

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
February 6, 2007**

President Stu Strauss called the regularly scheduled Council meeting to order at 7:20 PM. The delay of the Call to Order was due to the extended time for the preceding conditional use hearing for the Stearly property.

The 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, and Jim Durrell. Matt Watson and Ken Fulmer were excused. Others in attendance were Engineer Doug May, Solicitor Bob Kerns and Treasurer John Klink. Manager Chuck Sardo was excused.

Minutes of the Meeting of January 6, 2007 – Everyone received a copy of the Minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting. 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 Accounts Payable. There were additional bills as follows:

Simone/Collins (Main St Park)	\$ 4,804.78
Allied Waste (February)	\$28,448.17
Collegetville Borough of Trappe	\$ 52.27
Sacks Excavating	\$ 475.00
Borough's Association	\$ 25.00
Czop/Specter (January)	\$ 3,469.25

J. Durrell motioned to pay 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 questions or comments.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report – C. Sardo

In Chuck's absence, President Strauss presented a bid proposal from Carr and Duff, Inc. to continue the installation of the flashing warning beacon at West Seventh Avenue and Borough Line Road. The estimate presented was in the amount of \$40,136.81 representing an increase of \$6,390.00 from the original bid of two years ago.

There was discussion. D. May stated that over a two year period there would have been an increase in the prevailing wage and the cost of steel. He felt that this is a reasonable area to accommodate the price increases. The Solicitor stated he would have to review the contract to determine if the contractor would be entitled to any increase based on the contract itself and determine if there are options in the contract. Nevin indicated he would like to authorize the Solicitor to see if we can re-bid the contract, see the prints of the current plans, the previous plans and the bills already paid and the original pricing. Council directed the Solicitor to do the comparison of the actual amount of increases. No further action taken at this time.

Air Pollution Study – President Strauss stated that Trappe Borough is taking a proactive stand on the air pollution (air only, not water) study done by DEP for our area. DEP tested the air quality in 2004 and found in the Colledgeville and Trappe areas were extraordinarily high. DEP tested again recently for comparison purposes over the past two-year period. One spot tested was in Evansburg Park and the Trappe School Centers, again the readings are above the norm. He further stated that to the best of our ability as a Borough we are going to see what can be done to take care of the situation. This does not affect our water. our water is tested on a daily basis.

For the public, there are two public sessions, February 15, 1:30 PM at Ursinus College; Chuck will be instructed to attend that meeting. The second meeting will be on February 20 at 7:00 PM at the new Middle School. President Strauss stated that the Borough is concerned about the matter and will keep updated.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – D. May (Copy of Report on file in Borough office) Everyone received a copy of the Engineer’s Report as reviewed by Doug. 608 Main Street, Diesinger Property, 608 Main Street – Doug mentioned that he and Chuck met with the developer to go over items considered to be pre-application questions.

Carriage Ridge – D. May reviewed his letter of February 2, 2007 sent to the DiPrinzio with regard to the as-built plans for the development. He is waiting to hear from DiPrinzio and his plans to correct the slope requirements. One outstanding item on a list of seven items on the old punch list was the as-built plan and a review was done.

Relative to the slopes, the Engineer stated he asked the developer to rectify the slopes in accordance with the Borough ordinances. Due to the storm water pretty much pooling, he asked the developer how he intends to rectify this as required by the Ordinances. The slope is flatter than what the Ordinance specifies and the run-off might pond and that is the Engineer’s concern. The piping is under the roadway. The developer has been put on notice that there this is a problem.

NPDES Permitting Phase 2 – the response to DEP is in the process of being prepared.

Stearly Traffic Report – The Engineer was asked to review the Traffic Impact Study for the Stearly property and report back on it as soon as possible.

M. Carrig motioned to approved the Engineer’s Report, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – B. Kerns (Copy of Report on file in Borough office)**

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

The Solicitor asked for an executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council or public.

M. Carrig motioned to approve the Solicitor’s Report, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**MAYOR’S REPORT – C. Peck (Copy of Report on file in Borough office)**

Everyone received a copy of the Report. Connie reviewed her Report for Council.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Nick DiRosa, Apian Way** – was before Council regarding Carriage Ridge developers (Diprinzio) as to whether there was anyway they could sign off on the responsibilities before they fulfill their responsibilities as a developer. The Solicitor advised that the developer had to fulfill the outstanding items on the punch list and address the legal items before there are more approvals; Mr. DiPrinzio has to bring forth the approvals. One issue was that the as-built plans had to be prepared by Birsch, we are down to the as-built and some of the items in those plans, in particular the drainage pipes and the issue of the water flowing properly in that system.

