

**MINUTES OF THE June 4, 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:

Scott Martin
Dave Davis
Mallory Perlin
Stu Strauss
Theresa Pammer
Erin Wismer (7:01)
Mayor Matthew Wismer (7:07)

Also present:

Solicitor Dave Onorato
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Paul Schmoll

Absent: Julie Bechtel

Also in Attendance:

Applicants for Fugo, Moore Snear Ruggiero, Valley Forge Tourism, and Visitors

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the May 7, 2024, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Samantha Cole gave updates on the efforts of Valley Forge Tourism within the County and informed the Council and those in attendance what they were doing and offering, with focuses on Dining, the Arts, and Events. M. Dolny inquired about planning for America 250 and how local businesses can get involved. They are in the early stages of planning for that and committee's are just being formed.

L. Rebstock spoke to Council in regards to trailers being parked on Williams Way and asked the board to consider an amendment to the ordinance. No action was taken.

M. Wittman said that the brush on the FUGO property is growing over the road. The Applicant for FUGO was in attendance and stated it would be taken care of immediately.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

Applicant and Representatives for FUGO Subdivision and Land Development were present asking Council for Consideration for approval. Members of Council expressed concern that letter's were still not clean, although Borough staff noted that comments were minor and the County's review letter was in error, actually comments were minor and easily complied with. D. Onorato stated that they would not be able to give the conditional approval regardless as a RESOLUTION would need to be prepared as well as the necessary agreements.

M. Dolny stated that the Council could authorize the preparation of the needed documents which would allow for the final clean up and letters. M. Dolny also clarified the additional information to be included in HOA docs regarding properties located in the flood plain.

D. Davis asked if there was a time frame once a RESOLUTION was prepared, which was clarified there was no time limit nor did the document mean anything until adopted and signed.

M. Perlin expressed concern due to the large number of times the plan has been revised and resubmitted. S. Strauss felt it was better to hold off on any further movement until all letters were clean. Stating that was the only way to have his vote.

D. Onorato expressed there was zero risk to the Borough to authorize the needed documents and the necessary RESOLUTION.

Motion to authorize the preparation of the RESOLUTION and related documentation needed for the FUGO submission:

Moved: E. Wismer Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/1

Roll Call vote as follows:

T. Pammer: Yes

E. Wismer: Yes

D. Davis: Yes

S. Strauss: No

M. Perlin: Yes

S. Martin: Yes

Applicant and Representatives for Moore, Snear, & Ruggiero Land Development were present asking Council for Consideration for approval of the waivers and preliminary/ final approval of their expansion plan. The applicant also asked for consideration to waive the need for Land Development Agreements and posting of Financial Security due to the nature of the application.

Council was hesitant due to setting a precedent, D. Onorato stated it was not something we had ever done before. M. Dolny noted that this does not include any public space and the nature of the work does not meet traditional Land Development. The expansion separate from the modifications to the building would have been done with simple permits. Was just slightly over the threshold for Land Development.

Motion to prepare the needed RESOLUTION with waivers and Agreements for Stormwater only:

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

The Applicant for the Subdivision and Land Development Project at 56 W. 7th Ave. met with Council to provide an 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:

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated May 31, 2024, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for check issuance for payment totaling \$1,441,403.29

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: S. Strauss Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer’s Report dated May 31, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,152.90.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated May 31, 2024, for check issuance for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$11,981.50.

A motion was requested to the pay bill as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 6/0

Mayor’s Report:

Participated in the Memorial Day Parade and was honored to speak at their Remembrance Celebration.

Borough Manager’s Report:

M. Dolny announced that Historic Trappe was awarded the full \$250,000 Grant through Montco 2040 for Speakers House Renovations. This was the grant the Borough co-sponsored with them.

M. Dolny noted that next Tuesday the 11th of June they would hold a public meeting to discuss the possible installation of traffic calming measures on Cherry, Holly, and Ash.

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: S. Strauss Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided for emergency services, and John Bolger gave an update on Fire Activities.

Administrative Services:

M. Dolny announced he received a letter from George Hankins expressing interest to be appointed to the vacant Zoning Hearing Board position.

A motion to appoint George Hankins as the alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

S. Martin noted that we would be looking to identify a 10 year Road plan and along with that should start to look at a 5 year strategic plan for the Borough.

M. Dolny expressed a desire to bring on a seasonal employee again this summer which Council had no objection to.

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation:

Next meeting for Trappe Day is June 11th at 5:00PM

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis reported that SB1095 was being pushed on the floor focusing on rent control. There would be no movement of the Homeless Encampment to Skippack after pushback, and progress was made for a tax reduction on income at the state level.

Street & Development:

E. Wismer stated that she has looked into the request for an additional street light on Williams Way but didn't feel it needed immediate action. Will continue to monitor.

Planning & Zoning:

Was reported that the Zoning Hearing Board voted in favor of the Castle Cove Application in regard to lot 18.

Regional Planning:

Currently reviewing the Transportation portion of the upcoming Montco 2050 Plan

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss gave update from the CTMA and Public works meetings and provided reports. Stated there has been positive progress on future of water sourcing. Looking at \$38,000.00 for infrastructure mapping.

Discussing with Colledgeville a possible 3rd party review of Water sourcing options and how to handle forever chemical limits.

Regional Sewer:

Still waiting on the Generator install, issue is acquiring a switch.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Council entered Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:07, exiting at 9:25PM with no action taken.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:26PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny