

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE  
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 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, Michael George, Claire Conley and Roberta Recenes.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Craig Wilhelm-CEO/Fire Marshal and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve the Council Meeting minutes of June 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN:** President Child stated that at our June Council Meeting, we accepted the resignations from the Mayor and a Council Member. From the time you accept the resignations, Council has thirty (30) days to fill the vacancies. President Child stated that we were set to do that last week but we didn't have a quorum so we had to postpone that. President Child added that the thirty (30) days had elapsed so it has to then go to the Vacancy Board which has fifteen (15) days to fill the vacancies. President Child stated that according to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, the Vacancy Board is Borough Council plus one registered elector from the Borough who will serve as Chair. President Child added that the Borough Secretary contacted the Chair we have had for many years and he stated he was interested in doing it so we had to scramble to find someone. President Child stated that he contacted Mr. Vince Putiri. Mr. Putiri wasn't available but suggested that President Child talk to Mr. Peter Gehring. President Child stated that he contacted Mr. Gehring and he agreed to take the position. President Child added that appointments are made by Resolution. President Child stated that we have a resolution to appoint Mr. Gehring as Chair of the Vacancy Board and asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve Resolution #03-19, Appointment of Mr. Peter Gehring as Chair of the Vacancy Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that what we are going to do now is recess the Council Meeting and start the Vacancy Board meeting to fill the vacancies. President Child added that the appointees will only serve in their positions until the end of the year. President Child then relinquished the floor to Mr. Gehring.

Chairman Gehring called the meeting of the Trumbauersville Vacancy Board to order. Chairman Gehring stated that we are meeting to fill the office of Mayor and a seat on Council and we will start with the Mayor vacancy. Chairman Gehring asked if there were any nominations. Mr. George nominated Mr. Jim Black. Chairman Gehring asked if there any more nominations. Mr. Potter nominated Mr. Stephen Spor. Chairman Gehring asked if there were any more nominations. There being none, Chairman Gehring asked the nominees if they would like to address the Vacancy Board.

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Mr. Spor stated that he has lived in town since he was five years old. Mr. Spor added that he lives and works in town, has been on the Zoning Hearing Board for fourteen years and has served as chairman and is President of the Trumbauersville Lions Club.

Mr. Black stated that he has been in town a little over fifteen years and worked with and for the Borough on many projects including the TRAC Program and Community Day. Mr. Black added that he has been to numerous Council Meetings and believes he would be a definite asset.

Chairman Gehring asked the board if they had any questions for the candidates. There being none, Chairman Gehring stated that we will have a roll call vote by calling the board members name who in turn will say the name they are voting for. Unless there is an objection, once a candidate reaches the majority of votes, the voting will cease. The result for the office of Mayor is as follows:

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE VOTED FOR</u></b>
Mr. Potter	Mr. Stephen Spor
Mr. Child	Mr. James Black
Mr. Betz	Mr. Stephen Spor
Mr. George	Mr. James Black
Ms. Conley	Mr. Stephen Spor
Ms. Recenes	Mr. James Black

The voting resulted in a tie so Chairman Gehring cast his vote for Mr. James Black. Chairman Gehring asked if there were any nominations for the council seat. Ms. Conley nominated Ms. Rebecca Spor. Chairman Gehring asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Potter nominated Mr. Wesley Comes. Chairman Gehring asked if there were any further nominations. There being none, Chairman Gehring asked the nominees if they would like to address the Vacancy Board.

Mr. Comes stated that you all know me as a staunch advocate for the home owners of the town and being there when things need to get done and asked the board for their vote.