**Fred Schuetz, Third Avenue** – was before Council with regard to billings for CTMA from the Solicitor. J. Klink advised there were adjustments made to the original bills around that time and CTMA/Public Works were appropriately billed.

There was a question as to the methodology of the recent Planning Commission appointments. The Solicitor advised that in accordance with his office’s research, there was a question as to how the terms were laid out because they were not consistent with the municipalities planning code and that had to be corrected.

**Sam Mancuso, College Woods** – was before Council as a reminder with regard to the water problem in College Woods then flowing along Main Street.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance/Waste/Recycling/Streets** – N. Scholl

Nevin advised he had been working with Chuck and the annual PVSD billing we receive on an annual basis. He wants to know exactly what it is that we receive from them for the money. To date, it appears they do not provide anything to us or to Berkheimer. We need to understand why we are billed every year.

**Recyclables** – Nevin made the effort to find out if there is any kind of recyclable credit available for homeowners through a private industry. His contact advised currently they do not have a contract with Allied Waste Systems and perhaps consideration could be made when the contract with Allied is negotiated again, another year remaining on this contract.

**Property/Open Space/Traffic – J. Durrell**

**Main Street Park** – Jim proposed an appraisal be made on the property adjoining the Main Street Park (property being Mane Attractions) to consider for use as part of the Park.

J. Durrell motioned for an appraisal to be made on the adjoining Main Street Park property, there was no second to the motion.

There was discussion. Council wanted to have the Borough Manager contact the owner(s) and give recommendation, preferably in writing, before an appraisal will be authorized. Chuck to get back in time for March meeting. No further action at this time.

**PECO/Trail Route** – Council authorized F. Schuetz to continue dialogue with Upper Providence and Perkiomen Township regarding continuation of the trail.

**Planning Commission Survey** – relative to the Main Street Park in connection with the grant application, there was mention of updating the 1999 survey with input from the public as to what they would like to have as passive recreation at the Park. There was discussion with regard to doing a survey and having input back to the Borough in time for the grant application submittal date of April 1, 2007. There was further discussion regarding the survey being independent or part of the upcoming Newsletter. President Strauss indicated that he would direct Chuck to have the Newsletter out by March 1, 2007, results back within two weeks and have survey information back to Council in time for the April 1.

N. Scholl motioned that the Borough Manager get the Newsletter out by the first week of March and the survey to Council by April, second by M. Carrig, all ayes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Public Safety – K. Fulmer**

**Pennsylvania State Police Report** –in Ken's absence, President Strauss reviewed the Report of January 2007. (Copy on file in Borough office).

Nevin reported on the meeting with Fire Company and the actions they are endeavoring. Presently making a list of all the equipment, plus the estimated use and life, cost originally and cost for replacement, the appropriate time to replace it, this will assist with what type of funding is needed and when and to determine the Fire Company needs so Council can plan ahead of time and not have to come up with funding on a moments notice.

The tax exempt status has been submitted to IRS for approval, taking longer than usual, but will certainly help with fund raising projects and certain organizations that require tax exempt status that the Fire Company does not presently have. The meeting with the Fire Company was positive and the plan is to meet on a quarterly basis to understand their needs.

**Ordinances/Personnel/Appointments – M. Carrig**

**Pete Stormer Resignation** – President Strauss acknowledged a letter of resignation from Pete Stormer, a member of Trappe's Planning Commission and commented on the excellent job he did on the Commission and Open Space Committee. Regarding his replacement, two individuals show interest in serving on that Commission and until February 13, applications will be received and considered and interviewed and a decision will be made.

**CTMA/Public Works – M. Carrig**

Mark acknowledged resignations effective immediately from Public Works and CTMA. They were Arnold Mann, Richard Landis and Bob Keeney, replacements have been designated; Frank Lepore and Rowan Keenan.

**Planning and Zoning – S. Kurcik**

Steve advised there was a Commission meeting in January and the Commission reorganized. Howard Lownes was appointed Chairman and Ray Spaid as Vice Chairman.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**M C Weeks Conditional Use Date –Council set the meeting date to hear the conditional use application of M C Weeks for Tuesday March 6, 2007 at 6:00 PM.**

With no other business to come before Council they retired to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Katona  
Secretary