

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

September 4, 2007

President Stu Strauss called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The delay was due to a lengthy conditional use hearing that started at 6:30 PM for Richard Czop, 167 West Main Street, Trappe PA 19426.

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, Matt Watson, Mark Carrig, Jim Durrell, Steve Kurcik 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 August 7, 2007 – There were no noted amendments or corrections to the Minutes as presented.

S. Kurcik motioned to approved the Minutes as presented, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 13, 2007 – There was an amendment to the vote with regard to a legal issue and the vote is to read “...5 aye votes and 1 abstention by J. Durrell. abstaining.” There was discussion and clarification by the Solicitor.

N. Scholl motioned to amend the motion to reflect the fact that five people voted in favor and one person (J. Durrell) did not vote, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0. (M. Watson abstained this vote because he did not attend the August 13, 2007 meeting).

Presentation of the Bills – J. Klink

Everyone received a copy of Accounts Payable. There was one additional bill: John Wentworth, Auxiliary Policeman, \$209.00.

N. Scholl motioned to pay the bills including the additional bill, second by J. Durrell, All ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Financial Reports – J. Klink

Everyone received a copy of the financial statements. There were no comments or questions.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

At this time, President Strauss opted to cover the issues regarding **NEW BUSINESS** as follows:

Stearly Property – Attorney Mark Clemm was before Council to ask for a date for a conditional use hearing for the bank portion of the Stearly property, only.

Council was agreeable to set the date for the hearing for September 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM at which time they will hear the use hearing for Stearly and make a decision on the DeMutis application.

Strategic Realty – Attorney Bob Brant was before Council to request a public hearing for 29 East First Avenue to present an over lay district and re-zoning for the site for the old Middle School.

M. Carrig motioned to set a date for the public hearing, second by M. Watson. The vote were 5 aye votes and 2 nay votes by N. Scholl and S. Strauss, the motion to grant a special meeting passed 5 – 2.

Council set the date for the hearing to be Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The Solicitor will prepare the advertisement.

Pennsylvania State Police – Lt. Paul Gustainis was present at the Council meeting and spent considerable time responding to questions from the public with regard to response time to incidents, safety at the Shopping Center, and traffic violations, vandalism in College Woods and other concerns. He concluded by stating the PSP is ready to serve the Community.

Manager's Report – C. Sardo (Copy of report on file in Borough Office) Everyone received a copy of the Manager's Report as reviewed by the Manager.

Trappe Shopping Center – President Strauss and Manager Chuck Sardo attended a meeting Bill Anderson, the owner of the Trappe Shopping, concerning the lighting; Mr. Anderson advised that the lights should remain on from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM; they have not been and he will direct their maintenance personnel to correct the matter.

7th Avenue and Borough Line Road - Carr & Duff Contract - There was discussion regarding the termination of the our Agreement with Carr and Duff, Inc. for the installation of the flashing beacon at the intersection of 7th Avenue and Borough Line Road; there may be liability issues to be addressed. The Agreement, as it stands, can be terminated giving seven days notice and needs to be addressed and a letter sent to Carr and Duff stating so.

There was further discussion and Council opted to wait another month before writing a letter of termination.

Times Herald – Collegeville-Trappe Heritage – The Times Herald proposed that Trappe participate along with Collegeville on a booklet to be published on the heritage of both communities; the amount \$200.

N. Scholl motioned to participate in the publication for an amount of \$200 contingent on Collegeville doing likewise, second by M. Watson, 5 aye votes and 2 nay votes by M. Carrig and S. Kurcik.

Motion carried 5 – 2.

Community Music School – An Agreement has been prepared between Community Music School and Trappe Borough for the consideration of a shared driveway between the Music School and Main Street Park. If there are no objections, the Agreement will be faxed to them in time for their Board of Directors meeting, September 13, 2007 and Edwina French will return to Chuck; there were no objections voiced by Council.

S. Kurcik motioned to accept the Manager’s Report, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

Doug reviewed his report with council.

