

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

November 10, 2009

This Special 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 Mayor Peck.

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

2010 – 2015 Budget: A copy of the 2010 – 2015 Budget was provided to the Members.

N. Scholl reviewed fund balances for the years 2003 to date.

N. Scholl reviewed non-recurring receipts and expenditures in 2009, and discussed timing adjustments pertaining to certain budget items.

N. Scholl reviewed proposed fund summaries for the years 2010 to 2014.

Council then discussed the following significant issues affecting the proposed five-year budget. The consensus of the Members is noted for each issue:

Trappe & Collegeville fire companies merger

- Additional information is needed so to determine an approximate cost to the Borough as to a merger.
- The Borough will continue to assist with, and participate in, ongoing merger discussions with officials from Collegeville Borough and the Trappe and Collegeville fire companies.
- No line item will be earmarked in the 2010-2015 Budget, but this project will be noted in the annual Budget Message.

potential tax sources

- Mr. Ryan will provide Council with a list of potential tax sources.

waste & recyclable removal contract

- The Borough will bid a new contract, provided this does not preclude exercising the option year extension per the current contract with Allied Waste.
- The Base Term for the contract will be 42 months, and the bid will include several optional services, including pay-as-you-dispose bulk-item collection.

House Bill 1500 – Pennsylvania State Police service fees

- The Borough will earmark \$15,000.00 for a police service study in 2011 (Operating Budget – *Planning & Codification*).
- The potential payment of State Police service fees will be noted in the annual Budget Message.

sidewalk repairs & construction

- Beginning in 2010 the Borough will earmark \$20,000.00 annually for the repair and construction of sidewalks (Capital Budget – *Capital Roadway Improvement Fund*).
- The Borough will develop a cost-sharing program to encourage property owners with sidewalks in most need of repair to make the desired fixes.

West Main Street Park

- The Borough will consider options as to the development of an active recreational facility.
- The 2010-2015 Budget will be revised so to remove grant revenues, capital expenditures and operational expenditures pertaining to Main Street Park.
- The ongoing review of active recreational facilities will be noted in the Capital Budget – *Open Space West Fund*, and the Capital Budget – *Open Space East Fund*.

West Main Street corridor

- The Borough will earmark \$10,000.00 for a planning study in 2010 (Operating Budget – *Planning & Codification*).

N. Scholl motioned to advertise the Close-Out meeting for Tuesday, December 29 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall, and to advertise the 2010-2015 Budget for consideration at same meeting, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

233 West Seventh Avenue – MetroPCS telecommunication lease: Council considered a lease agreement with MetroPCS for the location of telecommunications equipment at the West Seventh Avenue water tower. The agreement had been reviewed and approved by Collegeville Borough and by the Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department.

M. Watson motioned to approve the MetroPCS lease agreement as presented, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Nextel Communications lease addendum: Council considered an addendum to the lease of Nextel Communications as to telecommunications equipment at the West Seventh Avenue water tower. President Schuetz noted an apparent error in the agreement, as to the dimension of the existing concrete pad. President Schuetz likewise questioned the referenced name of the site.

The consensus of Council was to clarify both matters before executing the addendum. Mr. Ryan will follow-up as to both matters.

Old Business: N. Scholl sought to amend authorization granted by Council at the November 4 meeting as to the purchase of a certificate of deposit, so to capture a higher interest rate. In specific, N. Scholl recommended the Borough Treasurer be authorized to invest up to \$240,000.00 in a certificate of deposit, of a term up to thirteen (13) months, at a rate of 2.35%, with Superior Credit Union.

L. DiPrete motioned to authorize the Borough Treasurer to invest up to \$240,000.00 in a certificate of deposit, of a term up to thirteen (13) months, at a rate of 2.35%, with Superior Credit Union., second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

New Business: N. Scholl recommended the Borough Treasurer be authorized to invest up to \$240,000.00 in a certificate of deposit, of a term up to twenty-four (24) months, at a rate of 2.35%, with TruMark Credit Union.

L. DiPrete motioned to authorize the Borough Treasurer be authorized to invest up to \$240,000.00 in a certificate of deposit, of a term up to twenty-four (24) months, at a rate of 2.35%, with TruMark Credit Union, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

At 9:32 p.m., there being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by L. DiPrete, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Ryan
Borough Manager / Borough Secretary