**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2026**
**MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council Vice President Ben Ratkiewicz called to order the regular meeting of Trappe Borough Council, held at the Borough Hall at 525 W. Main Street and broadcasted via Zoom, on June 2, 2026, at 7:00PM.

**Those present were:**
Liz Cady (Virtual)
Ben Ratkiewicz
Stu Strauss
Eric Fabiszewski
Heather Gustafson
Scott Martin
Mayor Heather Blumenthal

**Also present:**
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Paul Schmoll
Solicitor Mark Plachta

**Absent: Mallory Perlin**

**Also in Attendance:**
Visitors as recorded

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

There will be a brief executive session with no expected formal action to follow regarding possible litigation.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 2026, meeting:

**Motion to approve the minutes:**
**Moved: S. Strauss** **Seconded: H. Gustafson** **Approved: 6/0**

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

- Bev Weinberg from Integrate for Good introduced herself to council and explained that the organization works with those with an IDD designation, helping prepare them for the future through programming and meaningful employment.

- George Gilliano updated Council on EMS Services in the Borough and announced that as of June first Friendship Ambulance is operating 24 hours, 7 days a week out of the Trappe Station. So far, they have responded to 110 calls in 2026 out of that station.

- Questions were asked regarding the proposed flag ordinance, which M. Dolny noted that there is no proposed flag ordinance nor is one even being discussed at this time.

- Residents from Oak Road discussed concerns about driving ATVs and Dirt Bikes on Borough Roads and activities such as underage driving that prove to be a danger to the community and in their opinion affect quality of life. They asked about police coverage in the Borough to help with these issues. M. Dolny will reach out to State Police to discuss options.

- T. Pammer spoke on the HRC proposal, and it was noted no action was taking place at this time and that the matter would be further looked at in committee.

- Representation from the County announced to Council the availability of a funding opportunity of $500.00 to support America 250 events.

## STAFF REPORTS:

## Borough Engineer:

### 1. Streets and Sidewalks

A.H. Cornell & Son, Inc. was awarded the West 5th Avenue Improvements Contract. The overall value of the contract is $301,591.10. It includes milling and paving of W 5th Ave (Base Bid), a sidewalk connection between the Firehouse and W Main Street (Alternate 1) and replacing two (2) ADA ramps at W 5th Avenue and Main St (Alternate 2).

Cornell plans to mobilize on Wednesday, May 26th. ADA ramp replacements and curb and sidewalk installations will occur first. Paving is tentatively planned for the week of June 15th.

The Borough received a PennDOT ARLE grant for $120,640 to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at the emergency signalized intersection of W 5th Avenue and W Main Street. Isett can assist with the development of traffic signal plans and facilitation with PennDOT.

### 2. MS4 Program

1. MS4 Annual Tasks – updated progress check on completed tasks for annual report being made, with email summary for Borough Manager 1st week of June. Copies of community outreach and postings for collection events, terminology education, earth day and event with local girl scout troop.

2. Floodplain Mitigation Grant – after further discussions, decision to not submit application for feasibility grant at this time. Project location requires coordination and agreements with property owners, which are unattainable at this time. Isett will continue to seek other funding opportunities.

3. Borough GIS Mapping – Isett to schedule meeting in June to meet with Manager and review mapping updates, along with final reporting for DEP.

### 3. SEPTA Bus Bump out

In the planning stages with SEPTA and PennDOT. Met with PennDOT and SEPTA last month to discuss the project. Reviewing funding grant options for the project.

**4. 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 presented ESCROW Reductions #3 & #4, for Bronson Circle LLC in the amount of $456,587.06

**Motion to approve:**
**Moved: S. Martin** **Seconded: L. Cady** **Approved: 6/0**

**Treasurer's Report**:

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated May 29, 2026, for two payrolls, direct charges, and a complete bills list for checks 2473 – 2500 for payment totaling $492,667.24. S. Strauss asked if the mailbox was related to snow damage and S. Martin asked for clarification on the tent purchase.

**Motion to pay the bills as listed:**
**Moved: S. Strauss** **Seconded: S. Martin** **Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated May 29, 2026, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of $2,434.12.

