MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2026
MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council President Liz Cady 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 7, 2026, at 7:00PM.

Those present were:
Liz Cady
Ben Ratkiewicz
Mallory Perlin
Eric Fabiszewski
Heather Gustafson
Mayor Heather Blumenthal

Also present:
Borough Manager Marcus Dolny
Engineer Monica Sweeney
Solicitor Mark Plachta

Absent: Scott Martin, Stu Strauss

Also in Attendance:
Visitors as recorded

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The members of Council reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2026, meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz **Seconded: E. Fabiszewski** **Approved: 5/0**

PUBLIC FORUM-AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Dr. Darby, County Coroner spoke to Council. Outlined what the role of the coroner is, explained that it is an elected position with a four-year term. Reviewed statistical data for Montgomery County and noted how to reach and contact their office.
- The owners of Say Cheese and Lift introduced themselves and discussed the business
- R. Tyson Thanked Council for welcoming the Coroner.

STAFF REPORTS:

Borough Engineer:

1. **Streets and Sidewalks**

West 5th Avenue Milling and Paving project has been completed along with the sidewalk connection alternate except for the signalization. Contractor to expected to be completed with this work by the end of the month.

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 is preparing a proposal to assist with the development of traffic signal plans and facilitation with PennDOT.

2. MS4 Program

1. MS4 Annual Report – Isett preparing draft DEP Annual Report for MS4. Borough is already registered for on-line electrical report submission. Isett will notify when draft is ready to review online before submission.

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 – In person August meeting to be scheduled to review MS4 mapping and PRP task items for 2027.

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.

Working on documents to submit to grant funding.

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.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Klink presented the bill list dated July 31, 2026, for three payrolls, direct charges, and a complete bills list for checks 2524 – 2550 for payment totaling $384870.90

Motion to pay the bills as listed:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 5/0

J. Klink presented the bill list dated July 31, 2026, for the Liquid Fuels Fund direct charges by PECO in the amount of $2,432.05.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 5/0

J. Klink corrected and reissued Check #1104 with check #1105, netting a $0.00 charge.

Motion to pay the bills as listed:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 5/0

G. Styer presented Council with the draft of the 2025 Audit. With no material findings, Council accepted the audit report with no response. Reports will be available for public review.

J. Klink also provided monthly reports.

Mayor's Report:

H. Blumenthal spoke regarding her activities during the past month and provided a report of these activities for Council. Attending the US State Conference of Mayors and State Mayor's Association Conference. There will be an upcoming Storytime with the Mayor at waterworks park with special guest Cash the Therapy Dog on August 8th.

Borough Manager's Report:

M. Dolny brought RESOLUTION 2026-18 to Council for consideration which re-establishes the Emergency Action Plan every three years, updating vital information.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2026-18:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: E. Fabiszewski Approved: 5/0

M. Dolny let Council know he will serve as one of the sub-chairmen for the 2027 PRPS Conference.

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

Borough Solicitor:

M. Plachta noted that he has prepared the Ordinance for the Zoning Amendment and that it would be taken up at the September meeting.

Motion to approve professional reports:
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Safety:
Reports were provided to Council.

Administrative Services:
L. Cady acknowledged office staff again for the work they do.

Business & Property:

M. Dolny noted that Property and Safety Committee members should look at getting a water softener system for the fire house.

Finance Committee:

Gave an update on investments and preparations for the upcoming budget.

Parks & Recreation:

It was asked about installing a Lil Library at Water Works Park, that would need to be discussed at the CTJPW Meeting.

Public Affairs & Legislation:

B. Ratkiewicz let Council know that himself, L. Cady, and S. Strauss will be meeting again internally in regard to the discussion surrounding an HRC.

Street & Development: NO REPORT

Planning & Zoning: No REPORT

Regional Planning:
B. Ratkiewicz stated that proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was reviewed by Regional Planning and was found to be in line with the County's Vision and Plan.

Public Works:

H. Gustafson stated that the bylaws are still being reviewed. Paul Mullins will be attending the next meeting to discuss organizational options.

It was also noted that C. Farr, Collegeville Representative, would be resigning from the Commission.

CTMA & Regional Sewer:

No Report

Memorial Committee:

No Report

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Council Entered into Executive Session at 8:10PM to discuss Legal matters
Moved: H. Gustafson Seconded: B. Ratkiewicz Approved: 5/0

Council Exited Executive Session at 8:30PM with no action
Moved: B. Ratkiewicz Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 5/0

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:31PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny