

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MARCH 7, 2019**

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 Abby Eckert (JCP).

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Melissa Baine-Mayor, Craig Wilhelm-Fire Marshal/CEO, Vince Putiri-MTASA Representative and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

CHECK REGISTER: A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the February 2019 Check Register.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

MTASA REPORT: MTASA report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

QAPC REPORT: Mr. Trimble stated that the committee did not meet, but he was in another meeting concerning transportation. Mr. Trimble added that they are still putting together a public meeting to discuss transportation in the entire area. Mr. Trimble stated that the meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 30th at the Proper from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: A resident asked if we know what's going on with the open space behind Chestnut, Woodview and Witchazel with the fiasco with the fence that happened last week. President Child stated that the fence is where it should be now. President Child added that he went over there with the drawing of the development and showed them exactly where their property ended and got the fence positioned properly. President Child stated that last year, Council agreed to have that open space surveyed this year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that we had to call two (2) snow emergencies this year; hopefully there won't be anymore. Mayor Baine added that Ms. Marilyn Bobb suggested the Council members reregister with the County concerning notifications. President Child stated that we may want to have another presentation from the County EMS personnel.

REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Potter stated that there will be a meeting on March 18, 2019.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: None

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Potter stated that we are still waiting for DEP to tell us when we can operate Well #3. Mr. Potter added that all systems are working; we are just waiting for their

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approval. Mr. Potter added that a couple of leaks at Well #2 were repaired and a new screen was installed in one of the cylinders. In addition, the arsenic removal media at Well #2 has been changed.

Mr. Trimble stated that the Borough Secretary was able to contact PennDOT and a traffic study will be conducted on Broad and Main streets.

PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Conley stated that we did not meet but, at the last meeting, we discussed putting the dates of the Pancake Breakfast and the Winter Fest in our newsletter. Ms. Conley suggested that the Pancake Breakfast be held on September 14th and the Winter Fest on December 7th.

Borough Secretary stated that all three ladies from the TRAC Program will be returning. Borough Secretary added that he talked with the TRAC Director, Ms. Jennifer Hughes, and the start date for this year's program is July 1st, close July 4th and 5th for the Holiday, reconvene on July 8th and end on August 2nd. With Council approval. Borough Secretary stated that they would check with Pastor Hopcke to see if that is okay. Council agreed to the dates.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: President Child stated that the committee met with our Utility Person, went over some misunderstandings and suggested that he check with the Borough Secretary once a week to see if we had anything for him. President Child asked the Borough Secretary if he was doing that. Borough Secretary replied that he has not.

President Child stated that at the end of new business, Council will be going into an Executive Session concerning a personnel matter.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: None

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Obtaining a survey for the open space behind Chestnut, Woodview and Witchazel was discussed. President Child stated that we are waiting for a quote from Mr. Steve Baluh from Wynn Associates. After a brief discussion, it was decided to request an additional quote from Cowan Associates.

NEW BUSINESS:

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

President Child stated that items 3 & 4 have to do with the purchase of the Boyle property. President Child added that we knew that there would be extra costs we would have to look at. President Child stated that DCNR typically requires a Phase I Environmental Assessment; they have waived that. DCNR always requires two (2) appraisals. Because the purchase price is so below the appraised price, they waived that. The County also waived the two (2) appraisal requirement.

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President Child stated that the first two things are quotes for a title search from Tohickon Settlement Services and Laurel Abstract Company. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Potter to accept the quote from Laurel Abstract Company. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that we have two (2) quotes to survey the Boyle property; one from Cowan Associates and the other from C. Robert Wynn Associates. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to accept the quote from Cowan Associates. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Ms. Conley to donate \$50.00 to the Fire Company for Bag Bingo. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

At 7:40 PM, President Child recessed the Council meeting in order to conduct an Executive Session.

At 7:50 PM, President Child re-convened the Council meeting. President Child stated that the discussion in the Executive Session involved our water superintendent, Mr. Jim Groff. Mr. Groff was offered a job running the Melody Lakes water system for \$2,000.00 more than what we are paying him. Mr. Groff stated that he would rather stay here, but didn't want to turn them down. We discussed whether we wanted to give him the extra \$2,000.00 for a total of \$17,000.00 per year. Mr. Potter stated that treatment plant operators in Pennsylvania make approximately \$30.00 per hour. Mr. Potter added that at 10 hours per week, it would come to \$32.88 so he rounded it down to \$30.00 so it would come out to \$17,000.00 per year which is a perfectly reasonable salary. President Child stated that all we need is a motion. A motion was made to increase Mr. Groff's salary to \$17,000.00 per year effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Smock
Secretary/Treasurer