

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2025
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council Vice President Mallory Perlin called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on June 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Mallory Perlin
Mayor Matthew Wismer
Julie Bechtel
Dave Davis
Theresa Pammer
Erin Wismer (7:03PM)

Also present:

Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Treasurer John Klink
Solicitor Thomas Dyer
Engineer Matt Rieger

Absent: - Stu Strauss, Scott Martin

Also in Attendance:

Visitors as recorded

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Trappe Borough Council met in executive session on May 22, 2025, to discuss personnel, the collect bargaining of the Public Works Union Contract. An additional session will be held at the end of tonight's meeting with possible action to be taken on the same matter.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the May 6, 2025 regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 4/0

PUBLIC FORUM-AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

B. Swartley Thanked the Council and the staff for their efforts that led to grants restoring and repairing sidewalks along Main Street, noting how all the businesses and residents will benefit.

B. Kelly asked about placing a memorial on a bench at Rambo park, M. Dolny noted that the first step was submitting a request and then the Memorial Committee would be in contact with him.

B. Kelly also asked about recycling of hazardous waste, which was noted is handled by the County.

H. Gustafson asked Council about the water quality and information regarding forever chemicals. M. Dolny explained that CTJPW is already completing testing and all water in our

system is currently under PA limits. The Council is very aware of the challenges ahead and are awaiting more information before making very costly decisions prior to moving forward. The Summer newsletter will feature detailed information and the office will look to provide more information and resources on our website directly for those who wish to follow the progress.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer:

2025 Streets Improvements

Sacks and Sons, Inc. has been awarded the 2025 Roadway Improvements contract. Improvements include milling and paving E 7th Avenue, select base repair determined upon milling, re-grading a 300' section near 237 E 7th Ave to eliminate excessive cross slopes, and stormwater improvements to alleviate drainage concerns near 347 E 7th Ave. Work is planned to take place between mid-June and mid-August.

A 10-Year Roadway Improvements and Maintenance Report was provided to the Borough. The Report forecasts recommended treatments to maintain local roads between 2025 and 2034.

MS4 - BMP (Best Management Practices) Design

MS4 Annual Tasks – Working with the Borough to complete MS4 tasks before June 30th.

MS4 PRP – Isett to look into potential MS4 credits for land developments that went above their required NPDES stormwater capacity holdings. Isett to provide office dates and time slots to be available for discussion with property owners about drainage improvements on Neborlea Way properties.

Sisca Community Park and Garden Phase

The restroom was delivered and placed on April 8th. The contractor has installed playground equipment, farm pump, the majority of sidewalks, the brick wall, trellis, and poured in place play surface paving. Ongoing tasks include submittal reviews, site progress and field meetings.

Main Street Restoration

NJS Concrete recently replaced sections of curb, sidewalk, and driveway aprons along Main Street to utilize the remaining MTF grant funds. A payment application for the replacement work through May 27, 2025, is included with this Report. We have reviewed the work completed against the requested amount and respectfully recommend authorization of payment.

RACP Firehouse – Isett Grants Assistance

BIA submitted the required documents to the Office of Budget for grant compliance and is currently awaiting final approval. Once confirmed, this will secure financial assurances and complete the compliance process.

Borough of Trappe – Firehouse

Construction Update below as of June 3, 2025:

- On May 5th, Gorski conducted a final walk-through with Trappe Borough to ensure all punch list items were addressed. The inspection confirmed that no additional work was needed, signaling the completion of all outstanding tasks.
- The one-year warranty for the slab-on-grade (SOG) expires in September 2025. Based on the flooring contractor's recommendation, wait through four full seasons before addressing any cracks that may emerge, ensuring a comprehensive repair strategy.
- The ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 17, 2025, was well attended and celebrated the successful completion of the project. BIA extends its gratitude to Trappe Borough, recognizing their collaboration and dedication to bringing this vision to life.
- Gorski is conducting a soils survey for the Soil Conservation District. The findings will be compiled into formal paperwork, which is set to be submitted in June 2025 as part of the Notice of Termination for the open permit. This step will finalize environmental compliance and formally close out the permit process.

M. Rieger also presented Council with Escrow Reduction #2 for BRINGHURST in the amount of \$30,273.60.

Motion to approve:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the bill list dated May 31, 2025, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 2069 – 2098 for payment totaling \$1,012,795.84.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: T. Pammer

Seconded: E. Wismer

Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2025, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,432.23.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the bill list dated May 31, 2025, for check #1081 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$11,903.50.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: J. Bechtel

Approved: 5/0

J. Klink provided all monthly reports

Mayor's Report:

M. Wismer attended the Grand Opening for Opulent Event Hall along with Borough Manager M. Dolny sponsored by the Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny informed Council that joint efforts with Historic Trappe have yielded a second maximum award of the Montco2040 Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to complete Speakers House restoration.

M. Dolny also spoke about discussion to create a regional group to be know Perkiomen 250 in correlation to America 250 celebrations. Focusing on marketing our region and promoting our events, attractions, and businesses.

A motion to approve a contribution not to exceed \$10,000.00 contingent that a regional effort is present with neighboring municipalities:

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

M. Dolny informed Council that the Electronics Recycling was a success and he's looking on hosting one every year.

M. Dolny also noted that they would be soliciting applications for a seasonal part time park attendant for Sisca Community Park and Garden.

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

Borough Solicitor:

T. Dyer asked for authorization to prepare and advertise an ordinance that will allow the Borough to recoup fees for delinquent tax bills.

Motion to approve:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/0

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: T. Pammer Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided to Council regarding last month's calls for Fire and Ambulance responses.

Administrative Services: No Report

Business & Property:

Business Information meeting was held on May 27th , the office is currently working on a pamphlet in order to reach additional businesses.

Finance Committee:

Main focus is reimbursement for RCAP Grant as the office continues to meet the requests of the Office of the Budget.

Parks & Recreation:

Grand Opening for Sisca Community Park and Garden June 22nd at 12 Noon, and the Water Fountain in Rambo Park has been replaced with an added feature for Trappe’s four legged residents. M. Dolny stated that issues brought to the office’s attention regarding the port-a-john have been addressed and a work order issued.

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis presented Council with a periodic legislation update occurring in Harrisburg focusing on initiatives that may have an impact on our residents or community

Street & Development:

E. Wismer just shared with Council as of June 1, 2025, the Paul Miller law is in effect. Also, she noted discussing with Rep. Webster that his office can assist residents with the recovery or getting copies of vital documents especially in association with REAL ID.

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Regional Planning:

T. Pammer noted Montgomery Planning Commission currently reviewing Housing and Future Land Use Visions for the Montco2050 plan.

Public Works & CTMA:

No fuller discussion beyond items under public comment. Expected information regarding future treatment of PFAS should be available in the next two months.

Regional Sewer: NO REPORT

Memorial Committee:

J. Bechtel stated they have received nominations for this year’s award and will begin the review and selection process for this year’s recipient of the Branden T. Sisca Volunteer Award.

Old Business:

- **Borough 5 Year Outlook - no action**

New Business: None

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:10 PM, concluding at 8:53 PM to discuss personnel, the acceptance and approval of the Union Contract.

Motion to approve:

Moved: E. Wismer

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny