

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council President Scott Martin called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street, on September 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Scott Martin
Erin Wismer
Julie Bechtel
Dave Davis
Theresa Pammer
Mallory Perlin
Stu Strauss
Mayor Matthew Wismer

Absent: -

Also present:

Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Solicitor Dave Onorato

Also in Attendance:

Visitors as recorded

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session will be held at the end of tonight's meeting regarding personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the August 5, 2025, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

PUBLIC FORUM-AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Representatives from Pennsylvania State Police, Lt. Webb and Trooper Butler, spoke to the board and visitors in attendance. S. Strauss on behalf of the board commended the service PSP provides as well as thanks from those in the audience. State Police are still seeing a dip in recruitment for future officers but are happy to report there is no major crime. Scams and fraud are still biggest concern with theft. The officer's reminded those in attendance do not leave valuables in their cars or leave cars and/or homes unlocked. Those in attendance asked about police matters involving mental health and how that is handled along with what partnerships are utilized. Response times for priority incidents at worst is 10 minutes with lights and sirens, but it was clarified that an incident involving a school is all hands-on deck from all surrounding

agencies. Obviously, this is something we hope never happens, but PSP has gone through extensive training and are touching each school daily with patrols.

Lt. Webb encouraged residents to report to the Borough office issues or call them in, as use of Minibikes and ATVs are raising concerns over by Oak Road. The PSP are in Trappe daily and all matters are investigated. M. Dolny thanked the officers for their investigation and targeted enforcements over the last year.

Aileen, Perkiomen Valley Library, was in attendance. She updated the Council on upcoming events, new databases, updates on construction and the award of a grant to help with financing the work. Also happy to report on the official hire of a Youth Services Coordinator.

H. Gustafson asked about hoses around the building, which will be being removed shortly. Also, noted additional comments and concerns regarding the measures being taken in regard to the PFAS remediation efforts and how the financing for remediation measures will be addressed. Including clarification of grants and available funds.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer:

1. 2025 Streets Improvements

The E 7th Avenue stormwater improvements and paving project were substantially completed in July. Looking ahead, Isett will support the Borough in securing a long-term contract for roadway maintenance, guided by the 10-Year Roadway Improvements and Maintenance Report submitted to the Borough in late 2024.

2. MS4 - BMP (Best Management Practices) Design

Isett is preparing the draft MS4 report and appendix items for upload into the DEP's eReporting system. The Borough will have final review and approval of the Annual Report before submission, which is due by September 30th.

3. Sisca Community Park and Garden Phase

The project is pending receipt of the contractor's final documents and completion of DCNR's review in order to finalize the closeout.

4. Main Street Restoration

The DCED has approved the reimbursement requests for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Contracts C000076442 and C000082041, totaling \$673,933.00.

5. RACP Firehouse – Isett Grants Assistance

August 22, 2025, the Office of the Budget approved Payment request #1 in the amount of

\$2,597,344. Trappe and BIA will submit the remaining payment applications and canceled checks to the Office of Budget. The total RACP Reimbursement of \$3,446,875 is anticipated to be received in September 2025.

6. Borough of Trappe – Firehouse

- Gorski, Engine Bay Floors, and Trappe Firehouse staff will meet in mid-September to address the cold joint in slab between Apparatus and Administrative side of building.
- Gorski worked with Roof contractor to fix roof leak, which was addressed and repaired the week of August 11.
- A walk through took place on August 25 with the Montgomery Soil Conservation District to review Notice of Termination. Two items were noted to be completed.
 1. Cornell will reseal the outlet structure for the retention basin. needs to be resealed. Cornell will address
 2. 10 square/ft of area to be seeded, treated, and aerated. This will occur in mid-September during the ideal seeding time frame.

7. Perkiomen Flood Study Updates

Isett reviewed and provided comments to HRG for an undersized and impacted drainage culvert on West 3rd Avenue. This is the only Flood Study location located within the Borough. Once the planning report is approved and issued, the Flood Study locations will open the Municipalities for grant funding opportunities to conduct the mitigation improvements.

Treasurer’s Report:

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated August 30, 2025, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 2210 – 2234 for payment totaling \$162,529.04.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

M. Dolny presented the Treasurer’s Report dated August 30, 2025, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,416.07.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: E. Wismer Approved: 7/0

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated August 30, 2025, for checks #1084 and #1085 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$8,773.00.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: D. Davis Approved: 7/0

M. Dolny presented for J. Klink all the monthly reports provided.

Mayor’s Report:

M. Wismer met the new Managers for Trappe’s Dairy Queen and welcomed them to the community.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny spoke to the board regarding fireworks for 2026. He has spoken to surrounding businesses and discussed with St. Augustus, all in favor of the activity. M. Dolny stated he would recommend the 15-minute show at \$15,000, for September 26, 2026 with a rain date of the 27th.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss Seconded: T. Pammer Approved: 7/0

M. Dolny also updated Council on inclusion from Perkiomen and Upper Providence for the Perkiomen Valley 250 Initiative. They expect Lower Providence and Collegeville to follow.

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

Borough Solicitor:

D. Onorato presented RESOLUTION 2025-8 Preliminary Plan Approval for a minor subdivision of 181 W. 7th Avenue, with two waiver requests.

Motion to approve Waiver for section 295-12. G and section 295-H4c relating to road frontage and the shared driveway:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2025-8:

Moved: J. Bechtel Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: D. Davis Seconded: M. Perlin Approved: 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided to Council regarding last month's calls for Fire, Police, and Ambulance responses. It was noted that the Fire Company saw a 97% return rate for this year's fund drive, raising \$53,000.00. Also J. Bolger reminded everyone that the annual Cornhole Fundraiser was being held this weekend.

Administrative Services: NO REPORT

Business & Property: NO REPORT

Finance Committee: NO REPORT

Parks & Recreation:

J. Bechtel highlighted the great and consistent usage the Sisca Community Park has gotten and noted that it has truly become an attraction for not just Trappe but beyond our boundaries.

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis noted that there is legislation currently being discussed to provide rent control to modular home communities. This is happening due to excessive rent increases causing hardships for Seniors, locally occurring as close as Limerick.

Street & Development: NO REPORT

Planning & Zoning: NO REPORT

Regional Planning: NO REPORT

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss gave an update on the developments regarding future solutions and options for PFAS mitigation. Entech is working to finalize and develop plans. Trappe has started looking at funding options and it was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to continue the exploration of funding while solutions are explored so that there are no delays with either.

Regional Sewer: NO REPORT

Memorial Committee: NO REPORT

Old Business:

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

New Business: NONE

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:45 PM, concluding at 8:56 PM to discuss personnel, no action was taken.

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:57PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny

