

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING OF  
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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President, Fred Schuetz called to order the special meeting of Trappe Borough Council on June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Trappe Borough Hall, 525 West Main Street, Trappe, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, led by Mayor Connie Peck.

Roll Call was made by the Borough Secretary. Those present were: President Fred Schuetz, Lew DiPrete, Paul Edwards, Nevin Scholl and Mayor Connie Peck. Also in attendance were Solicitor David Onorato and Borough Manager, Jacqui Guenther.

Excused: Vice President, Matthew Watson, Catherine Johnson and Theodore Patrick.

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:**

Ms. Guenther provided Proof of Publication of the Special Meeting in “The Mercury” newspaper on June 7, 2010.

**INTERVIEWS OF APPLICANTS FOR TAX COLLECTOR VACANCY:**

Borough Council and Mayor Peck interviewed the following three candidates for the position of Tax Collector: Gretchen E. Lawson, Philip G. Lehman and Denise T. Noble. After deliberating and much discussion it was decided to offer the position to Denise T. Noble based on her qualifications. It was also discussed that if for any reason Ms. Noble declined to assume the Tax Collector’s position, the position would then be offered to the alternate candidate, Gretchen E. Lawson based on her qualifications.

*On a motion by L. DiPrete, seconded by N. Scholl, and carried unanimously of those Council Members present, Resolution 2010-07 appointing Gretchen E. Lawson as the Borough of Trappe Tax Collector, term to expire on January 2, 2012, after candidate Denise T. Noble removed herself from consideration for the position, was enacted. Motion carried 4 – 0.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Preemption Light at Main Street & Fifth Avenue:** Ms. Guenther reported that the preemption signal was not operating for the one direction of travel at the intersection of Main Street & Fifth Avenue. In late December, 2009 the preemption wire for the firehouse detector was broken and laying on the ground. A Signal Service technician made temporary repairs and returned a couple of days later with an additional service technician to make permanent repairs to the wiring. Following the installation of new cable and attachment to the utility poles they tested the preemption and found one of the two 3M 262 preemption interface cards in the controller cabinet had failed. The card was removed for repair by the manufacturer and they installed one of their spare cards to keep the system operational. Ms. Guenther stated that she was informed by Signal

Service that the old the card is so old it is no longer supported or repaired by the manufacturer. A new preemption interface card will cost approximately \$1,200.00 and will require replacing two of the detectors for compatibility at approximately \$425.00 each, plus the labor to install. The new equipment would have a full five year manufacturer's warranty.

Ms. Guenther further stated that Signal Service is offering an alternative. They have a spare (used) 3M 262 preemption interface card that they would be willing to sell for \$ 350.00 plus labor to install. Ms. Guenther further stated that the down side to this quick fix would be that if the light malfunctions in the future we would need to look at replacing the used equipment with new. At the present time Signal Service has had one of their spare interface cards in the controller so the fire/ambulance would not be without preemption for the two directions since December 2009. They were willing to provide this at no charge for a short duration until the issue could be resolved. Bill Conrad of Signal Service has recently advised that they can no longer keep that card in place. Ms. Guenther further advised that Signal Service would be coming out this weekend to fix the pedestrian crossing signal at Main Street and Third Avenue which is obstructed by a telephone pole. Signal Service indicated to her that they would like to fix both problems at the same time to save on service costs.

*On a motion by L. DiPrete, seconded by N. Scholl, and carried unanimously of those Council Members present, authorization for Signal Service to repair the preemption signal at Main Street and Fifth Avenue by replacing the damaged signal with a used 3M 262 preemption interface card for \$350.00 plus the costs of labor for installation was approved. Motion carried 4 – 0.*

**E. Van Rieker Main Street Survey Tabulation:** President Schuetz reported that there are in excess of 280 responses to the survey questions that were mailed out, many having narratives as well as check the block answers. The consultant's proposal did not have a provision for tabulation of data. President Schuetz stated that he has been in touch with E. Van Rieker and asked him to give a cost-not-to-exceed proposal to perform the necessary tabulations and interpretations for us to consider. Before learning how many narratives had been made he had estimated 8 to 10 hours at a cost between \$500.00 and \$600.00. Based upon the actual amount of surveys received, Van Rieker has provided a proposal not to exceed \$1,000.00. President Schuetz further stated that if we choose to do the tabulations in house Van Rieker would be available to give guidance to make sure our approach is the proper procedure or format.

*On a motion by P. Edwards, seconded by L. DiPrete, and carried unanimously of those Council Members present, approval to authorize E. Van Rieker to perform the tabulation of the Main Street survey data for a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00, pursuant to the June 9, 2010 contract proposal, was approved. Motion carried 4 – 0.*

**State Police Accident Report:** P. Edwards stated that he received a traffic accident report from the State Police which reflected that there have been two accidents during 2010 at the intersection of West Seventh Avenue and Boro Line Road. Mr. Edwards stated that he would continue to monitor the State Police reports to determine if a traffic study would be necessary in the future.

**Rittenhouse Square:** P. Edwards commented that he received correspondence dated June 7, 2010, from the Rittenhouse Square Community Association stating that they would be interested in discussions with Borough Council regarding a trail connection from their community to Rambo Park.

There being no additional business to conduct, at 9:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by L. DiPrete, seconded by P. Edwards and carried unanimously of those Council Members present. Motion carried 4- 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Guenther  
Borough Manager / Borough Secretary.