**A motion to approve bills as listed:**
**Moved: L. Cady** **Seconded: S. Martin** **Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny presented the bill list dated May 29, 2026, for check 1099 for the Escrow Fund in the amount of $10,561.25

**Motion to pay the bills as listed:**
**Moved: S. Strauss** **Seconded: H. Gustafson** **Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny also provided monthly reports.

**Mayor's Report:**

H. Blumenthal spoke regarding her activities during the past month, including but not limited to welcoming the Girl Scouts to Trappe Borough Hall, a successful joint concert in the park, and attending the PSAB Annual Conference with the Borough Manager. Unfortunately, the Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to weather but applauded the Remembrance Ceremony held at Verge church. Later in the Month of June the Mayor brought to the attention of those in

attendance Juneteeth and offer Proclamation 4-2026 Recognizing and Designating June as Pride Month.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

M. Dolny brought RESOLUTION 2026-16 to Council for consideration which would allow for the closure of Main Street between 3rd Ave. and 1st Ave. for the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

**Motion to approve:**
**Moved: S. Martin** **Seconded: S. Strauss** **Approved: 6/0**

M. Dolny updated Council on ongoing issues in the community, surrounding projects and permitting.

Also informing Council that unfortunately the joint grant application with Collegeville through Montco2040 was not selected and not funded in this round

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

**Borough Solicitor:**

M. Plachta met with Head of Montgomery County HRC, noting it is operational but currently there is no statistical data available.

Moving forward this matter will be discussed in committee. S. Strauss asked when this would be discussed, and it was clarified that B. Ratkiewicz can call a matter to committee as the chair to allow for further discussion and research before deciding on further movement or action if warranted.

**Motion to approve professional reports:**
**Moved: S. Strauss** **Seconded: S. Martin** **Approved: 6/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Safety**:
Reports were provided to Council.

Chief McCarraher answered questions from S. Martin surrounding financial reports, including the comparison of current fund drives to prior years. It was also reported that the Fire Company,

through an anonymous donor and some grant funding, is replacing the command vehicle. Current matters with Harleysville have no update. Noted the success of the cornhole tournament and other events upcoming.

**Administrative Services: NO REPORT**

**Business & Property:**

Landscaping will be started this week on Borough properties. The Borough will be giving businesses and residents the opportunity to purchase America 250 Trappe, PA celebration banners.

**Finance Committee:**

H. Gustafson stated that we would look to invest another 500K into 6 Month CDs with PLGIT.

**Motion to invest:**
**Moved: H. Gustafson Seconded: S. Strauss Approved: 6/0**

**Parks & Recreation:**

L. Cady announce the next event would be the School's Out Bash on June 12th.

**Public Affairs & Legislation:**

B. Ratkiewicz noted that Council had received full copies of the Carlisle Borough HRC Ordinance. That the idea of an HRC would go to committee for further review. S. Strauss did research into the Carlisle Ordinance and noted very limited engagement of the HRC, 4 cases, with a much larger population and thus questioned again the need and purpose. S. Martin still believes a better course of action is a form of acknowledgement or Resolution supporting the County and State HRCs. L. Cady noted that the committee process would help discover community impute and H. Gustafson noted the committee would help identify if there was a need or not. B. Ratkiewicz, L. Cady, and S. Strauss would serve on the committee.

**Street & Development:**
NO REPORT

**Planning & Zoning:**
NO REPORT

**Regional Planning:**
No REPORT

**Public Works:**

CTJPW will look to identify Council that specializes in Authorities to advise on options moving forward with NPWA and explore further funding models. Currently, still working to update the bylaws that are outdated.

H. Gustafson met with a representative from Rep. Dean's office, and will continue to meet with other state and federal officials.

**CTMA & Regional Sewer:**

S. Strauss noted they are working with public works to get more information to further explore the option of serving as a borrowing conduit for the NPWA connection.

**Memorial Committee:**

Nominees are under review

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business: NONE**

**Council Entered into Executive Session to Discuss Possible Litigation at 8:40PM**

**Council Exited Executive Session with no Action at 8:55PM**

**Council adjourned the meeting at 8:56PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcus V. Dolny**