

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**October 2, 2007**

**President Stu Strauss called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Peck.**

**Roll Call by the Secretary – Those present were Mayor Connie Peck, President Stu Strauss, Vice President Nevin Scholl, Matt Watson, Mark Carrig, Jim Durrell, Steve Kurcik and Ken Fulmer. Others in attendance were Engineer Doug May, Solicitor Dave Onorato, Treasurer John Klink and Manager Chuck Sardo.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of September 4, 2007 – Everyone received a copy of the September Minutes, President Strauss advised that on Page 4, Manager’s Report, that the referenced Manager of the Trappe Shopping Center should read Owner of the Trappe Shopping Center, so noted and corrected. There were no other amendments or corrections.**

**S. Kurcik motioned to accept the Minutes with the noted correction, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Presentation of the Bills – J. Klink**

**Everyone received a copy of Accounts Payable. There were additional bills as follows:**

<b>John Wentworth (Aux Police)</b>	<b>\$536.25</b>
<b>C-T Public Works (PC Ins. Pat Katona)</b>	<b>\$818.61</b>
<b>Print Copy</b>	<b>\$ 62.50</b>
<b>Montgomery County Animal Control</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Selective Insurance</b>	<b>\$2,754.00</b>

**N. Scholl motioned to pay the bills including the additional bills, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Financial Reports – J. Klink**

**Everyone received a copy of the Financial Reports. There were no questions or comments.**

**N. Scholl motioned to accept the Reports as presented, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Manager’s Report – C. Sardo (Copy of Report on file in Borough Office)**

**Everyone received a copy of the Manager’s Report as reviewed by the Manager.**

**Lighting Ordinance – The revised Lighting Ordinance No. 401 amending the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance circulated to Council Members and is ready to advertise for adoption at a public hearing to be held November 13, 2007.**

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**J. Durrell motioned to advertise Ordinance No. 401, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried.**

**Meals on Wheels – A request from Meals on Wheels was received with regard to the use of our meeting room two times a year during the day for 2-3 hours each time for the purpose of training volunteers and support functions. Council voiced no objections and all arrangements can be made with them through the Borough office. Letter of acceptance to be sent to Mr. Lou Wentz, Director.**

**T.H. Properties (Rosewood) – has made a request for return of escrow monies for this project dedicated in June 2005 (the maintenance period has expired). The amount requested is \$7500.00 in accordance with the Subdivision/Land Development Agree and \$5,000 for removal of the sales trailer.**

**M. Carrig motioned to return escrowed monies in the amount of \$7500, second by K. Fulmer, all ayes. Motion carried.**

**Road and Snow Removal Contract – The current contract with J O Sacks will terminate at the end of this year. Council approved to advertise for sealed bids for the leasing of equipment and operating services for snow plowing from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008. Chuck will follow up with the advertisement and bidding process.**

**803 West Main Street – This is the Howarth property within the Main Street Park property owned by the Borough. A proposal from Indian Valley Appraisal was received in the amount of \$2500 for a Summary Report. There was discussion regarding the cost and status of the property; Council opted to compare the cost with other properties.**

**S. Kurcik motioned to accept the Manager's Report, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT – D. May (copy of Report on file in Borough office) Everyone received a copy of the Engineer's Report; Doug reviewed for Council.**

**Laurel Drive/Lilac Circle – Information is being gathered to revise the engineer's construction costs; the Engineer is working with the Solicitor's office gathering appropriate information pertaining to construction, updating data gathered by Gilmore costs that seem to be good, but need more time for cores to be taken, curbing that needs to be replaced and drainage. Efforts will be made to work with the Home Owner's Association to give estimates/aggregate costs and advise of the sharing of costs and responsibilities. Nevin indicated the information is necessary in order to plan for the responsibility of the Borough vs. that of the homeowners; he is looking to have this project completed in 2008, at least to include something in the 2008 budget.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Borough Line/Lewis Road – Doug advised this is pretty much done for this intersection; PennDOT owes a couple signs for the Lewis Road approach in**

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**Upper Providence Township and at Seventh Avenue on the Trappe Borough approach to Borough Line Road.**

**Harvard and Main Drainage – Plans and estimate for drainage improvements at the Harvard Avenue and Main Street intersection were discussed. The Engineer recommended that some curbing and the handicap ramp on Main west of the intersection be reconstructed (raised). Pavement areas should be milled and overlaid to slightly raise the College Woods exit driveway and the inlet in Main Street on the east side of that intersection be replaced with a larger size ‘M’ inlet. The construction cost including inspection was estimated at \$17,165. Council agreed that the next step was for the Manager to submit the plans to PennDOT and the College Woods Homeowner’s Association and to set up a meeting to discuss this solution and participation for implementation.**

**J. Durrell motioned to accept the Engineer’s Report, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – D. Onorato (copy of Report on file in Borough office) DiPrinzio Developer’s Agreement and Securities Agreement – copies of the executed documents were received by the Borough.**

**Gambone - There was a question regarding the Gambone billing that the Solicitor advised would be addressed in executive session.**

