

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 2025, at 7:01PM.

Those present were:

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

Also present:

Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Solicitor Dave Onorato
Treasurer John Klink

Absent: - Julie Bechtel

Also in Attendance:

Visitors as recorded

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the September 2, 2025, regular meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 5/0

PUBLIC FORUM-AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Representatives from the Montgomery County Prothonotary's Office spoke to Council regarding the Protection from Abuse Department and their new Hope Cards Program.

Spoke about the steps that need to be taken and how they are trying to ease the burden of applying for a PFA and then continue to offer resources and programs beyond that initial step.

More information will be provided and links to their resources to be shared on the Borough's Website.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer:

1. Road Improvements

W 5th Avenue is scheduled for milling and paving in 2026. Isett will support the Borough in securing a contract for roadway maintenance, guided by the 10-Year Roadway Improvements and Maintenance Report submitted to the Borough.

2. MS4 - BMP (Best Management Practices) Design

The Annual Report was submitted to DEP for review and approval.

3. Sisca Community Park and Garden Phase

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

4. RACP Firehouse – Isett Grants Assistance

August 22, 2025, the Office of the Budget approved Payment request #1 in the amount of \$2,597,344 and expected to be paid in October 2025. Office of the Budget recently informed Trappe and BIA (10/1) that release of payment from the treasury can take up to eight weeks from the date of approval. September 3, 2025 Payment request #2 was submitted and is currently under review by the Office of Budget for the remaining RACP Reimbursement in the amount of \$849,531.

The first Installment of \$2,597,344 was received on October 7, 2025.

5. Borough of Trappe – Firehouse

- Gorski will conduct an inspection to address the cold joint in slab between Apparatus and Administrative side of building once a year of the 4 seasons has passed.
- Gorski worked with Roof contractor to fix roof leak, complete in early August.
- A walk through took place on August 25 with the Montgomery Soil Conservation District to review Notice of Termination. Gorski completed the two items below..
 1. Outlet structure was sealed.
 2. 10 square/ft of area was seeded.

6. 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.

M. Dolny spoke on behalf of The Whitman's who have expressed concerns regarding the process and state of the FUGO Subdivision and Land Development. The correspondence

between the Whitman's and the Borough Office will be included in the official file for the development and kept on record with these minutes. M. Dolny has met with and expressed to the County for tighter review on the E&S measures that should be in place.

M. Dolny opened a Public Hearing for 338 Meadowview Solar, reviewed the documentation and reporting. Planning was unable to meet and due to the nature of install, Planning Commission Chairman moved the item to Council without rendering a recommendation. The Public Hearing was closed with the following action:

Motion to approve:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6/0

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the bill list dated September 30, 2025, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 2235 – 2266 for payment totaling \$364,857.00.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2025, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,415.38.

A motion to approve bills as listed:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: E. Wismer

Approved: 6/0

J. Klink presented the bill list dated September 30, 2025, for checks #1086 and #1087 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,568.50.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:

Moved: M. Perlin

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 6/0

J. Klink all provided monthly reports.

Mayor's Report:

M. Wismer noted his honor in participating in the 2025 Trappe Day, and being able to award our own President, Scott Martin with the Branden T. Sisca Volunteer Award. Also thanked M. Dolny and his staff for a wonderful event.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny spoke to Council about parking being abused on Williams Way as now a group of trucks with trailers have become permanent fixtures on the roadway. M. Dolny will work with E. Wismer and D. Onorato to address and recommend possible changes to the ordinance.

M. Dolny presented Council with a request to close Harvard Drive for College Woods Annual Community Day.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny discussed with Council and due to conflicts the November meeting will be moved to Wednesday November 12, 2025 at 7:00PM

M. Dolny stated that he was happy to report a breakthrough with SEPTA and PennDOT and that they would be meeting about a possible bus bump out in front of Borough Hall along with increase safety for pedestrian crossing.

M. Dolny discussed a possible future regional Planning Commission with Trappe, Collegeville, and Upper Providence giving us more insight into regional development and issues. The Council will be kept informed about the other communities' opinions of the idea.

M. Dolny also provided the Council with copies of proposed Right of Way Mapping changes in Upper Providence for review and if the wish to make comment.

2025 Payment in lieu of pension should be decided at the November meeting, salary and proposed figures sheet was given to Council for review.

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

Borough Solicitor:

No Report

Motion to accept professional reports as presented:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: E. Wismer

Approved: 6/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:

Reports were provided to Council regarding last month's calls for Fire, Police, and Ambulance responses. J. Bolger spoke about a very busy day for emergency services and updated Council on there efforts for a future truck purchase.

S. Martin spoke in regards to EMS, Skippack Emergency Medical Services has unfortunately been levied with some penalties from the IRS and with these issues looming without resolution in order for the Borough to be prepared for what is to come he suggests an RFP for services be placed in order to keep the Borough's options open and ready to move forward.

D. Greco, SEMS Chief, believes the matter will be cleared up soon and it was noted that we hope Skippack submits to the RFP for that exact reason.

Motion to approve the preparation and submittal of an RFP:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 5/0

M. Perlin abstain due to possible conflicts as she works with other Emergency Services.

Administrative Services:

The manager's agreement was brought before Council with a 4% raise for 2026.

Motion to approve:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6/0

M. Dolny informed Council that M. McHarg has completed her six month probationary period and with favorable standing. It is his recommendation that following her review, she is moved off of probation and granted the outlined compensation in her offer, an increase of \$0.50 per hour. A copy of her review will remain in her personnel file.

Motion to approve:

Moved: E. Wismer

Seconded: T. Pammer

Approved: 6/0

Business & Property:

S. Strauss asked about trees in front of Borough Hall, M. Dolny noted he's already looking into that.

Finance Committee: NO REPORT

Parks & Recreation:

M. Dolny noted what he felt was another very successful Trappe Day and said they will review this year's event as we look forward to planning next year's, also thanking all the volunteers who helped out.

Public Affairs & Legislation:

D. Davis spoke about a growing concern of the number of Data Centers popping up around the area. M. Dolny will look at our zoning ordinances to ensure safeguards are in place.

Street & Development: NO REPORT

Planning & Zoning: NO REPORT

Regional Planning:

Regional Comprehensive plan, MONTCO 2050 is now looking at future land use and the Flood Study in the final stages.

Public Works & CTMA:

S. Strauss reported Entech is working to finalize and develop plans. Trappe and Collegeville will create a subcommittee looking at funding options. More money was awarded through the filed settlement for the PFAS lawsuit and Entech will be pursuing an LSA grant.

Moving forward it seems we will not be receiving rental fees for the cell towers in 2026, and the billable rate for Public Works will be seeing increases.

Regional Sewer:

Billable rate for 2026 not increasing.

Memorial Committee:

M. Dolny noted that nominations for the 2026 awardee can be made to the Borough Office.

Old Business:

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

New Business: NONE

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny