

**MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2007**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Peck.

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

Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2007 – Everyone received a copy of the Minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting. President Strauss called for a motion to approve the Minutes. J. Durrell motioned to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2007, second by S. Kurcik. President Strauss called for amendments/corrections. There was one amendment on Page 9 regarding the motion to read: “to approve the traffic study with the outlined conditions as presented in the Decision and Order.”

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Minutes as amended, second by S.

Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Presentation of the Bills – J. Klink

Everyone received a copy of Accounts Payable. There were additional bills as follows:

Montgomery County Planning Commission	\$4,518.00
Simone Collins	\$ 149.35
Haines Associates	\$ 460.00
Advanced Lock and Security	\$ 97.00
C-T Public Works	\$ 818.61
Berkheimer Associates	\$1,328.48
Signal Services	\$ 170.00

There were questions with regard to realizing a credit from PECO (change to LED), Sacks (unhappy with plowing), and tax information as addressed by J. Klink

N. Scholl motioned to pay the bills including the additional bills, second by M. Carrig, one nay vote by M. Watson, the remainder of Council all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Financial Reports – J. Klink

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

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented, second by J. Durrell, one nay vote by M. Watson the remainder of Council all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Nevin took the opportunity to confirm that the interest rate is at 5.5% which is very good considering other municipalities are locked into CDs for a long term rate, we are at a higher rate and have been enjoying that for a couple years.

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MANAGER'S REPORT – C. Sardo (Copy of Report on file in Borough office)

Everyone received a copy of the Report for review.

Ordinance Advertisement – There are three ordinances to be advertised for adoption at the May meeting. **Realty Transfer Tax Update, Non-conforming Use, CPVR Comprehensive Plan Amendment.**

N. Scholl motioned to advertise the three Ordinances for adoption at the May meeting, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Senator Dinniman Meeting – Tuesday, April 24, 9:00 A.M. to noon, the Senator will conduct a public meeting on the Pennsylvania property tax rebate. The meeting will be held at Trappe Borough Hall.

Insurance Renewal – Chuck was working with several insurance companies to get quotes for our insurances, the commercial package and workers' compensation. Four quotes were received that ranged from \$23,800 to \$26,220. The \$23,800 is with our current carrier, Selective Insurance, and it was Chuck's recommendation that we continue our coverage with Selective.

S. Kurcik motioned to continue our insurance coverage with Selective Insurance in the amount of \$23,800, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The Manager's Report was unanimously approved and accepted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – D. May (Copy of Report on file in Borough office)

Everyone received a copy of the report for their review.

Carriage Ridge – A letter was issued recommending the release of the final escrow to draw down to a zero balance and recommending the project begin the 18-month maintenance bond period. Regarding the release of escrow, Doug advised that the 10% security release would be \$29,371.39, at the same time we should have proof that a maintenance bond in the amount of \$26,375.13 for the 18-month period is in place. There was a question regarding the basin (and fountain connections), Doug advised this is not a part of the site escrow, but rather between HOA, Owen Jones, President and the developer.

M. Watson motioned to release the escrow upon the placement of the Bond as approved by the Solicitor and the developer's agreement to repair the broken concrete, second J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0. The Solicitor clarified that the repair of the broken concrete will be part of the motion but will not deter the developer from getting release of funds upon placement of the Bond.

NPDES, Phase 2 Permitting – There were two meetings with Chuck and Joe Hastings to coordinate the NPDES Stage II permitting. The fourth year has been completed and we are into the fifth and final year of the five-year permit and are in very good shape with the permitting process.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Engineer's Report, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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Solicitor's Report – B. Kerns (Copy of Report on file in Borough office)

Everyone received a copy of the Report as reviewed by the Solicitor.

M C Weeks Decision – The Solicitor received a letter from the applicant's representation, Tom Keenan, giving a 30-day extension to come to a decision on the matter and would like to discuss that in executive session this evening.

Dog Leg Project – President Strauss advised Council that the deadline for approval of the Agreement for the project is April 15, 2007. An issue is that the Agreement should not allow anyone to benefit monetarily from the dogleg project. There is a proposal written by our Solicitor, presented to Collegeville where they approved it unanimously and if anyone should do so, the finances would be given to Public Works Department to help supplement the costs of the rate payers. There is a possibility that Collegeville might get use of land from PennDOT and we want assurances that if they did get the land they did not sell for a profit. There is a possibility that there will be a drug store and bank that will be going in and Trappe wants assurances when it comes to the developer's agreement that money will be given back to the Public Works Department.

M. Carrig motioned to approve the Agreement between Collegeville and Trappe regarding the dog-leg project and the relocation of the water line and cost sharing between PennDOT and authority and also for the Resolution, grant number 067422, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Bentley Manor – N. Scholl inquired as to whether or not the money agreed to in the settlement has been received. The Solicitor advised that we do not have the money yet; however the Agreement has been executed and expects a check to be forwarded.

S. Kurcik motioned to accept the Solicitor's Report, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

At this time President Strauss advised everyone that Council is very concerned about the TCE issue and the intent to keep the public advised. With regard to the meeting held at Accellent that he attended, he expressed that it was an informative meeting where details were revealed i.e. they employed over 300 people, only 12 companies in United States that do similar work, products made are medical equipment including instruments used in laser surgery. Products with TCE are used basically as a cleaner emitting TCE into the air; 2006 according to the reports 60 tons were emitted, they have a permit from the Federal government that permits 94 tons of TEC being legally emitted into the air. Accellent's goal is to keep the 60 tons down to 40 tons by the end of 2008. Prior to the TCE issue coming to light, they already had a plan in place to try to control the TCE issue. Their plan is to put two gigantic carbon filters on cleaning tanks. The first one will be in place the last quarter of 2007 and the second one the first quarter of 2008. The project will have a cost of two million dollars. They are concerned about the safety of the area and the air and will do their share of cutting down the emissions. Their employees are

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monitored all the time and have periodic check ups with their doctor to insure their health is alright. There is a website www.accelent.com where additional information is available for updates and a contact person for any other inquiries as well as Trappe's website www.trappeborough.com. It is the desire of Council to keep the public informed and Council will stay on top of the situation. There was considerable discussion and comments with regard to statistics and their intent improve their projected cleaning of the air.

