chief Branden Sisca

M. Perlin stated that as of April 1, 2024, Skippack will be covering part of Perkiomen.

Reports were provided for emergency services.

**Administrative Services: No Report**

**Business & Property: No Report**

**Finance Committee: No Report**

**Parks & Recreation: No Report**

**Public Affairs & Legislation:**

D. Davis noted a series of bills on the Capital floor in regards to housing and community development that he'll continue to monitor.

**Street & Development:**

E. Wismer is to look into an issue with a possible addition of a streetlight and work with the office on the next 10 road maintenance plan.

**Planning & Zoning:**

M. Dolny referenced an application from Glenpoint LLC for 150 W. Seventh Ave. Trappe, PA that will be going to the Zoning Hearing Board for setback relief. The Council feels its best to allow the Zoning Hearing Board to decide on the relief without taking a position. The neighbor's opinion is their greatest concern.

**Regional Planning:**

T. Pammer reported on the growth of the Trappe Housing Index, reported at 23.8%

**Public Works & CTMA:**

S. Strauss gave updated results of the well testing.

**Regional Sewer:**

Still waiting on the Generator install.

**Memorial Committee:**

Working with Ron Rahmer to develop guidelines for nominations for awards and recognition.

**Old Business:** M. Perlin asked to look at the need for additional staff within the office. Looking at need now and need later.

**New Business: None**

**Council entered Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 8:42, exiting at 9:00 with no action taken.**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 9:01PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**