

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 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
Julie Bechtel
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Also present:

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

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Applicants for Fugo, Moore Snear Ruggiero, and Bronson Circle, Friendship Ambulance, and Visitors

Amendment to the Agenda and Announcement of executive session, litigation:

D. Onorato asked for the Council to add to the agenda the consideration of joining a Class Action lawsuit against 3M, Dupont, and Tyco under new business, as inclusion is time sensitive:

Motion to approve the addition:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the June 4, 2024, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

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

PUBLIC FORUM/AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

George Gilliano, Director and Operations Chief of Friendship Ambulance appeared before Council. The Borough Council is doing its due diligence regarding EMS service as the work to complete the new Fire House, which will include EMS quarters, progresses towards completion. Council asked for Friendship to give a proposal of their services for review. Council received the presentation asking for clarification regarding number of ALS and BLS units available throughout the day, roles and connections to Royersford Fire Company, how the distribution of coverage for calls would be handled with a larger coverage area.

G. Gilliano noted that at a minimum there are three units (crews) available in the area to respond to calls, spoke regarding the nature of their operations model, and gave a presentation that was distributed to the board.

It was noted that the cost would be \$45 per household, and that would result in a contribution model that would yield “membership” to all residents. It was noted there was concern over if bigger truly would be the better model and being upfront G. Gilliano stated that Friendship Ambulance would only look to stage at the future Trappe Station if the call volume warranted and financially allowed for it.

Fire Chief Mike Risell noted that Friendship currently serves as Upper Providences EMS provider and stated that they are satisfied with the relationship and services provided.

S. Martin was grateful for the information presented by Friendship and note that ideally the Board would be reviewing that information along with other options before any decisions were made, but ideally would hope to do so by next month.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

After the Engineer’s Report, M. Dolny asked for the Council to approve the second Escrow Reduction for 803. W. Main Street in the amount of \$42,923.91.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 7/0

RESOLUTION 2024-12 Final Plan Approval for PRDC PROPERTIES, LLC for Subdivision and Land Development of 153 Clahor Avenue and 126 & 240 West Third Ave., better known as the FUGO Property was presented for consideration. M. Dolny noted that the applicant has received clean letters from our office, the County, and for Water & Sewer. S. Strauss did ask what would happen if they can meet the proposed grading, as it was clarified that it would require amending and revisiting the approval of the plans.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2024-12:

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

RESOLUTION 2024-13 Preliminary/Final Plan approval for Moore, Snear, & Ruggiero Land Development was presented to Council for Consideration for approval of the waivers and preliminary/ final approval of the expansion plan.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2024-13 and noted waivers included within:

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

The Applicant for the Bronson Circle met with Council to provide an update on the plan. Discussion regarding the inclusion of an emergency access road that would be looked upon as a trail joining two communities to meet the open space requirement, receiving dedication of the roadway but the repair and maintenance of the culvert would remain the responsibility of the Homeowners Association, and acknowledgement of the installation of sidewalk to 113. Council was amenable to the discussed terms and the applicant will now move forward with resubmission.

Treasurer’s Report:

J. Klink presented the bill list dated June 30, 2024, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 1763 – 1786 for payment totaling \$618,952.30.

S. Strauss asked that we were still financially ok with the Fire House and S. Martin asked for confirmation that the candy bill was for the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

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

J. Klink presented the bill list dated June 30, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,154.07.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

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

J. Klink presented the bill list dated June 30, 2024, for check #1056 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$15,263.00.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 7/0

Mayor’s Report:

No Report

Borough Manager’s Report:

M. Dolny presented RESOLUTION 2024-14 a record of document destruction as in accordance the Municipal Records Manual Approved December 16, 2008 and Amended March 28, 2019.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2024-14:

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

S. Martin asked about digital retention, M. Dolny stated the office is already in the process of going towards that.

It was noted that during the public meeting to discuss the possible installation of traffic calming measures on Cherry, Holly, and Ash, that based off of the residents comments additional traffic calming measures would be installed on Holly and the area will be reevaluated in 6 months after installation.

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

Borough Solicitor: No Report

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided for emergency services, S. Martin noted that the committee toured the progress of the construction for the Fire House. Hoped to have an opportunity for all interest Council Members to do so in the future. Also noted that he met with regional leadership regarding future use and implementation of a COG.

Administrative Services: No Report

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis reported on legislation regarding the state looking to controlling zoning for communities of over 5,000 population. Although, unlikely to be approved will continue to monitor. D. Davis also noted a Supreme Court Ruling in Oregon regarding law restricting and/or prohibiting encampments on publicly owned land.

Motion to have D. Onorato research and make a recommendation for possible action regarding an Ordinance to address encampments on publicly owned land:

Moved: M. Perlin

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 7/0

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning:

There will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on July 24th regarding relief for side yard setbacks for an addition at 313 Nicholas Lane. M. Dolny reviewed the request and stated to Council he fails to see how the applicant has a hardship, nor has the applicant spoke to our office. They went directly to Zoning Hearing. M. Dolny believes this is to accommodate the design and feels the setbacks can be met by redesigning the space.

Motion to have D. Onorato attend and oppose:
Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 7/0

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss discussed with Council current requests and measures being taking to handle the new PFOS/PFAS limits set by the EPA.

Regional Sewer: No Report

Memorial Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

D. Onorato informed those in attendance that the Borough of Trappe has the opportunity to enter into a class action lawsuit in regards to the existence of PFOS/PFAS and the companies who are being held responsible. The Council would enter into executive session to discuss further the particulars and options.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:08, exiting at 9:15PM with the following action taken.

Motion to join the Class Action Lawsuit against 3M, Dupont, and Tyco:

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

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:17PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny