

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

**Trappe Borough Hall
Trappe, Pennsylvania
April 22, 2025**

Chairwoman Perlin called the Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department meeting to order on the above date at 7:16 PM. Members present were Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Beckius, Mr. Farr, Mr. Strauss and Ms. Perlin. Mr. Borrelli was absent. 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 March 25, 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 a punch lists were provided to the contractor for the Fugo Tract Development and the items are currently being addressed.

Mr. Boggs reported that the additional addendums are being incorporated into the report for the PFAS Treatment and a final will be issued. A discussion ensued about the NPWA connection option.

The engineer reported connection scenarios have been incorporated into the water modeling and the deliverables will be provided to the Director.

Mr. Boggs reported the developer for the Bronson Circle Development project is closing on the property in May 2025, and a preconstruction meeting is anticipated shortly thereafter.

The engineer reported a punch list has been provided to the contractor for the 56-62 Seventh Ave Development and all the items have been addressed. Agreements are to be provided for execution.

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 March 25, 2025, was \$136,738.53 deposits were \$477,713.29 and disbursements were \$422,320.50 leaving an ending balance of \$192,131.32 on April 21, 2025. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve check numbers 2118 through 2258, all EFTs and journal entries. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss motioned to purchase a 2 year PLGIT CD with a maturity value not to exceed \$250,000, from the funds that mature tomorrow and the rest will be transferred into the Prime account. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A spreadsheet analyzing the water rates needed to fund the two most viable options in the PFAS Treatment report was present and reviewed.

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 the 2024 Annual Hydrogeologist and 2024 Water Audit Reports were completed and submitted to the DRBC. A one year contract for electric supply at a rate of \$.0715 /kWh was signed with IGS. Mr. Hastings also met with representatives from PA American Water and is supplying them with the information requested. A contract was executed with Pennoni to provide a peer review of the PFAS Treatment Options Report not to exceed \$3,500. The Director also stated he would like assess the viability of installing master meters for the shopping centers as their water lines are not dedicated and it is possible that water could be leaking within the property limits and that volume of water is not being capture for billing purposes. The Director will pursue this with the solicitors.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Geiser reported that there was a meeting with the union for the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations and would like to discuss this in executive session.

Mr. Onorato reported that he has received settlement information for the Class Action suit and he has begun reviewing the analysis and process for payments.

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:

There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Julie Bechtel from Trappe asked a few clarifying questions about the water rate analysis spreadsheet. She also inquired as to whether or not the Sewer System would be sold to PA American. The Director responded that they have not shown any interest in the sewer system.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM to an executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM. Mr. Strauss motioned to increase the Directors salary by 3.5% retroactive to January 1st, 2025. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Perlin, Chairwoman

Valarie Beckius, Secretary