

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

**Trappe Borough Hall
Trappe, Pennsylvania
August 26, 2025**

Chairwoman Perlin called the Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department meeting to order on the above date at 7:11 PM. Members present were Mr. Farr, Mr. Strauss, Ms. Perlin, Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Beckius. Mr. Borrelli was absent. Also present were attorneys James Gallagher of Kilkenny Law, LLC, and Thomas Dyer 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 July 22, 2025, as presented. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Jim Traupman of Ninth Ave, Collegetville, read a portion of an article he found on the internet in reference to the EPA's PFA and PFOA limits.

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.

There was no update on the Fugo Tract Development.

The engineer reported that he has been provided final plans, easements and construction costs estimates for the Bronson Circle Development. All the technical comments have been addressed.

There was no update on the 56-62 Seventh Ave Development.

Mr. Boggs reported that he and the Director met with the NPWA representatives to discuss the variables, including costs and capacity, which might go into an agreement. The site was visited and the wetlands were delineated. The path was walked in order to provide the surveyors adequate information. He distributed and reviewed a wetland memorandum. A joint permit with the DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers will be required due to the wetlands.

Rebecca Hayden, the Region IV Project Specialist for PENNVEST, was in attendance and she reviewed the terms and eligibility for the grants and loans available along with the application process and timelines. She confirmed that the capacity fees, which are required to be paid in order to receive the reduced water bulk rate, will also be eligible for funding. She strongly urged the board to consider creating an authority for future projects however it being too late for this now, she suggested having a financial management agreement with CTMA where the income of CTJPD is assigned to CTMA, and then having the application be submitted by CTMA. Mr. Boggs added that this would need to be decided sooner rather than later as the Permit applications will need to be applied for by CTMA as well.

Mr. Strauss would like to investigate other funding options such as loans and bonds, potentially extending out the funding to 30 years. Mrs. McKinney had concerns that this would impede on the engineers progress. Mr. Boggs stated there is time until the next EWO which he anticipates to be by the October meeting.

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 July 22, 2025, was \$167,088.06 deposits were \$1,363,897.34 and disbursements were \$1,355,293.84 leaving an ending balance of \$175,691.56 on August 25, 2025. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve check numbers 2381 through 2433, all EFTs and journal entries. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve the return of escrow for Stephen Riemer. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss motioned to purchase a 12 month PLGIT CD from the Prime account, with maturity values not to exceed \$250,000. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion and it 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 2025 Available Operators Report was filed with the DEP.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dyer reported that an email was received stating the next batch of payments for the class action lawsuit will be released soon.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Kathy Costello of East Third Ave, Collegeville, invited everyone to the Montgomery County proposed park planning which is being held at the Collegeville Fire House on October 8th at 6pm.

Ms. Heather Gustafson, of Gilbert Place, Trappe, stressed the importance of moving forward with a PFAS treatment resolution regardless of whether or not the EPA compliance date gets moved from 2029 to 2031. She urged the health aspect should be prioritized over the financial and the board should focus less on what has to be done and more on what is the right thing to do.

Elisabeth Blandin of West Main Street, Trappe, also expressed concerns that a decision and clear path has not yet been decided upon in reference to a PFAS treatment solution.

Ms. Bechtel of Third Ave, Trappe, commented that this process takes time and it is moving forward.

Mr. Boggs stated that from start to finish the NPWA interconnect project would take approximately three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM to an executive session for legal matters.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM.

Mr. Strauss motioned to direct the solicitors to research the option of a management agreement with CTMA for the Pennvest financing application process and also the possibility of forming an authority for future financing needs. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Perlin, Chairwoman

Valarie Beckius, Secretary