

**MINUTES TO THE 2009 CLOSE-OUT MEETING OF
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

December 29, 2009

The 2009 Close-Out Meeting of Trappe Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Fred Schuetz.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Schuetz.

Announcement of Executive Session: President Schuetz announced that an Executive Session was not held prior to this evening's meeting.

Roll Call by the Borough Secretary: Those present were President Fred Schuetz, Vice President Matt Watson, Lew DiPrete, Paul Edwards, Catherine Johnson and Nevin Scholl. Also in attendance were Treasurer Joe Lowe and Manager Tommy Ryan. Steve Kurcik, Mayor Connie Peck, Engineer John Sartor and Solicitor Dave Onorato were absent.

Minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 2009: All received a copy of the minutes for the December 1, 2009 meeting.

N. Scholl noted a correction to page 1, line 39, to be revised to read "state-owned road".

L. DiPrete motioned to accept the December 1, 2009 minutes, with the above-noted revision, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Open to the Public for Non-Agenda Items:

- There was no comment.

Financial Reports: All received a copy of Accounts Payable for checks 1886 to 1939, and noted electronic transfers.

J. Lowe noted the purchase of two certificates of deposit.

N. Scholl motioned to approve payment of the bills and the electronic transfers as presented, plus one (1) additional payable to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$38,000, constituting the Borough's 2009 contribution in lieu of property taxes, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

N. Scholl distributed a fund activity summary for 2009 and 2010.

N. Scholl motioned to approve fund transfers (1) in the amount of \$169,262, from the Highway Fund to the General Fund, for reimbursement for the Laurel Drive & Lilac Circle Reclamation Project, and (2) in the amount of \$36,598, from the General Fund to the Municipal Services Fund, for a loan payment on a Trappe Volunteer Fire Company fire truck, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

M. Watson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Manager's Report: Mr. Ryan presented the below-noted matters:

2010 – 2014 Budget – Mr. Ryan presented the 2010 – 2014 Budget, revised to include year-to-date financials to December 29, and waste and recyclable collection costs per the recently-awarded bid as submitted by Republic (BFI-Allied Waste).

P. Edwards inquired as to the possibility of increasing certain permit fees, and earmarking these dollars to sidewalk and other public improvements. Mr. Ryan will consult the Borough Solicitor on this matter.

P. Edwards inquired as to requiring electricians to register in the Borough. Mr. Ryan noted that, unlike plumbing improvements, electrical improvements are neither permitted nor inspected by the Borough. Registration fees are traditionally collected to offset Borough and resident cost to permit and inspect certain improvements. But as to electrical work, the Borough incurs no cost for these improvements.

N. Scholl motioned to approve the 2010 – 2014 Budget, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

waste & recyclable collection contract – Republic (BFI-Allied Waste) – Mr. Ryan presented a contract for the collection of waste and recyclables, per the recently-awarded bid as submitted by Republic (BFI-Allied Waste). The contract has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Solicitor.

N. Scholl motioned to approve the contract with Republic (BFI-Allied Waste) for the collection of waste and recyclables, per Republic's recently-awarded bid, as presented, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

P. Edwards requested that Allied Waste be flexible as to bulk-item collections subsequent to the transition to single-item and monthly collection.

Open to the Public for Non-Agenda Items:

- Jim Durrell thanked Council for their hard work and efforts in 2009.

Old Business:

- N. Scholl will investigate the early retirement of the loan for the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company fire truck, so to save additional interest expense.

New Business:

- President Schuetz presented a Certification of Appreciation, to be given to outgoing Member Steve Kurcik, for his hard work and efforts on Borough Council.

At 7:23 p.m., there being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Watson, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Ryan
Borough Manager / Borough Secretary