

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 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 Aug. 6th at 7:01 PM.

Those present were:

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

Also present:

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

Absent: Erin Wismer, Stu Strauss

Also in Attendance:

Visitors

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: T Pammer Approved: 5/0

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:

After the Engineer's Report, M. Dolny asked for the Council to approve the third Escrow Reduction for 803. W. Main Street in the amount of \$126,419.29.

Motion to approve:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny presented the Bid Tabulations received for Sisca Community Park and Garden. Three in total, the lowest bidder was not a responsible bid and rescinded their submission. The lowest responsible and vetted bidder was Bartlett Inc. in the amount of \$1,660,167.00 which includes Alternates 1 and 2.

Motion to award the contract to Bartlett with Alternates 1 and 2:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 5/0

In relation to the capital construction project of the new Firehouse, M. Dolny presented change order #1, installation of a sub electrical panel and change order #2, installation of air lines in the engine bay. Change order #1 totaled \$6,616.80 and change order #2 totaled \$3,852.00.

Motion to approve Change order 1 & 2:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the bill list dated July 31, 2024, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 1788 – 1820 for payment totaling \$1,027,439.78.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the bill list dated July 31, 2024, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,171.74.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the bill list dated July 31, 2024, for check #1057 and 1058 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$8,033.25.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

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

J. Klink provided all monthly reports

Mayor's Report:

Had the privilege with his family to host first You Pick Sunflower Day.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny Spoke to Council regarding a hazard relating to a hidden driveway and presented a possible solution involving sensors. Council was open to further discussion and instructed M. Dolny to meet and discuss with the property owner.

Previously E. Wismer asked the manager about a digital option for the meeting and information packets presented to Council. M. Dolny spoke with our IT provider and they gave a quote or \$4,980.00 to provide 8 tablets for Council Member use and full installation of all necessary programs.

Motion to approve:

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

M. Dolny presented the ASA Application and authorization RESOLUTION 2024-16 for Julie and Brian Bechtel, 250 E. 3rd Avenue.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2024-16 and grant ASA approval:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 4/0

J. Bechtel recused herself due to ownership in the property.

M. Dolny stated that he had identified a list of potential properties for application for inclusion on the National Historic Register. The next step would be to issue letters to them and discovery of desire for inclusion.

M. Dolny also gave an update on the America 250 celebration and said that a representative of the Borough was requested for the events committee. T. Pammer will serve as the representative for Trappe.

M. Dolny provided the Council with his targeted project and activities list to help assist with the creation of a directional future plan for the Borough.

Council considered RESOLUTION 2024-15 delegating representatives to Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee. Scott Martin and Marcus Dolny will serve in this capacity.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2024-15:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

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

Borough Solicitor:

D. Onorato informed Council that they have opted into the lawsuits in relation to PFAS/PFOS chemicals in the water systems. Also that he had researched the regulations currently regarding camping and encampments in Trappe and will draft further legislation to strengthen our enforcement.

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: M. Perlin Seconded: J. Bechtel Approved: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided for emergency services, S. Martin noted that the progress of the construction for the Fire House.

Council further discussed the future of Ambulance services in Trappe Borough. Trappe has currently been serviced by Skippack and in July Council was given a presentation from Friendship Ambulance. Council acknowledged a letter received from Albert Vagnozzi an Upper Providence resident urging and suggesting the use of Friendship Ambulance. Despite these

efforts and the recognition of a fine organization in Friendship Ambulance Council feels it is in the best interest of Trappe and servicing the surrounding neighbor hoods to proceed with Skippack.

Motion to instruct M. Dolny and D. Onorato to work to prepare a 5 year agreement with Skippack to serve as the first due Ambulance:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 4/0

M. Perlin recused herself due to involvement with Skippack Ambulance as the current Trappe Borough representative on their Board.

Administrative Services: No Report

Business & Property: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Public Affairs & Legislation: No Report

Street & Development: No Report

Planning & Zoning:

M. Dolny will work to identify needed adjustments to SALDO.

Regional Planning: No Report

Public Works & CTMA:

M. Perlin discussed with Council current efforts 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: None

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:34PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny