

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

**Trappe Borough Hall
Trappe, Pennsylvania
February 25, 2025**

Chairwoman Perlin called the Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department meeting to order on the above date at 7:10 PM. Members present were Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Beckius, Mr. Farr, Mr. Strauss and Ms. Perlin. Mr. Borrelli arrived late. Also present were attorneys Rebecca Geiser of Kilkenny Law, LLC, and Dave Onorato of Hladik, Onorato & Federman, LLP, the engineer, Matt Boggs, of Entech Engineering and the Director, Joseph Hastings.

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

MINUTES:

Mrs. McKinney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 28, 2025, as presented. Mr. Strauss 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 on the Castle Cove project.

The engineer reported punch lists are being prepared for both the Fugo Tract Development and for 56-62 Seventh Ave Development.

The water modeling has been completed and copies will be provided to the Director.

There was no update on the Bronson Circle Development project.

Mr. Boggs presented a EWO for Phase Two of the Service Line Inventory, which is being required by the DEP. Mrs. McKinney motioned to approve the work order. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The engineer presented the addendum items for the PFAS Treatment. A lengthy conversation ensued.

Mr. Borrelli arrived during the PFAS Treatment conversation at 7:36 PM.

Ms. Perlin suggested that selling the water system should be considered and Mr. Strauss agreed. Both Mrs. McKinney and Mr. Farr disagreed. It was agreed that the engineer is to provide Present Worth Values for 30 and 40 years in addition to the 20 years previously calculated and was asked to update the Pros and Cons document.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Strauss presented the Victory Bank's check register which is attached herewith. The beginning balance on the check register as of January 28, 2025, was \$129,539.28 deposits were \$210,538.87 and disbursements were \$156,590.62 leaving an ending balance of \$183,487.53 on February 24, 2025. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve check numbers 2139 through 2173, all EFTs and journal entries. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hastings presented the Director's Report to the Committee and is attached herewith. The Director reported he has been working on secure pricing from electric suppliers as our contract ends at the end of the year. Mrs. McKinney motioned to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with an electric supplier. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Geiser reported that they are in contact with the union and are trying to schedule meeting dates for March for the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Director presented the board with costs for upgrading the current firewall hardware /software with ongoing monitoring and costs for creating a website. Mrs. McKinney made a motion to approve both, which was seconded by Mrs. Beckius and the motion passed unanimously. Costs for online bill payment were also reviewed and tabled as the website is required for it.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Traupman from 256 East Ninth Ave, Collegetville, asked for clarification from the engineer ensuring about one of the options being considered for PFAS treatment.

Mr. Hoffman from 51 Tenth Avenue, Collegetville, suggested when looking at how each of the treatment options for the PFAS would affect the rate payers that the three usage categories, low, average and high be looked at individually. He also suggested costs analysis for more than 20 year O&M and to include replacement costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM to an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Perlin, Chairwoman

Valarie Beckius, Secretary