

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE  
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY APRIL 4, 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, Michael George, Claire Conley, Roberta Recenes and Abigail Eckert (JCP).

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Craig Wilhelm-Fire Marshal/CEO, Vincent Putiri- MTASA Representative and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer.

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

**CHECK REGISTER:** A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the March 2019 Check Register. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Ms. Joanna Mark distributed literature to Council concerning the chemical Glyphosate found in Roundup; a popular weed and grass killer, which is linked to causing lymphatic and other cancers along with antibiotic resistance and autism in children. President Child asked if the EPA or the Pennsylvania DEP has banned Roundup. Ms. Mark stated that she wasn't sure but she thinks there will be some action taken because of all the pending law suits. Ms. Mark added that she would like the Borough to pass a resolution banning Roundup and any other weed killer containing Glyphosate from being used in the Borough. After a brief discussion it was decided to check with our solicitor to see what we can do legally. Mr. Potter stated that meanwhile, we can suggest to the borough residents not to use Roundup or other weed killers containing the chemical through our Newsletter and the Resident email block.

**ADOPT-A-BOOK:** President Child stated that we have with us tonight, representatives from the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds. President Child added that they found really old records in the basement that are falling apart and they are in the process of restoring them. Ms. Robin Robinson introduced herself and stated that she has been the Recorder of Deeds since January of 2018. Ms. Robinson added that she went to a meeting last April and met the recorder of deeds from Blaire County and she told her about her old deed books and how she was paying for them with record improvement money. Ms. Robinson stated that when she returned to work she asked if there were any old deed books and if so, where were they. She and her staff went to a warehouse where they found approximately 700 books stacked on the floor. Ms. Robinson stated that this was her responsibility and she need to do something about it. Ms. Robinson added that the first thing to do was to find out what this record improvement money was all about. Ms. Robinson stated that there is a state law that says that every recorder of deeds office collects five dollars with every recording of which three dollars goes to the recorder of deeds office and two dollars goes to the county. This money is supposed to be used in improving the records. Ms. Robinson added that on December 27, 2017, the previous recorder of deeds wiped out the record improvement money account in the amount of \$900,000.00 and gave it to the county. The law says that if the recorder of deeds doesn't use their record improvement money every 4 years, it is given to the county. Ms. Robinson stated that she and her attorney went to the Records Improvement

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Committee and requested that the money be returned. They returned \$250,000.00. With that money, she started fixing the books. Ms. Robinson stated that she enlisted a company by the name of Profile to restore the books. Ms. Robinson went on to explain the procedure used. Ms. Robinson stated that they guarantee that the books will last 500 years. Ms. Robinson added that one of the big questions is how are we going to pay for it. Ms. Robinson stated that she is going back to the county to try and get the remainder of the money reinstated. Ms. Robinson added that we have applied for grants to help offset the cost. The other way is through a program called Adopt-A-Book which is strictly donations from individuals and/or municipalities. Ms. Conley asked if you wanted to donate, where would you send it. Ms. Robinson stated that you would send it to Recorder of Deeds, Adopt-A-Book, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18951. President Child thanked Ms. Robinson for her presentation and stated that Council would discuss a possible donation.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

**MTASA REPORT:** The MTASA Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**QAPC REPORT:** Mr. Trimble stated that everyone has a copy of what the QAPC has put together as maintenance and capital projects which has been submitted to PennDOT. Mr. Trimble added that they will be discussing this with PennDOT next Tuesday at the Quakertown Borough building on the second floor.

Mr. Trimble stated that there will be a meeting this Friday to discuss the Bracalente proposal for a Light Industrial Park on the former Rodenberger property on North Main Street. Mr. Trimble added that he would info everybody when he has more information.

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** Mr. Vince Putiri stated that he just wanted to mention that there are a lot of storm drains where the concrete around them has deteriorated quite a bit. President Child stated that we will go around and take an inventory.

Mr. Steve Walko stated that a compressor on the Burgey property is running off and on day and night and is disturbing the neighborhood. After a brief discussion, Mr. Wilhelm stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Steve Walko stated that at the McDonough property, there are kids working on cars and in the back yard there is a least 3 or 4 dozen anti-freeze bottles and used oil cans that are tipping over and leaking out. Mr. Wilhelm will look into it.

A discussion ensued concerning the possible condemnation of 1740 Pine Creek Drive and 12 East Broad Street. After a brief discussion, it was decided to contact our solicitor to see if we can do it and if we can, what is the proper procedure.

