

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 1, 2008

President Schuetz called to order the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:00 PM

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

President Schuetz introduced Manager Tommy Ryan, welcomed him into the Borough Family and invited the public to stop by Borough Hall to meet him.

President Schuetz stated that prior to this evening's meeting there was an Executive Session to discuss legal issues. The Executive Session will continue after adjournment of tonight's meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Roll Call by the Secretary – Those present were Mayor Connie Peck, President Fred Schuetz, Vice President Matt Watson, Nevin Scholl, Steve Kurcik, Catherine Johnson, Lew DiPrete and Paul Edwards. Others in attendance were Engineer John Sartor, Solicitor Dave Onorato, Treasurer Joe Lowe and Manager Tommy Ryan.

Minutes of the Meetings of March 4, 2008 and March 10, 2008

March 4, 2008 – Everyone received a copy of the Minutes for this meeting. N. Scholl noted one amendment on Page 3: KaBOOM – motion to read: "...authorize the investment of \$7500 for KaBOOM, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0"

N. Scholl motioned to approve the Minutes with the amendment, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

March 10, 2008 – Everyone received a copy of the Minutes for this meeting. There were no noted additions or corrections.

N. Scholl motioned to approve the Minutes as presented, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Financial Reports – J. Lowe

Everyone received a copy of Accounts Payable as reviewed by the Treasurer. There were additional bills.

All Cleaning Services (Boro Hall)	\$ 500.00
Mercury (advertising)	\$ 97.37
Richter Office Supply	\$ 155.37
ProPrint (copy services)	\$ 464.00
Signal Service (traffic signals)	\$1,079.79

N. Scholl motioned to approve payment of the bills including the additional bills, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Treasurer's Report – J. Lowe

Everyone received a copy of the Treasurer's Report as presented and reviewed by the Treasurer.

L. DiPrete motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

N. Scholl made comments regarding financials. His comparison covered this year vs. last year. The revenue area is down about \$42,000. The biggest item is donations down \$26,000; of the \$26,000, \$25,000 represents the annual payment Public Works has made to both Collegeville and Trappe expected to be made in December, 2008. We did not receive that payment until the first quarter of this year (2007). Earned Income Tax is down about \$8,000 from last year. Expenses are about \$19,000 above what we had last year; largest expense area is in engineering (\$46,000) including Laurel Drive (\$21,000). The expense of the interim manager (\$6,000) to be moved to salary and benefits line and noted a decrease in open space, last year we spent \$16,000 and nothing to date.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report – T. Ryan

Purdy Subdivision – Application has been made for approval of a minor-subdivision. The applicant, Mr. Purdy and his attorney, Craig Lewis of Kaplan/Stewart were present at the meeting.

Mr. Lewis reviewed the application of 2.35 acres noting that the plan for a minor subdivision was presented to the Planning Commission in October of 2007 whereby the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

In response to a review letter from Czop/Specter of January 2, 2008 the applicant requested minor waivers to be granted. They were before Council to present their plan and requesting action as outlined in the January 2, 2008 letter. There was discussion of waivers regarding road widening, sidewalks and street trees, right of way dedication, Stormwater, tree removal, aerial photo, and open space requirement of providing recreational facilities, as discussed at Planning Commission.

N. Scholl motioned to approve waivers in summary. There was discussion and Nevin withdrew his motion to approve.

A second motion was made by M. Watson for approval of the plan subject to the following waivers and deferrals:

Waivers:

1. SALDO 303.B(5) - A waiver for widening First Avenue to a 30-foot wide cart way at the property frontage, and a waiver for the payment of a fee in lieu thereof.
2. SALDO 318.A – A partial waiver is requested for relief from providing stone or concrete monuments at all corners or angle points of boundaries and at all street

intersections. Two monuments are proposed along the Ultimate Right of Way. Iron pins are proposed at all other corners where monuments do not already exist.

3. SALDO 420.C - A waiver for showing existing features within 400 feet of the property boundary. In lieu thereof the Applicant shall provide an aerial photograph in accordance with Item #7 of the Czop/Specter, Inc. review letter dated January 2, 2008.

