

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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, Michael George, Claire Conley, Roberta Recenes, Mikayla Black (JCP) 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 Ms. Recenes to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

MTASA REPORT: Accepted as presented.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: Mr. Michael San Jose stated that the Cub Scouts are ready to volunteer to help clean up the park prior to Community Day. Mr. San Jose added that the Borough Secretary stated that trash bags and gloves would be provided. Mr. San Jose stated that they would do the clean up the Sunday before Community Day. President Child thanked Mr. San Jose and the Cub Scouts for volunteering.

Ms. Stacey Harbeck stated that she is here for a follow-up from the last meeting concerning the water runoff. President Child stated that Mr. Johnson gave him a picture and you can see the water running off the field into the swale, which is full, into his yard. President Child added that what he sees as the problem is the walk-way that goes across the swale is a choke point. A big, wide swale that comes down to two (2) small pipes. Mr. Johnson is constantly cleaning it out. President Child stated that his recommendation would be to get an estimate on the cost to remove the pipes and put in a little arched bridge so there is no restriction. After a brief discussion, it was decided we would look into the cost of removing the pipes and putting in a bridge.

Ms. Brenda Roberts stated that she is here on behalf of the Betterment Club to present a check for \$1,000.00 for Community Day. President Child thanked Ms. Roberts for their generosity.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that Mr. Trimble, Mr. Betz and she attended the PSAB Annual Conference and congratulated President Child on a job well done as PSAB President for the past year.

REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ZONING HEARING BOARD: None

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Potter stated that we are finally getting Well #2 back on line but we are still waiting for a permit from the State after being told that we had one. Another inspector

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stated we can't run it until they get the analysis of our "Four-Log" report which is basically testing. Mr. Potter asked the Borough Secretary if he had heard from Mr. Groff. Borough Secretary stated that he talked to him on Monday and will check with him again tomorrow. Mr. Potter stated that we have a controller pressure system that will be wired on Saturday. We can run the well manually if the need arises.

Mr. Trimble stated that we had a meeting concerning speed humps on Woodview Drive and Possibly Evergreen. Mr. Trimble added that the committee met with our engineer and it was determined that speed humps could be installed on Woodview but not Evergreen. We are looking at installing two (2) speed humps; one on either side of the school. Mr. Trimble stated that we are also looking into possibly replacing stop signs, street signs and doing curb painting via the ARLE Grant program. Wynn Associates will be submitting the application on our behalf. Borough Secretary stated that they will be submitting a preliminary application to see if what we want is covered. President Child stated that if the speed humps are not covered under the grant, would Council want to put them in anyway. Mr. Trimble stated that we should wait and see what we hear from the Engineer. President Child stated that if we want to do it this year, the best time would be this summer after school is out. President Child added that we shouldn't wait too long and asked the Borough Secretary if he could have more information for us by the next meeting. Borough Secretary stated that he would ask the Engineer to have something for us. Council agreed that the speed humps should be put in this year.

PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Conley stated that a member of the Lions Club is going to give us ideas on types of trees to plant in the park. Ms. Conley added that she attended a birthday party at Upper Salford Park and it was the most spectacular park she has ever seen. Ms. Conley stated that the landscaping was beautifully done which included trees, bushes, etc. It would be nice to be able to afford a landscaper of that quality to do our park. Ms. Conley stated that we have a very limited tree budget but she thinks the individual from the Lions Club can help us with a plan. Mr. Trimble stated that we set aside money every year for the playground. Come up with a plan and we can go from there.

Ms. Conley asked the Borough Secretary if everything was good with the TRAC Program. Borough Secretary stated that it was. Borough Secretary added that all three ladies are interested in returning and suggested a motion be made to hire them to run this year's program. A motion was made by Ms. Recenes to hire Ms. Jennifer Hughes, Ms. Suzanne Schoenfeld and Ms. Amanda Linske to run the 2015 TRAC Program. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Trimble stated that everyone has a copy of the final audit report and if there are any questions, contact him or the Borough Secretary.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Child stated that we have had Sterner Insurance, which is now Uninvest, for years. President Child added that the Borough Secretary has a proposal from Brown & Brown and asked him to give the comparison. Borough Secretary stated that both Brown & Brown and Uninvest gave us a quote and as you know from the last meeting, the difference in the annual premium was approximately \$1,400.00 in favor of Brown & Brown. Borough Secretary added that he received some advice from PSAB and Keystone

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that before we decide, to compare the coverage on each item. As it turns out, the Brown & Brown quote is less money but less coverage. Mr. George asked what the coverage difference was. Borough Secretary stated that it is the umbrella coverage for each occurrence. Each occurrence is \$1,000,000.00 from Brown & Brown and \$2,000,000.00 from Univest. Borough Secretary added that all other areas were the same. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to stay with Univest. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

Possible purchase of a portion of the Gruver property was discussed. President Child stated that Mr. Gruver has finally decided to sell a portion of his property. President Child added that Mr. Gruver has gotten an appraisal and we will schedule one also. President Child stated that we want to utilize the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant Program to acquire the property. Borough Secretary stated that Mr. Gruver's property is approximately 4.85 acres. The appraisal he got for the section we want to buy is for 3.29 acres. He also got an appraisal for the remaining property. In 2010, he had the entire property appraised at \$217,000.00. Mr. Mark Somers did the two (2) current appraisals in November 2014. The 3.29 acres was appraised at \$40,000.00 and the remainder of the property was appraised at \$148,000.00 for a total of \$188,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to get an appraisal done on the section of property that we want to buy. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Mr. Wilhelm stated that he did an inspection at 5 East Broad Street and could hardly walk through the place because of clothes stacked 2-3 feet high everywhere. The smell of urine was unbelievable. Mr. Wilhelm added that their thirty (30) days to correct the discrepancies expires in two (2) weeks. Mr. Wilhelm stated that he would like Council's backing on whatever he has to do. President Child stated that whatever you decide to do, make sure it is backed up by an ordinance or the Board of Health. Both Mr. Wilhelm and the Borough Secretary stated that the Board of Health would be of little or no help. Mr. Wilhelm will keep Council informed.

Mr. Wilhelm stated that the other thing is the numerous false fire alarms at the Trum Tavern. Mr. Wilhelm added that they have replaced all the smoke detectors. President Child asked if they have been made aware that ongoing false alarms is a finable offense. Mr. Wilhelm stated that he did fine them a total of \$400.00. Mr. Wilhelm added that he would like to recommend to Council that \$300.00 of the fine be donated to the Fire Company. A motion was made by Ms. Recenes to donate \$300.00 of the fine to the Fire Company. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that we received an e-mail from Mr. Stubbs complaining about being singled out for fire inspections and stated that Mr. Wilhelm is not allowed on his property. President Child added that he would like someone to make a motion to authorize our attorney to contact his attorney and inform him that Mr. Stubbs cannot refuse to have our Fire Marshal perform the inspection. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to authorize Mr. Ghen to send a letter to Mr. Stubbs attorney advising him that all businesses are required to have an annual fire inspection conducted by our Fire Marshal/CEO. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Ms. Recenes to reimburse Ms. Betsy Moyer for the Real Estate postal box rental in the amount of \$116.00. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

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A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise the 2014 Concise Financial Statement. Seconded by Mr. Betz. 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
Borough Secretary