Mr. Ray Miller stated that they put those No Turn on Red signs and asked why they didn't put them in all directions. Mr. Trimble stated that PennDOT determines where traffic signs are placed. Mr. Miller

stated that there should be a No Turn on Red sign on Broad Street going onto Tollgate Road. President Child stated that we can ask PennDOT but don't expect too much.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH:** None.

**REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** President Child stated that the Planning Commission will meet on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** President Child stated that although there is no date set, there will be a hearing concerning a possible boarding house at 20 East Broad Street.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Potter stated that we are still waiting for permission from DEP to start up Well #3 and we are waiting for them to conduct their inspection of the rest of the eater department. Mr. Potter added that it is two different groups and we haven't heard from either of them.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Borough Secretary stated that our Liquid Fuels allocation will be deposited in our account on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$23, 235.73.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A survey of the open space behind Chestnut, Woodview and Witchazel was discussed. President Child stated that we discussed this at the last meeting and decided to get two (2) quotes. President Child added that we got a quote from Wynn Associates for \$1,700.00 for putting in 19 inch pins in the ground and \$2,300.00 for concrete monuments. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Conley to accept the quote from Wynn Associates not to exceed \$2,300.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) nay. A motion was made by Mr. to get quotes to survey the property behind Cypress. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal; Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Zip Line for Community Day was discussed. President Child stated that last year we decided to do something a little extra so Mr. Gary Parzych helped us to get in contact with somebody to do a zip line. Do to thunder and lightning, it was cancelled. President Child added that we paid them a \$1,500.00 deposit so we were going to put that towards this year. In the meantime, someone else bought that

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company and they don't have that day available because the first Saturday in June they do the Pocono Raceway and Lansdale Community Day. We asked for our money back and they said they couldn't give it back because the company they bought it from didn't give them the money. One thing we can do is

have our solicitor write them a letter requesting our money back. The other is to have it on our Pancake Breakfast day. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have our solicitor write them a letter.

An estimate from Black's Tree & Landscape to remove and trim trees behind residences on Cypress Lane was reviewed. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to obligate \$4,200.00 to remove and/or trim the trees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Recycle options for the remainder of 2019 were discussed. President Child stated that the original bid was based on them being charged zero dollars per ton processing disposal fee for recyclables. That was based on a tonnage of 83 tons annually and that hasn't changed much over the years which is about our average. The current disposal fee charged to Republic Services is \$99.60 per ton and based on the 97 tons, gives them an annual disposal fee of \$9,661.20. What Republic Services is saying is, because we have 321 units to collect from, it is a deficit to them of 2.51 per unit. President Child added that we have a contract that says they can't raise it and asked what Council thought. After a brief discussion it was decided to contact Republic Services and state that we want them to honor the current contract.

The possible consolidation of electricity accounts was discussed. Borough Secretary stated that the idea is to get all eleven accounts on one contract with the same ending date. Borough Secretary added that the company he has been talking with is Progressive. The actual starting date for the consolidation would be March 2020. President Child asked if we checked with APPI which is endorsed by PSAB. Borough Secretary stated that we have not. After a brief discussion, it was decided to check with APPI and see what they have to offer.

Two proposals from GFL Hauling to repair concrete apron at Borough Hall, repair water inlet on Woodview Drive and install rip rap around inlet in waterway behind Woodview Drive were reviewed. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to accept the proposals from GFL Hauling. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that the next Community Day Committee meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

President Child stated that the Boyle property has been surveyed.

President Child stated that Ms. Laura Baird is submitting an application for partial payment of the grant which will be 90%. President Child added that it will take 8-10 weeks to get everything in our name so when we go to settlement, we simply write a check. In addition, the title search was done; DCNR approved it along with the Agreement of Sale.

Mr. Potter stated that he would like to request an executive session to discuss a salary. President Child recessed the Council meeting at 9:00 PM to conduct an executive session.

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At 9:10 PM, President Child re-convened the Council meeting. President Child stated that there was a misunderstanding. Mr. Potter thought that our water superintendant said that he was offered \$17,000.00 per year which wasn't the case. What he was offered was \$1,700.00 per month which

would be \$20,400.00 per year. President Child stated that we need a motion and a second to authorize \$20,400.00 per year for our water superintendant, Mr. James Groff. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to raise the water superintendant's salary to \$20,400.00 per year which equals \$1,700.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Smock  
Secretary