

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

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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 DECEMBER 2, 2025, at 7:00PM.

**Those present were:**

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

**Also present:**

Borough Manager Marcus Dolny  
Engineer Paul Schmoll  
Solicitor Dave Onorato

**Absent:** - Julie Bechtel, Erin Wismer

**Also in Attendance:**

Visitors as recorded

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the November 12, 2025, regular meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: T. Pammer**

**Approved: 5/0**

**PUBLIC FORUM-AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Borough Engineer:**

**1. Streets and Sidewalks**

Isett can support the Borough in securing a contract for roadway maintenance, guided by the 10-Year Roadway Improvements and Maintenance Report. W 5th Avenue is scheduled for milling and paving in 2026. All other local roads are scheduled for maintenance over the next 10 years to improve longevity and reduce long-term costs.

The Borough's 2-year concrete contract with Drumheller Construction is ending at the end of 2025. If the Borough desires to continue with this program, Isett can support the Borough in securing a concrete contract.

**2. MS4 Program**

Reviews and comments from DEP on annual reports will be delayed due to the shutdown. No communication with DEP at this time.  
Isett scheduling quarterly MS4 meeting with the Borough to review on-going initiatives, and permit items for 2026.

**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.

**5. RACP Firehouse – Isett Grants Assistance**

Awaiting team member from the Risk & Compliance Unit to reach out to conduct a close out audit.

**6. Borough of Trappe – Firehouse**

No Update

**7. Perkiomen Flood Study Updates**

Isett reviewed and provided comments to HRG for an undersized and impacted drainage culvert on West 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

J. Klink presented the bill list dated November 28, 2025, for two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit and listed bills for checks 2289 – 2314 for payment totaling \$121,911.07.

**Motion to pay the bills as listed:**

**Moved: T. Pammer                      Seconded: S. Strauss                      Approved:5/0**

J. Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated November 28, 2025, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of \$2,415.72.

**A motion to approve bills as listed:**

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

J. Klink presented the bill list dated November 28, 2025, for checks #1090 and #1091 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$2,620.00.

**Motion to pay the bills as listed:**

**Moved: S. Strauss                      Seconded: T. Pammer                      Approved: 5/0**

J. Klink also provided monthly reports.

**Mayor's Report:**

M. Wismer noted he would be swearing in a new Fire Police Officer, and was looking forward to taking part with Historic Trappe's annual lighting of the Christmas Tree.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

M. Dolny presented Council with the 2026 Holidays and Meeting Dates

**Motion to approve as presented:**

**Moved: S. Strauss                      Seconded: M. Perlin                      Approved: 5/0**

M. Dolny presented the Council with last years Donations, for consideration of the 2026 Donations:

**Motion to approve the following donations:**

- Perkiomen Valley Library \$2000.00**
- Historic Trappe \$3000.00**
- Branden Sisca Foundation \$1,000.00**
- Keystone Grange \$750.00**
- Community Music School \$750.00**
- Family Services Montgomery County \$1,000.00**
- Daily Bread Food Pantry \$1,000.00**
- Trappe Volunteer Fire Company Medical Supplies \$500.00**

**Moved: S. Strauss                      Seconded: T. Pammer                      Approved:5/0**

M. Dolny Asked Council for approval to close the year out as needed.

**Motion to allow M. Dolny and J. Klink close the 2025 budget year out, not to exceed \$50,000.00 in expenditures:**

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

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

**Borough Solicitor: NO REPORT**

**Motion to accept professional reports as presented:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: D. Davis**

**Approved: 5/0**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Traffic and Safety:**

Reports were provided by the J. Bolger for the Fire Company, including participation in the Limerick Drill and resolving training concerns with Upper Providence for water rescue.

M. Dolny presented Council with proposals for Freedom Valley and Friendship Emergency Medical Services to provide for the Borough of Trappe.

Freedom Valley would respond primarily from Limerick at a cost of \$72,000.00 and provide the Borough with a seat on the Board. This would be an initial two year term.

Friendship would respond 50% of the time from Trappe Fire Station and 50% from Black Rock Road in Upper Providence at a cost of \$100,000.00 on an annual term.

Both offers give memberships to the entire community based on the contribution, paid semiannually.

S. Strauss said having someone in the fire station during peak times is important for the community. D. Onorato noted that the primary backing for Freedom Valley was Limerick and Lower Salford which he would expect would garner them priority.

B. Long a board member for Freedom Valley spoke on their behalf and stated that he truly believed as a resident of Trappe that Freedom Valley would be an excellent choice and a cost savings to the community. J. Bolger spoke on behalf of the Fire Company, stating they have a strong working relationship with both and wouldn't prefer one over the other.

M. Dolny, noting the time constraint to the end of the year had prepared RESOLUTIONS appointing each organization should Council choose to take action.

**Motion was made to appoint Friendship Ambulance approving RESOLUTION 2025-10:**

**Moved: S. Strauss**

**Seconded: D. Davis**

**Approved: 4/0**

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

**Administrative Services: NO REPORT**

**Business & Property: NO REPORT**

**Finance Committee:**

**Motion was made approving RESOLUTION 2025-11 Approval of the presented 2026 Budget:**

**Moved: M. Perlin                      Seconded: D. Davis                      Approved: 5/0**

**Motion was made approving RESOLUTION 2025-12 affirming the Tax Rate for 2026:**

**Moved: S. Strauss                      Seconded: M. Perlin                      Approved: 5/0**

**Motion was made approving RESOLUTION 2025-13 Closing out the 2025 Budget Year:**

**Moved: S. Strauss                      Seconded: M. Perlin                      Approved: 5/0**

**Parks & Recreation:**

M. Dolny stated the Borough of Trappe has received an additional \$354, 871.00 towards the Sisca Community Park and Garden from DCNR ARPA Grant Funding

**Public Affairs & Legislation: NO REPORT**

**Street & Development: NO REPORT**

**Planning & Zoning: NO REPORT**

**Regional Planning:**

Reorganization meeting will be January 19, 2026 the Borough will need to appoint a new representative.

**Public Works & CTMA:**

S. Strauss reported the next meeting is December 17th. Entech has a work order on the table for \$150,000.00.

**Regional Sewer: NO REPORT**

**Memorial Committee: NO REPORT**

**Old Business:**

- **Williams Way Parking**

**New Business: NONE**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**