

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING OF
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

President, Fred Schuetz called to order the special meeting of Trappe Borough Council on October 21, 2010 at 6:30 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, Vice President, Matthew Watson, Lew DiPrete, Paul Edwards, Catherine Johnson, Theodore Patrick, Nevin Scholl and Mayor Connie Peck. Also in attendance were Solicitor David Onorato and Borough Manager, Jacqui Guenther.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

J. Guenther provided Proof of Publication of the Special Meeting in “The Mercury” newspaper on October 14, 2010.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING REVIEW:

D. Onorato stated that he has prepared the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as a result of the October 5, 2010 Conditional Use Hearing for the property located at 435 West Main Street. D. Onorato further stated that the Order lays out the conditions the Applicants must meet for the conditional use of the property as follows: (1) the Applicants shall limit its retail use to a maximum of 700 square feet on the first floor of the premises; (2) one second floor apartment shall be permitted; (3) the Applicants shall make no additions or alterations to the building located at 435 West Main Street, Trappe Borough without prior Borough approvals; (4) all signage shall comply with all Borough Codes; (5) the Applicants shall make renovations to the exterior of the building to include new siding, windows and doors as depicted in Exhibit A-1 and as testified to by the Applicants; (6) the space on the first floor designated as “personal use” in Exhibit A-1 will not be used for retail jewelry sales or as a residential apartment without prior approval of Borough Council; (7) the Applicants shall install a landscape buffer of 6-7 foot emerald green arborvitae as depicted on the plot plan attached to Exhibit A-1; and (8) the Applicants shall stripe the parking area and shall provide a minimum of nine parking spaces, one of which shall conform to all ADA handicap requirements. D. Onorato explained that the Applicants must clearly indicate the handicapped parking space according to all ADA requirements which would include striping.

P. Edwards questioned the dual use of the property. D. Onorato replied that Exhibit A-1 shows that the space on the first floor designated as “personal use” in Exhibit A-1 will not be used for retail jewelry sales or as a residential apartment without prior approval of Borough Council.

President Schuetz asked if the Applicants prepared a proposed sign and asked if they obtained a sign permit. Applicant, Sal Moscariello, replied that he has applied for a temporary sign permit and hopes to have a permanent sign within a month or so. S. Moscariello further stated that he would obtain all necessary permits for his permanent sign. Whereupon discussion ensued.

Applicant, S. Moscariello, stated that he plans to repave the parking lot in the future. D. Onorato advised that he would need to obtain a permit for the driveway resurfacing and would need to make certain the grading was compliant with the Borough Code.

On a motion by M. Watson, seconded by C. Johnson, and carried unanimously of those Council Members present, the Conditional Use application of Salvatore and Michelle Moscariello for their property located at 435 West Main Street for retail use was approved with conditions as set forth in the Findings of Fact and Order thereto . Motion carried 7- 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Painting: J. Guenther stated that at the October 5, 2010 Borough Council meeting she provided Council with proposals for repainting the existing “Slow - 25 mph” on the road surface from Guidemark in the amount of \$5,500.00 with Thermoplastic; PSX in the amount of \$1,975.00 for a single coat of paint with traffic beads; and, State Line Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,887.50, whose proposal was for double coated paint with traffic beads. J. Guenther further stated that Council directed her to contact Guidemark and PSX and ask that they resubmit their proposals to include the use of double coated paint with traffic beads. J. Guenther stated that she did speak with Dieter Mohnke at Guidemark, who does most of PennDOT’s line painting contract work. J. Guenther reported that Dieter would not send a proposal to use double coated paint and traffic beads because he uses Thermoplastic exclusively and he believes that this product lasts for 15+ years while paint will only last a few years. J. Guenther stated that she asked Dieter about the snow plows “scraping up the thermoplastic” and he said that they have the same effect on painted surfaces because they scrape at the surface. J. Guenther said that Dieter informed her that the Thermoplastic product would not chip or scrape very easily. J. Guenther stated that she contacted Don Centofante of PennDOT and he confirmed that PennDOT uses Thermoplastic exclusively and that if it is applied properly it would not chip. J. Guenther reported that PSX has resubmitted their proposal for the sum of \$3,150.00 for the double coated paint with traffic beads. Whereupon discussion ensued.

C. Johnson asked if the “Slow – 25 mph” repainting included the additional roads to be painted. J. Guenther replied that these bids were to repaint only the existing “Slow - 25 mph” surfaces and that if the Borough wanted additional road painting we would need to have our engineer prepare the design plans. Whereupon discussion ensued.

P. Edwards asked if the roads to be repainted would be resurfaced any time soon. J. Guenther stated that Betcher Road was recently resurfaced but that our portion of Borough Line Road would need to be reconstructed in 2011.

N. Scholl asked if Perkiomen Township and Upper Providence Township were going to contribute to the costs of the painting on their side of the roads.

J. Guenther stated that as soon as we make the motion to move forward with the road painting that she would contact both Townships and ask for their monetary contribution.

J. Guenther further stated that George Waterman sent her an email recently asking to meet regarding the “cost sharing” of Borough Line Road. J. Guenther stated that she believes this offer to be the result of the stormwater drain on Borough Line Road that Upper Providence recently had to fix which was costly. J. Guenther stated that the stormwater drain is located on

the portion of Borough Line Road that Upper Providence just recently agreed to maintain under the new contract.

J. Guenther further advised Borough Council that she received a PennDOT Permit from Don Centofante lowering the speed limit on Main Street to 35 mph. J. Guenther stated that she directed CTJPD to put the new speed limit signs up according to the PennDOT plan. J. Guenther stated that Joe Hastings said he would get this done as soon as possible.

J. Guenther recommended that the Borough go out to bid in late January, 2011 for all of the road surface painting which would include crosswalks, "Slow - 25 mph" and line striping on roads that really need to be restriped. J. Guenther stated that the crosswalks are all different and Council will need to decide if they want them all to be the same size, width and pattern. J. Guenther also stated that if the STS Committee would like additional road painted with "Slow - 25 mph" they need to inform her where they would like them and then she would have J. Sartor engineer the design plans for them as well as the crosswalks. Whereupon discussion ensued.

J. Guenther stated that she received an email from Heritage Park asking for the center line to be repainted on the road surface. J. Guenther suggested that she look at all the Borough owned roads to determine which roads need restriping to be included in the bid packet. Whereupon discussion ensued.

P. Edwards stated that there are three additional roads the STS Committee would like to have painted with "Slow - 25 mph" as follows: (1) College Avenue (going down the hill); (2) E. Seventh Avenue; and (3) Borough Line Road under the power lines.

J. Guenther stated that she would put all the information together and ask J. Sartor to prepare the plans and bid package for late January. J. Guenther stated that the bid packet will include specifications for Thermoplastic and double coated paint with traffic beads.

N. Scholl stated that the road painting should take place in the spring after the road sweeping has taken place.

NEW BUSINESS: President Schuetz called for new business. There was no new business discussed.

There being no additional business to conduct, at 7:02 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by M. Watson, seconded by P. Edwards and carried unanimously by those Council Members present. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Guenther
Borough Manager / Borough Secretary.