

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

**Trappe Borough Hall
Trappe, Pennsylvania
September 23, 2025**

Chairwoman Perlin called the Collegetville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department meeting to order on the above date at 7:12 PM. Members present were Mr. Farr, Mr. Strauss, Ms. Perlin, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Beckius and Mr. Borrelli. 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 August 26, 2025, as presented. Mr. Borrelli 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 recommended approving the escrow release request for the security fund in the amount of \$307,801.25 for the Fugo Tract Development, leaving a balance of \$34,905.13. Mrs. McKinney motion to approve the release, Mr. Farr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The engineer reported that construction costs estimates for the Bronson Circle Development have been reviewed and anticipates that the Developer Agreements will be available for the next meeting.

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

Mr. Boggs reported that he anticipates the draft report for the NPWA investigation to be complete by the next meeting, excluding the survey. There was a meeting with North Penn during the last month. They did confirm that if for future regulation for micro plastics that they would be able to handle those as their current membrane system is at .1 micron. There is a meeting schedule with a contractor for the directional drilling to assess the job requirements, in respect to location, land area needed for equipment, and such. Since the directional drilling is done in rock, boring will need to be done on both sides of the Perkiomen Creek and in the creek; a proposal for this is expected for the next meeting. He also discussed existing and required easement needs. A Bog Turtle Phase I study will be required. He anticipates a proposal for the next meeting.

Mr. Borrelli expressed concern over the cost to purchase the water from North Penn, and inquired if it was possible to mix some of our well water with the bulk water from North Penn based on average concentrations of the PFAS and still meet the required standards. Mr. Farr felt it was unethical to mix clean water with contaminated water even if it does meet PA DEP & EPA requirements. Mr. Hastings explained it is not feasible as there is no way to blend it prior to it entering the system and testing is required at the entry points.

The engineer reported that aside from the Penn Vest grant, another grant, LSA - Local Share Account is also available. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve the EWO for the LSA grant application in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Strauss introduced Jamie Schlesinger from PRF Financial Advisors LLC. Mr. Schlesinger discussed several potential financing options to fund the PFAS treatment project. It was agreed to form a financing committee to meet with him and review the options in detail.

Mrs. McKinney stated we should be proactive in making the Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department a legal entity in anticipation of the financing needs for the PFAS treatment, in respect to reviewing the option of becoming an Authority.

Mr. Strauss presented the Victory Bank's check register which is attached herewith. The beginning balance on the check register as of August 26, 2025, was \$175,691.56 deposits were \$156,005.15 and disbursements were \$162,956.39 leaving an ending balance of \$168,740.32 on September 22, 2025. Mr. Strauss motioned to approve check numbers 2434 through 2471, 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 stated he would move the funds from the maturing investment on October 1st, into the Prime account.

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. He reported that the DEP's performed their triennial inspection of the water system; the report is expected to be available by the next meeting.

The Director presented three quotes for the office roof replacement. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the roof replacement project and accept the quote received from Volpe Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$15,765, the cost of which is to be shared with CTJPD. Mrs. Beckius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Onorato reported that the second payment for the PFAS class action lawsuit has been received in the amount of \$789,659.41.

Ms. Geiser reported she has been in contacted with Penn Vest and she will discuss the details with the financial subcommittee.

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:

Mr. Hastings present data on employee costs and recommended that the hourly rates charged to the boroughs for labor be increased from \$45 to \$55 an hour and for mowing from \$30 to \$35 an hour.

While discussing budgeting it was also agree to notify the boroughs that it is unlikely to be a cell site distribution next year.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Perlin, Chairwoman

Valarie Beckius, Secretary