

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department**

**Trappe Borough Hall
Trappe, Pennsylvania
December 18, 2024**

Chairwoman McKinney called the Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department meeting to order on the above date at 7:27 PM. Members present were Mr. Strauss, Mrs. Beckius, Mrs. McKinney, Mr. Farr and Mr. Borrelli. Ms. Perlin was absent. Also present were attorneys Thomas Dyer of Hladik, Onorato & Federman, LLP, and Kailie Melchior of Kilkenny Law, LLC, the engineer, Matt Boggs, of Entech Engineering and the Director, Joseph Hastings.

The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES:

Mr. Strauss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2024, as presented. Mrs. Beckius. Farr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Boggs presented the Engineer's Report to the committee and is attached herewith.

There was no update for the Castle Cove project.

The engineer reported that construction is underway at the Fugo project.

There was no update for the Bronson Circle project.

Mr. Boggs reported that construction is underway for the 56-62 Seventh Ave Development project.

The engineer reported that they have begun incorporating data from North Penn Water Authority, Aqua and Pennsylvania American as potential interconnections into the Hydraulic Water Model for use in the PFAS Study.

Mr. Boggs reported on the progress of the PFAS Treatment or Interconnection Study. He discussed the pressure issues with the potential interconnections and the cost estimate variables to purchase the water through the interconnections. There are also complications with the methods of disinfection when considering the interconnections. There are zoning issues as well that need to be considered. He stated that the interconnections should be considered for drought situations. There was a conversation about some of the newer technologies also available. Mr. Strauss raised concern about funding this project as Trappe Borough is unable to get another loan. There was a suggestion about creating an authority to float bonds to fund the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Farr presented the Victory Bank's check register which is attached herewith. The beginning balance on the check register as of November 20, 2024, was \$311,379.49 deposits were \$371,706.49 and disbursements were \$375,234.21 leaving an ending balance of \$307,851.77 on December 17, 2024. Mr. Farr motioned to approve check numbers 2060 through 2091, all EFTs and journal entries. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Farr motioned to invest the maturing investment next week into a 12 month Term product. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Farr reviewed the updated draft budget which includes the boroughs' approved rate increase of 15%. Mrs. Beckius motioned to approve the revised budget for 2025. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Farr reviewed the other financial reports which are attached herewith.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hastings presented and reviewed the Director's Report to the Committee and is attached herewith.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dryer reported that the PFAS class action suit is still in review status.

Mrs. Beckius made a motion to approve the Business Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Strauss, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Director distributed a list of meeting dates for 2025. The meeting dates were agreed upon and will be advertised.

The Director presented the 2024 audit cost estimate, in the amount of \$9,200.00. Mr. Strauss motioned to engage Styer & Associates for the 2024 audit. Mr. Farr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM to an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion McKinney, Chairwoman

Darryl Borrelli, Secretary