#### Deferrals

1. SALDO 304.A – The installation of sidewalks along the property frontage shall be deferred until such time as the Borough requires the installation of sidewalks along the property frontage.
2. SALDO 320.C - The installation of street trees along the property frontage shall be deferred until such time as the Borough requires the installation of street trees along the property frontage.
3. SALDO 310.G(13) – The preparation of a grading plan for the area adjacent to the dwelling to be constructed at proposed Lot #2 shall be deferred until such time as the building permit is submitted for said dwelling. Grading in the area adjacent to said dwelling shall be in accordance with the Ordinance, and shall be shown on the building permit plan.
4. SALDO 310.M(1) - The preparation of a groundwater drainage system for the dwelling to be constructed at proposed Lot #2 shall be deferred until such time as the building permit is submitted for said dwelling. The groundwater drainage system for said dwelling shall be in accordance with the Ordinance, and shall be shown on the building permit plan.
5. SALDO 310.M(2)(a) – The preparation of a sump pump system for the dwelling to be constructed at proposed Lot #2 shall be deferred until such time as the building permit is submitted for said dwelling. The sump pump system for said dwelling shall be in accordance with the Ordinance, and shall be shown on the building permit plan.
6. SALDO 319.1.A – The identification of trees to be removed at proposed Lot #2 shall be deferred until such time as the building permit is submitted for said Lot. The building permit application shall denote all trees to be removed, and the Applicant shall provide for the replacement of said trees in accordance with Ordinance.

Motion second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Pertaining to Open Space for the project, there was a vote that the Borough waive the required open space set-aside and the \$1800 fee in lieu thereof. Council voted 5 – 2 to

waive the open space and the fee in lieu thereof per SALDO 324.B(1), with the two nay votes cast by N. Scholl and S. Kurcik to require the Applicant pay the open space fee.

The Manager to draft a Resolution for review by the Solicitor.

Jeff Farina – Accellent

Mr. Farina was before Council with a follow up and current status of Accellent/TCE and their efforts to be in compliance with DEP regulations. Their project plan represents a two million dollar investment that includes degreasing modifications as well as a new building to house the cleaning process as required by DEP; presently they are at the building permit stage. Information was given on the lubricant of materials, solvent used for cleaning/degreaser process.

Jeff responded to questions and comments from Council and the audience as to carbon absorption, spills/violations and the automatic monitoring station set up by the DEP at the Fire House. Other issues included an update and results on the pilot program, and installation of degreasing equipment. President Schuetz thanked Jeff for his update and response to comments and questions.

MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued) – T. Ryan

Building Inspector's Report, Pennsylvania State Police and Fire Company Report – All Council members received copies of these reports for review and comment.

PVSD Prom Committee Request for a donation of \$200 to assist financing for the annual Prom Night event. There was discussion. In lieu of a Council donation, there are Council members actively involved with Prom Night and are donating to the event of their time and offer of their personal contribution of \$200 that equates to the equivalency of their request of the Borough for a donation. No further action by Council.

M. Watson motioned to approve the Manager's Report, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – J. Sartor (copy of Report on file in Borough office)

Everyone received a copy of John's Report; he called for questions/comments. There were none.

Nevin commented that he felt it was excellent that developers that owe money are not receiving services until they pay their bills.

Owen Jones, President of Carriage Ridge HOA - inquired with regard to drainage piping behind houses #3, #2, and #1 in the Carriage Ridge development. It appears the piping is behind house #3 and has not been extended to houses #2 and #1. An on site visit by the Manager and Engineer confirmed that it appears the 30 inch piping should have been extended to houses #2 and #1 by the developer, DePrinzio Construction. There was discussion and the Engineer elaborated. Council authorized Mr. Jones to generate a letter to the builder, DiPrinzio Construction, with regard to extending the piping to houses #2 and #1; a copy of his letter to be sent the Borough.

N. Scholl motioned to accept the Engineer's Report as presented, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – D. Onorato (copy of Report on file in Borough office)  
Everyone received a copy of the Solicitor's Report. D. Onorato reviewed for Council.  
There were no further questions or comments.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – C. Peck

KaBOOM/PECO – Mayor Peck gave a status report on the KaBOOM grant funding and project for Water Works Park on behalf of the KaBOOM Committee. The project is a Community event with the kids and parents participating in the design of the playground. Her Honor personally, with the assistance of Nathan Morris, student at St. Eleanor's, delivered flyers door-to-door for kids and parents to become involved. The first Design Day meeting held at a local church had a great response of kids and parents. This meeting was specifically for the kids to give their input into the project and what they would like to see at the playground. A second meeting for parents followed to make recommendations to KaBOOM based on the wishes of the kids. Anyone wanting to become part of the Committee or volunteer is welcome.

S. Kurcik motioned to accept the Mayor's Report, second by P. Edwards,  
all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stu Strauss – inquired with regard to the new Council going to address the issue of purchasing the Longacre property for a potential new compost site for residents of Trappe and Collegeville. President Schuetz advised that this would not be a topic of discussion this evening.

Sam Mancuso, College Woods HOA President – Mr. Mancuso commented regarding proof of dedication of Heritage Park Blvd, update of projects.  
Three street lights were reported out on Williams Way and a low cable along Main Street near Rt 113. The Manager will follow up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – N. Scholl

PECO Credit – The Borough is due credit from PECO for switching to LED lighting for our traffic signals. N. Scholl wrote a letter to PECO indicating he feels we have been shorted payment for a couple of months; as yet he has not heard back.

2007 Audit – Confirmed by J. Lowe, Treasurer that the audit has been completed.

Trash Contract – Al Herrmann, Interim Manager and Manager T. Ryan were/are working on the bid for the upcoming renewal of the Allied Waste contract; presently researching the status of former contracts and will follow up.

Laurel/Lilac Reconstruction – A meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2008 at Borough Hall, 7:30 PM between the HOA, Doug May, Czop/Specter Engineer on the project, Cathy, Paul and Nevin to hear any questions or comments of the HOA members with regard to

repair and construction of the roads in the development: it is up to the HOA members to vote as to whether or not they want the project to proceed.

Public Works/Recycling – M. Watson

Public Works Agreement – Matt advised that the Public Works Agreement is being revised.

CTMA – Nevin reviewed with Council 2002-2008 Regional Authority & Sewer Treatment charges. A revenue from 2002 to 2007 is \$19,912; this comparison indicates the need for a sewer rate increase.

A committee has been formed and will be meeting Tuesday or Wednesday to discuss the increase and will come back to CTMA at next month's meeting with a proposal. There are proposals from an outside party to analyze the rates, but believe it to be unnecessary. Further, after more data is received, analyzed and discussions, it is up to the Authority to determine if they want to go along with the committee's recommendations for a rate increase.

Property/Streets/Traffic/Safety – P. Edwards (copy of Report on file in Borough office)

Traffic Committee Meeting – Paul submitted and reviewed his Minutes of the March 11, 2008 Traffic Committee meeting. The Committee discussed combining the Traffic/Streets/Safety Committees as one Committee making it more effective and enabling members to keep updated on Borough street needs and resident concerns.

Planning/Zoning/Open Space – M. Watson

Regional Planning Commission – S. Kurcik

Steve reported on the Regional Planning Commission meeting held in Collegetown Borough Hall. Howard Lownes, Planning Commission Chairman and Brett Yeagley attended the most recent Regional meeting. Regional traffic was discussed.

Howard Lownes advised that the Borough Planning Commission has discussed plan goals for 2008, ordinance changes, the historical overlay, parking spaces, storm water drainage and basins, fencing sizes, developments with 5 acres, and dog walks.

Rambo Park – President Schuetz stated Strouse Landscaping has completed tree removal work. Stump grinding remains to be completed. Public Works employee has spread seed on disturbed earth areas. Strouse Landscaping applied straw mulch. Stump grinding expected to take one day.

Personnel/Appointments/Ordinances – L. DiPrete

Constable Resignation – Dennis Lee submitted a resignation from his elected position as Constable; Council accepted his resignation. Borough Manager will look into and make a recommendation as to the process to fill this position.

## OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Park – N. Scholl inquired as to whether we have received reimbursement from the State for our to-date expenditures. President Schuetz advised he will get back after final draft documentation is received from Simone/Collins.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council authorized the use of the Auxiliary Police for traffic control on Election Day, April 22, 2008 at Borough Hall.

VNA – C. Johnson made brochures available with regard to the Visiting Nurse Association; they will be on the table in the foyer.

At 9:15 PM, President Schuetz announced Council would continue with the Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

The Secretary exited the meeting at this time.

At 10:32 PM, Council returned from the Executive Session.

The following action was announced and recorded:

P. Edwards motioned to authorize the Borough Manager to enact group medical coverage for the Borough Secretary and Borough Manager; the Borough Manager will select and recommend coverage to be approved by the Personnel Committee L. DiPrete, P. Edwards, N. Scholl without further action of Council as a whole, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

With no other business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Katona  
Secretary