Main/3rd Avenue Signal – Contact with PennDOT regarding the timing of the signal at 3rd and Main and that they are willing to work with the Borough Engineer regarding a timing shift for the signal, if not satisfactory will revert back to the original timing pattern.

College Avenue and First Avenue – Engineer made a site visit and put together recommendations to improve safety conditions at the intersection. To improve visibility at all four corners of the intersection, trees should be trimmed back to make the STOP signs more visible, roadway markings made more visible as you approach the intersection and stop bars moved further to intersection.

K. Fulmer motioned to proceed with the rough estimate for the following work as submitted by the Engineer at a cost not to exceed \$2,900:

6 trees trimmed and clean-up, 1 bush removed	\$ 500.00
Reinstall 4 existing STOP signs (right side),	\$ 400.00
Purchase and install 3 new STOP signs (left side)	\$1,200.00
Paint 4 new 24" wide stop bars	\$ 400.00
Eradicate 4 existing stop bars	\$ 400.00

Total: \$2,900.00

motion second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT – B. Kerns (Report on file in Borough office)
Everyone received a copy of the Solicitor's Report. There were no comments or questions from Council.**

K. Fulmer motioned to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented, second by J. Durrell, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Connie Peck

Heritage Day Auxiliary Police – The Mayor requested and received permission from Council for the use of the Auxiliary Police for Heritage Day, September 22, 2007.

Goschenhoppin – There was a request from the Souderton Goschenhoppin Society for the use of our auxiliary police/gratis – no action taken by Council – to be noted that there is a \$15 per hour fee for use of the police.

Recycling Grant – Her Honor noted that the funding for the recycling grant was received in the amount of \$3950.00 for the year 2005 and that consideration be given to receive more funding in the future.

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Paula Campbell, 433 Silver Leaf Circle – Paula was before Council with a request for the Engineer's Report and asked when the Maintenance Bond expires. Another question with regard to solicitations and should there be a permit to do so.

Sam Mancuso. 157 Harvard Drive – Sam thanked those that participated in the Bocce tournament, commented on the amount of vandalism in College Woods. He noted he stopped Verizon subcontractors, not allowing them to proceed with further installation because they were severing PECO lines that initiated power to the development, thus there was no proper lighting.

M. Watson exited the meeting at 10:20 PM

Czop/Specter Agreement for College Woods Storm Water Analysis – Sam Mancuso had some minor questions about the \$3500.00 Czop/Specter proposal/Contract of August 2, 2007 for survey and design work at the Harvard/Main intersection for drainage remediation. After some clarification of some of the scope of work items, Sam, as President of College Woods Homeowner’s Association, recommended that the borough execute this contract.

M. Carrig motioned to accept this contract, second by J. Durrell provided Czop/Specter honor the costs stated for an additional 30 days, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Waste/Recycling/Streets – Nevin reported on The Townhouses at Laurel and there was a meeting with the residents of the development. Presently waiting for input from the Solicitor to review the report.

Property/Open Space/Traffic – J. Durrell

There will be an open space meeting with the Planner Simone Collins on Wednesday evening September 12, 2007; the public is invited to attend.

Public Safety – K. Fulmer

Copy of the Pennsylvania State Police Report was distributed to all Council members, Ken reviewed the Report publicly. Fire Company and Ambulance Reports were received, distributed and reviewed. There was discussion regarding a letter to be composed and sent to Upper Providence Township requesting additional money for the coverage afforded to them by Trappe Fire Company.

Ordinances/Personnel/Appointments- M. Carrig due to the resignation of Adam Cusatis, Planning Commission Secretary, and Council agreed that Nancy Eppley could sit for the September meeting, September 18, 2007. There is a candidate for Adam’s replacement in the works.

Public Works/CTMA – M. Carrig

Nothing further to report

Planning and Zoning – S. Kurcik

Steve indicated that the Planning Commission approved the preliminary plan for the Stearly property upon the Engineer being satisfied with the follow up to his comments of his letter of August 20, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing noted

NEW BUSINESS

Previously set dates for hearings, as reported on Page 2.

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Katona
Secretary**