MAYOR'S REPORT – C. Peck

Boy Scout Troop 87 was in attendance for the meeting and the Mayor acknowledged their presence. She welcomed the Scouts and commented that they are working on their Government Badge. Troop Master acknowledged that Cory Capofferi-Sutton has reached the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout. Council congratulated him on his achievement and his obtaining this rank.

Mayor Peck will prepare a letter acknowledging Cory's achievements and make a formal presentation of a plaque at his award ceremony.

Nevin acknowledge the Scout Master and the number of Eagle Scouts that have risen to that rank in the Troop. 2% of Scouts reach Eagle rank and a considerably larger number have reached this rank in this Troop. She was personally thanked for her contribution to Scouting and her efforts at Trappe Days. **Schuylkill River Heritage Area** – Copy of letter the Schuylkill River Heritage Area seeking grant money to help Save the Speaker's House. The letter was written on behalf of Council and residents.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Colleen Wilhelm and Michelle Gorman – were before Council to ask for support and tell of plans for Kids Day America. Council asked they be in touch with the Borough Manager for further information and assistance.

Paul Edwards – inquired about the water and the source of our water. President Strauss advised that information could be seen on our website, and that once a year we get a water quarterly report from C-T Public Works. Our wells in Trappe have virtually no TCE. To substantiate this, there will be a statement this week as to the content of TCE in our wells; and the number is minute. Anyone worried about the water quality in Trappe, can be assured that we have good water. One reason is because of the air strippers and they indicate the amount is negligible. There is no TCE in our drinking water; any at all would be in the ground water and if it is measurable, would be very little. The purpose of the strippers at Public Works are to produce clean water, should a stripper fail, that particular well will automatically shut down. The other strippers are used to remove the TCE from the ground water and put it into the air and this has been on-going for years. J. Durrell suggested Paul pull up our website, information already on it will be updated as we receive more official notices.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Waste/Recycling/Streets – N. Scholl

Nothing further to report.

John Klink, Treasurer – John advised Council that the Annual Audit Report to DCED has been completed and submitted to the State and County.

Program Update – J. Klink said it is time to update the software for payroll, \$180 and QuickBooks 2007, \$200.

M. Carrig motioned to authorize John to update both programs, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Property/Open Space/Traffic – J. Durrell

Main Street Park – The test pits that were authorized two months ago were completed, tests were conducted at depth of six to eight feet, there was only one that was 4.5 feet that might be a problem. The next step is for the Open Space Committee to get feedback from the survey.

Rambo Park - There was a presentation last week by Fred Schuetz to Montgomery County for a grant for Rambo Park and Fred commented the Borough received approval of grant money from the County in the amount of \$163,584.

Traffic – Jim spent time working with K. Fulmer on the College Avenue survey as it is being developed and will go out next week; distribution of the survey needs to get to the appropriate neighborhood.

Public Safety – K. Fulmer

Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Report – Ken reviewed the May PSP Report (copy on file in Borough office).

Ordinance/Personnel/Appointments – M. Carrig

Nothing further to report.

Public Works/CTMA – M. Carrig

Infrastructure for CTMA/PW – Under consideration is the restructuring of CTMA/PW. Issues addressed were the suggestion of a committee of seven persons, and who would be the seventh person of representation, there was discussion regarding the Public Works hourly rate – the ratio of work done in Collegeville vs. Trappe and rate payer subsidizing percentage hours vs. what percentage rate comes from which Borough. There was considerable discussion and exchange of ideas; no action taken by Council at this time.

Planning and Zoning – S. Kurcik

Regional Planning – There is a new representative from the County on the Regional Planning Commission, Erik Jarrell, Planner.

OLD BUSINESS

Davis Morgan, 36 West Third Avenue - Mr. Bob Newton of Urwiler and Walter, Inc. representing the applicant was before Council with regard to recent

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resubmission of a grading and detail plan for a paved parking lot and entrance to accommodate the existing structure for professional offices on this parcel. The applicant is seeking a waiver from the approved PennDOT 20 foot width driveway to a 24 foot driveway. President Strauss stated that usually the applicant comes to ask for waivers before starting the project, not after the project is done; there were questions regarding the conditional use hearing decision and plans not being processed as a formal land development plan and if Council should approve this it would give the developer the ability to complete this project. The requested improvements as presented tonight have never been approved by Council which means, if approved, they would then be credible improvements as they were put in as not being in compliance.

Fire Chief Brian Long expressed concern with ingress/egress for the Fire Company's 47-foot fire truck, there is no problem turning into the driveway, with no other means of egress other than the one driveway; Fire Marshal to get copy of plan and offer his review. Further review next month will be based on what the Fire Marshal's review and gets back to council. No further action taken by Council. Turner Run Escrow Release – The Turner Run project has been completed since 2004 and funds remain in escrow. All issues have been addressed and funds can be released.

M. Carrig motioned to release the remaining funds in the escrow account, seconded by J. Durell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Christina Falcon Conditional Use Hearing – Council set the date for the applicant to be May 1, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

At 9:30 PM council retired to executive session, the Secretary exited the meeting at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Katona
Secretary