

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

December 5, 2006

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

Mayor Connie Peck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call by the Secretary – those present were Mayor Connie Peck, President Stu Strauss, Vice President Nevin Scholl, Mark Carrig, Steve Kurcik and Ken Fulmer. Ed Kane and Matt Watson were excused. Also in attendance were Engineer Doug May, Solicitor Bob Kerns, Treasurer John Klink and Manager Chuck Sardo.

President Strauss announced no action regarding a personnel matter was taken as a result of an Executive Session held at the November meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2006 – Everyone received a copy of the Minutes for November 14, 2006. There were no noted amendments or corrections.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Minutes as presented, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Presentation of the Bills – J. Klink

Everyone received a copy of the November Accounts Payable. There were three additional bills:

Barry Stott (auxiliary police)	\$ 25.00
Allied Waste Services (Dec)	\$28,448.17
Creative Stitches (FM Patches)	\$ 277.50

M. Carrig motioned to approve payment of the bills including the additional bills, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Financial Reports – J. Klink

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

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

Manager's Report – C. Sardo (copy of Report on file in office)

The Manager reviewed his Report for Council.

Betcher Road – The realignment and resurfacing of the roadway is completed, and approved billing paid to Perkiomen Township. What remains is relative to the maintenance agreement of Betcher Road. There was communication with the Township manager and more information will be available to Trappe after their Township meeting of Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

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David Morgan 3rd Avenue – Final plans have been received; however, there is a conflict of interest in that the developer is using the same engineering firm; Czop/Specter who is the appointed engineering firm for Trappe Borough. Carol Schuehler, PE of Urwiler and Walter, Inc., has been recommended for this project for one time only. The fee will be the same as we pay Czop/Specter and Mr. Morgan has placed a \$1,000 escrow. Mr. Sardo would like to proceed with the plan to use Carol Schuehler on the project.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve the hiring of Carol Schuehler of Urwiler and Walter for one time for the Morgan project, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Borough Hall Drainage – Regarding correction of the drainage on the east side of Borough Hall, J. O. Sacks submitted a quote of \$1,250.00 to do the work to repair the drainage before any upgrading begins on the playground.

M. Carrig motioned to authorize J O Sacks to do the corrective drainage work by Borough Hall, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Chuck indicated the work should begin right away and Nevin clarified that the expenditure will be included in the 2007 budget.

Rambo Park Building Demolition – There was discussion regarding the demolition and dangerous condition of a building in Rambo Park and that it is a liability and must be removed. Bids were received, one for \$24,507.00, another \$13,912.00 and from J O Sacks at \$9,500 for the dumpster, machines, haul block away and labor. A second bid of \$7,500 an option of the Sacks bid that does not include hauling the block away. After discussion, Council opted to approve the second option of the Sacks bid in the amount of \$7,500 that does not include hauling the blocks from the site.

M. Carrig motioned to approve the \$7,500 price for the demolition of the building on the Rambo property, second by K. Fulmer, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Signal Service Proposal – As follow up to the proposal from Signal Service to switch our traffic signals to LED there was discussion with regard to savings that might be realized as a result of the upgrade. It was determined that over a period of years, there would be a reasonable amount of savings. The specific signals that would be effected would be at the Trappe Shopping Center, Main and Third Avenue and Seventh and Main. This would affect the red and green lights only and the cost will be \$12,532.00.

N. Scholl motioned to approve the expenditure for the upgrade of the above mentioned signals in the amount of \$12,532.00, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Manager's Report, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – D. May (Copy of report on file in Borough office)
Doug reviewed his November, 2006 report.

Carriage Ridge – There was a request for release of escrow funds, Carl Weiner was present to represent the developer, Andre DiPrinzio.

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The Engineer advised there were three issues that need to be resolved, a maintenance bond be placed, as-builts be presented and man hole covers that need to be raised. After discussion and on the recommendation of the Engineer, Council agreed to release the remaining escrow in the amount of \$47,579.10 but not the funds in the maintenance bond.

M. Carrig motioned for release of the remaining escrow in the amount of \$47,579.10, holding back the maintenance bond, second by K. Fulmer, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Engineer's Report, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – B. Kerns (copy of Report on file in Borough office)
B. Kerns reviewed his report and called for questions and/or comments, there were none.
Ordinance No. 393 – Abandoned Vehicles – This ordinance has been appropriately advertised and is before Council for adoption. The Ordinance gives the authority to the borough Manager for removal of an abandoned vehicle.

N. Scholl motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 393 with regard to abandoned vehicles, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

M. Carrig motioned to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor's Report C. Peck
Nothing further to report.

Comments about Christmas tree pickup – the Manager will look into.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cathy Kelemen, Laurel Drive – inquired as to the practice of hunting in the Borough with bows and arrows (archery). C. Sardo advised that you cannot discharge a firearm in the Borough and the Code does not cover archery.

Ralph Zollers, Main Street – was again before Council regarding the Czop property at 167 Main Street and its building code approvals. There was discussion between S. Capizzi, Building Inspector, Mr. Zollers and C. Sardo, Manager advised he would be in touch with Mr. Czop to address the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Waste/Recycling/Streets – N. Scholl
Nothing further to report.

Property/Open Space/Traffic – E. Kane
Mr. Kane absent from meeting.

Public Safety – K. Fulmer

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Ken reported on the Traffic Committee recommendations for Seventh and Main Street and the use of a speed table as a guide line. There was discussion regarding College Avenue and use of speed bumps for traffic control. K. Fulmer stated no research has been done as yet and recommended public support be solicited in the form of a letter to the residents which he offered to prepare such a letter to be mailed to residents for their input.

Pennsylvania State Police Report – Ken reviewed the November Pennsylvania State Police Report; a total of all incidents was 27.

Ordinances/Personnel/Appointments – M. Carrig
Nothing further to report.

Public Works/CTMA – M. Carrig
Nothing further to report

Planning and Zoning – S. Kurcik

Wilton Zoning Hearing – An application for a variance for a sign was presented for consideration to the Zoning Hearing Board. There was a question with regard as to whether or not the Solicitor would be needed to appear on behalf of the Borough,

M. Carrig motioned to have the Solicitor to appear at the hearing to represent the Borough, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

T. H. Properties – The Borough Manager advised that T H Properties will not be ready to appear before the Planning Commission this December. The Commission will still meet on their regularly scheduled meeting night, the third Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 6:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Company Truck Payment – It is time for the Borough to make the annual contribution to the Fire Company to assist with payment of \$36,598.00 for the debt on their ladder truck.

K. Fulmer motioned to release the amount of \$36,598.00 for payment of the Fire Company's ladder truck which will be paid directly to the debt holder, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 5 -0.

OLD BUSINESS

Council was reminded of the close out meeting on December 28, 2006. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize finances for 2006 and adopt the 2007 budget.

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With no other business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM and Council retired into an Executive Session.

The Secretary exited the meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Katona
Secretary