**N. Scholl motioned to accept the Solicitor’s Report, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT – C. Peck (copy of Report on file in Borough Office) Mayor Peck distributed and reviewed her October 2, 2007 Report to Council. St. Eleanor’s Request for Use of Trappe Auxiliary Police – A request was received for use of Trappe’s Auxiliary Police for traffic control on the Eighth Avenue (Collegeville) side of their property on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings between the hours of 4:45 and 6:30 pm. Council voiced no objections and the Manager will communicate with Rev. Patrick E. Sweeney, Pastor of St. Eleanor’s.**

**Dr. Eric S. Hans, DMD – whose dental practice is at 515 West Main Street requested the use of our Auxiliary Police for his annual Halloween Party to be held October 31, 2007 from 2-5:30 PM. This service has been authorized in past years by Council approval and Council voiced no objections to the use of the Auxiliary Police and our parking lot.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Harris Family Chiropractic – Andrew K. Harris, DC, 753 West Main Street was before Council to inquire of the requirements for moving his practice from the**

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current address across the street to 750 West Main Street, the Gaasche residence, currently being used

Council advised he would have to make application for a conditional use hearing, get the paperwork and fee to the Borough Manager and hopefully meet between the November 13, 2007 meeting and the December 4, 2007 meeting. The Manager will follow up and so advise the applicant.

**Bud Bender**, - Mr. Bender was before Council to present a signed petition with regard to filling a vacancy. The petition was presented to President Strauss.

**Sam Mancuso, 156 Harvard Drive** – Mr. Mancuso was before Council with regard to the intersection of Main Street and Harvard Drive requesting a motion be made to approve the \$17,000 expenditure and go to the State for additional funding assistance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trappe Days – Community Project** – President Strauss commented on the success of the Trappe Days, thanking everyone that participated and volunteered, notables on the State, County and local level participated and over 7,000 persons attended.

**Finance/Waste/Recycling/Streets** – N. Scholl

**Budget Time** – Nevin advised it is time for Council to submit budget requests for expenses for the 2008 budget.

**Property/Open Space/Traffic** – J. Durrell

**Rambo Park** – there was a request for a spray application for the Park.

The Manager will follow up for a qualified individual to make the application. Rambo Highway Occupancy Permit needs to be filed by April.

**Main Street Park** – Simone/Collins will be meeting with Borough officials October 17, 2007 at Borough Hall. The public is invited to attend.

**Public Safety** – K. Fulmer

**Thermal Imaging Camera** – Fire Chief Brian Long presented the thermal imaging camera for Council to observe; Council previously authorized the expenditure of \$8000.

**Fire Prevention Week** – an annual event for the Fire Company, three trucks participated and there is always a need for more volunteers.

**Ordinances/Personnel/Appointments** – M. Carrig

**Planning Commission Secretary** – Due to the resignation of Planning Commission Secretary Adam Cusatis, M. Carrig put the name of Vordea Mingis before Council to be appointed to fill that vacancy.

M. Carrig motioned to appoint Vordea Mingis as Planning Commission Secretary, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**Public Works/CTMA** – M. Carrig

Mark noted a DRAFT contract was received and will be reviewed.

**Planning and Zoning** - S. Kurcik

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**R3 Overlay** – Steve recognized two recommendations directed to Council from the Planning Commission asking that the R3 overlay be rejected and zoning at 29 East First Avenue be rejected. There will be a need for a traffic study for the Middle School property.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**167 West Main Street – Richard Czop** – Council authorized advertisement for rendering of a decision for the conditional use hearing for Mr. Czop’s property at 167 West Main Street, Trappe.

M. Carrig motioned to advertise the decision for the use hearing will be rendered October 10, 2007 at 6:45, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0. To be noted that the advertisement will indicated Council will attend to any other business to come before Council at that time.

**Stearly Property** – Mark Clemm, Esq. representing the applicant for Longview Development was before Council for more input relative to final plan approval. More information was needed specifically, Council’s response in order for the applicant to adequately address the issues in Czop/Specter’s September 27, 2007 letter.

There were issues that would need to be addressed by HOA and the Solicitor. Some of the issues are as follows:

- parking lot (language added to page 1), document to be forwarded to the Solicitor,
- additional sidewalk along Jacobs Way,
- the well site,
- private road to be named Jacobs Way,
- perpendicular parking as along Williams Way (asking for a waiver),
- acceptance of a fee in lieu of open space,
- a letter of endorsement for the utilities,
- note on plan provision of underground utility distribution lines, (cannot guarantee underground)
- there was comment and discussion regarding a drainage issue with regard to the volume of flow, piping of water along a proper line into the basin; plan will have to be reviewed by the Engineer,
- the need for a storm water plan to be reviewed by the Engineer,
- because Jacob’s Way is a private road there are no right’s of way,
- staggering of unit(s) is acceptable.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**November Council Meeting** – Due to the election on November 7, 2007, a normal meeting time for Council, it was agreed to meet on November 13, 2007 at the regular time. (following the newly scheduled Harris conditional use hearing at 6:00 PM, November 13, 2007).

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**President Strauss announced there would be an Executive Session to discuss legal issues immediately following the meeting.**

**The Secretary exited the meeting at that time and Council retired to Executive Session at 10:00 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Katona  
Secretary**