

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 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 May 7th at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Mallory Perlin
Dave Davis
Julie Bechtel
Stu Strauss
Theresa Pammer

Also present:

Solicitor Dave Onorato
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Paul Schmoll
John Klink

Absent: Scott Martin, Erin Wismer, and Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 5/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

S. Kurcik spoke regarding a number of issues, and thanked the board for their service noting he understood they do not have an easy job. These items included his belief that is unfair that residents are required to repair curbing when the primary cause of damage is Borough appointed plow services, a number of other items that which he felt were the result of poor work from the Borough's Public Works Services and their leadership, and frustration in regards to the lack of cooperation given to the Borough from utility companies.

Comments were noted and M. Dolny stated that in regard to the curbing the board understands and is considering changes under the new 10-year program that will begin in 2025.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

As part of the report P. Schmoll reviewed the results of the 2024 Street Improvements Project Bid. There were five equitable bidders in total. It is the recommendation to award Innovative Construction Services for the Base Bid and Alternative totaling \$375,987.06 the lowest responsible bidder.

Motion to award to Innovative Construction Services, Inc. as presented:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/0

Also P. Schmoll reported that that only one bid was received for the Sisca Community Park and Garden. It is believed that with adjustments to the bid package and construction window we would see more favorable results.

Motion to reject all bids for the Sisca Community Park and Garden:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

The Applicant for the Subdivision and Land Development Project at 56 W. 7th Ave. met with Council to provide and update on the project. All applicable permits are in the works and they hope to come before Council in the next few months for final approval. Council members discussed with the applicant the Basin, Stormwater BMP to be placed in Rambo Park, and efforts regarding stormwater removal for the area.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2024, along with a bill list for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and checks 1704-1741 for payment totaling \$493,843.19

Motion to pay the bills as listed, with requesting clarification Playground Mulch purchased for Rambo Park from River Valley:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,151.51.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2024, for the Escrow Fund checks number 1052-1053 in the amount of \$13,481.75.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: S. Strauss Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented financial reports for review.

Mayor's Report: NO REPORT

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny opened a public hearing for the Conditional Use Application for 202 Kelso Circle, Installation of Solar Panels at 7:50PM.

M. Dolny stated the application has met all the conditions as outlined in the Trappe Borough Zoning Ordinance. Hearing no comments from any one in the audience and no further questions from Council:

A motion to close the public hearing at 7:51PM:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 5/0

A motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for 202 Kelso Circle:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented Council with RESOLUTION 2024-12, authorizing the closure of Main Street for the 2024 Dinner on Main.

A motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented Council with a proposal for Dutko Brothers Landscaping to provide service to Borough Hall and Rambo Park for 2024 in the amount of \$5,118.36

A motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny went over the Memorial Day Parade itinerary. It was noted that J. Bechtel, S. Martin, T. Pammer, and M. Perlin would all be involved in the event.

M. Dolny also presented Council with the permit request to serve alcohol in Water Works Park by Collegeville for approval.

A motion to approve:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: S. Strauss Approved: 5/0

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: S. Strauss Approved: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided for emergency services, and John Bolger gave an update on Fire Activities. M. Perlin spoke regarding the months transport numbers. S. Strauss asked for

clarification on Fire Spending over accounting services, and asked why there was still reimbursements to Freedom Valley. J. Bolger would get back to the board with those answers.

M. Dolny presented a current funding breakdown of Fire Services and the Capital Project.

Administrative Services:

M. Dolny announced Paul Stevens Resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board, stated that John Kochel would move from the Alternates Position to the Board and we will accept nominations for a new alternate.

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning:

Zoning Hearing Board to meet on May 13, 2024 regarding Lot 18 of the Castle Cove Subdivision located off of W. 7th Avenue.

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss gave updated results of the well testing, and discussed further the options and possible avenues for the future handling of forever chemicals in our water system.

Regional Sewer:

Still waiting on the Generator install, and the current audit shows they are meeting all discharge limits.

Memorial Committee:

Currently looking at adjusting the criteria for the Sisca Volunteer Award. No longer need to be a resident but the contributions you make must be in the best interest and directly effect the community of Trappe..

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Council entered Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:41, exiting at 9:12PM with no action taken.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:12PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny