

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date in the Municipal Building, One Evergreen Drive. President Edward Child called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Child-President, Christopher Betz-Vice-President, Frederick Potter, Harcourt Trimble, Claire Conley, Roberta Recenes and Nicholas Basile (JCP).

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Melissa Baine-Mayor, Gregory Ghen-Solicitor, Craig Wilhelm-Fire Marshal/CEO and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the Council Meeting minutes of March 5, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

CHECK REGISTER: A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the March 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

MTASA REPORT: President Child asked Mr. Vince Putiri, our new representative to the Sewer Authority, if he would like to give us an update. Mr. Putiri stated that the report is self explanatory and that it is in his own words with no editing from anyone. Mr. Putiri added that this morning he took a two (2) hour tour of the Sewer Authority and it is very impressive in its own way. Mr. Putiri stated that it will be an interesting two (2) year tour.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: Ms. Stacey Harbeck of 122 Woodview Drive stated that she was here to ask Council for some help. Last year, she approached the homeowners because of a wet spot in her back yard that was getting progressively bigger. The homeowners could not help but they made a record of her contacting them. Ms. Harbeck added that she contacted the Borough Secretary and asked him if he knew of any excavators that could help get rid of the water. Ms. Harbeck added that her husband ran a hose from their sump pump down the side yard which caused icing of the sidewalk. Her husband moved the hose back to eliminate the problem. When the excavators came, we got the approval of what we could do. We had the gentleman go out front to make sure that what we had there was appropriate and it was agreed that there was nothing more we could do at that time. We did pay to have them haul in dirt because there were other areas in our yard where dirt was washing away from water coming over the swale into our back yard. This winter, that dirt has washed away. We do have other areas in our yard that are creating issues where we are going to have to haul in dirt again to fix it. Ms. Harbeck added that the Borough has gotten donations for replacement trees that were taken down from along the walking track in the back and the thicket has been cut back which may create more water issues that are coming from the field. President Child stated that the thicket doesn't create any water issues for her as it drains into his back yard. Ms. Harbeck stated that she met with the homeowner's representative and mentioned to him that they were having problems with the sidewalk and the driveway because of the water and it is something the homeowners will pick up. Ms. Harbeck added that he suggested she come to Council to ask for suggestions to help rectify the situation. President Child stated that he understands the problem. However, the swale is on private property and there is nothing Council can do to private property. There isn't much we can do about water draining off the park because the purpose of the swale was to catch the water and run it down to the storm water system. Ms Harbeck stated that she was here for suggestions. President Child stated that he had two (2) suggestions. One, as was suggested to him, is to dig a four (4)

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foot deep trench, fill it with stone and put six (6) inches of top soil on top to catch the water. Ms. Harbeck stated that she has done that. President Child stated that secondly, instead of putting dirt in the yard, make the swale higher. President Child added that he would like to see it when it is running over so he could offer additional suggestions. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to contact the Borough Engineer and get a preliminary estimate on a study on what to do with water coming off the park. We need a price to do a study and recommend corrective action. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Mr. Putiri stated that there are several properties in town where the sidewalks have been torn up and not repaired. Some of them are well over a year old. President Child asked the Borough Secretary if he would go with Mr. Putiri and make a list of the properties and try to figure out who is responsible. Borough Secretary stated that he would get with Mr. Putiri and set up a date and time.

Mr. Putiri stated that the split rail fence coming from North Main Street into the park is in bad shape. President Child stated that we will see if our Utility Person can fix it and if not, we will get a fence company to give us a quote.

Mr. Michael San Jose from 2422 Emerald Lane stated that the home owners are looking for a few improvements to be done. We are asking for some signs to be moved, no parking signs and curb painting if possible. We are also looking to see if it is possible to add a speed bump/hump to slow down the traffic. President Child stated that we all have a copy of your request but there is nothing we can do about it tonight. It will be given to our Ordinance Committee who will be re-doing our parking ordinance. Borough Secretary stated that a lot of the signage and painting could fall under the ARLE Grant. Borough Secretary added that the Borough Engineer and he will be going around and making a list of things we want to put in the grant request. Borough Secretary asked Mr. San Jose for his phone number and stated that he would contact him and he could accompany them when they tour Emerald Lane.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that the sign in front of Spor's needs to be replaced and a sign placed in front of the old Artistic Furnishings building. Borough Secretary stated that he would add them to the sign repair/replace list.

Mayor Baine stated that the tree line in the park is filled with trash. Mayor Baine suggested that we all get together and set a date for clean up prior to Community Day. Council agreed.

REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ZONING HEARING BOARD: None

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Potter stated that we actually ran Well #2. We are having a little trouble with the chlorine injector and we are in the process of installing a new pump. We have the controller and the electrician has been cleaning up both well houses because we are having a DEP inspection. Mr. Potter asked the Borough Secretary if we had a definite date for the inspection. Borough Secretary stated that it would be the third week of April. Mr. Potter stated that he would be getting a quote from Pittsburg Tank and Tower to replace the riser at the water tower. We will need to discuss that.

PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE: None

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PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: President Child stated that Mr. Roland Hacker is retiring and Mr. Michael Patterson has submitted an application to replace him. We suggested that he accompany Mr. Hacker and do meter readings with him and get back to us. He has done that and is willing to take the job. A motion was made by Mr. Betz to hire Mr. Patterson as the meter reader and newsletter distributor. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr.; Trimble stated that everyone has a copy of the 2014 year end. Mr. Trimble added that if anyone has any questions, they should contact him or the Borough Secretary. Mr. Trimble stated that at the end of the 1st quarter of 2015, the General Fund income was 21.5% and the expenses were 15%. The Water Fund income was 20.8% and the expenses were 27.2%. All in all, we are doing quite well.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: President Child stated that the Ordinance Committee will meet sometime prior to the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion concerning speed humps, it was decided that the Public Works Committee would meet with the Borough Engineer to decide how many speed humps we need and the locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed. Mr. Wilhelm stated that there have been several false fire alarms at the Trum Tavern. President Child stated that we have an ordinance that allows us to fine them for excessive false alarms. Borough Secretary stated that he would give a copy of the ordinance to Mr. Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm stated that some residents are still cooking and smoking in the rooms. Mr. Wilhelm added that he sent a letter to Ms. Lisa DiBella about the discrepancies. President Child stated that our Zoning Ordinance does not have a definition of Boarding House but does have a definition of Boarder which includes no cooking. We can use that ordinance to shut them down if we have to. Mr. Potter stated that it is obvious that the problems have been increasing. We have to look into what we can do to eliminate this situation. After a brief discussion, it was decided that spot inspections would be conducted.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to reimburse Ms. Betsy Moyer for tax preparation expenses in the amount of \$149.33. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Ms. Recenes to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Smock
Secretary/Treasurer