Chairman Gehring asked the board if they had any questions for the candidates. There being none, Chairman Gehring stated that the voting process will be the same as it was for the Mayor position. The result for the seat on Council is as follows:

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE VOTED FOR</u></b>
Mr. Potter	Ms. Rebecca Spor
Mr. Child	Mr. Wesley Comes
Mr. Betz	Ms. Rebecca Spor
Mr. George	Mr. Wesley Comes
Ms. Conley	Ms. Rebecca Spor
Ms. Recenes	Mr. Wesley Comes

The voting resulted in a tie so Chairman Gehring cast his vote for Ms. Rebecca Spor.

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Chairman Gehring stated that this concludes the action of the Vacancy Board and congratulated the appointees. Chairman Gehring added that the appointees will be sworn in immediately after the board adjourns. Chairman Gehring asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Child and Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Mr. James Black was sworn in as Mayor by Ms. Stephanie Yerk, Notary Public from Quakertown National Bank.

Ms. Rebecca Spor was sworn in as a member of Council by Ms. Stephanie Yerk, Notary Public from Quakertown National Bank.

The newly elected officials took their seat at the Council table.

President Child stated that as he said earlier, all appointments are made by resolution. President Child added that Resolution #04-19 is the appointment of Mr. James Black as Mayor and asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to adopt Resolution #04-19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that Resolution #05-19 is the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Spor to Borough Council and asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Betz to adopt Resolution #05-19. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child re-convened the Council Meeting.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

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

**QAPC REPORT:** President Child stated that at our last meeting, we appointed Ms. Recenes to replace Mr. Trimble as our elected official representative. President Child added that each municipality gets two (2) representatives, one from the elected body and the other from the Planning Commission. President Child stated that Mr. Potter has indicated that he no longer wants to represent the Planning Commission on the QAPC. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to appoint President Child as the Planning Commission representative to the QAPC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** Mr. Comes asked if there was anything new concerning 20 East Broad Street. President Child stated that he hasn't heard anything and asked the Borough Secretary if anything else had come in. Borough Secretary stated that there was a letter sent to Mr. Ghen from their new attorney and Mr. Ghen forwarded it to all council. Borough Secretary added that it appears that members of council did not receive it. After a brief discussion, Borough Secretary will forward the letter to council members.

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

**REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Mr. Potter stated that we will tentatively schedule a meeting for the third Monday in September to continue our review of the Zoning Ordinance.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** None

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Potter stated that we passed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) inspection of both well houses and the water tower. Mr. Potter added that they asked us to do two things; (1) put a lock on the end of the stairway that goes up the side and (2) put labels on the pipes indicating the direction of the water flow and whether the water is treated or untreated. Mr. Potter stated that the pipes aren't long enough to put everything on them but we will do the best we can. Borough Secretary stated that we tentatively plan to flush the hydrants Wednesday and Thursday of next week. We will also be replacing or fixing flags and lubricating the ears as needed. Borough Secretary stated that he would like to buy a Peto Tube to measure the flow from each hydrant. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Potter to purchase a Peto device to measure the flow from meters not to exceed \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Md. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley asked the Borough Secretary how the TRAC Program was doing. Borough Secretary stated that it is going very well. They have gone bowling, done miniature golf and will be attending a play about Robin Hood. Their next outing will be at Lansdale Amusement where they will play pinball machines, bowling machines and watch how they are built and repaired. Lansdale amusement will also treat them to either ice cream or pizza and give each child a bag of goodies including a book to read. Borough Secretary stated that the last day of the program will be Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Conley stated that the Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Child asked if there was an update on the installation of the interconnect Borough Secretary stated that the Mr. Ed Lapinski will be seeing Mr. Andy Darling today to see if he is available. Mr. Darling's wife has been quite ill and that has put everything in limbo. If they can't do it, Milford Township can do it. Borough Secretary added that we should have something definite by the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed. President Child asked Mr. Wilhelm to send a letter to Mr. Cuddy concerning the blowing of grass into the street. Mr. Wilhelm stated that he would send a letter.

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After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Betz to accept the CEO Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

The Fire Marshal Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Betz to accept the Fire Marshal Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that the settlement date for the Boyle property is July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Two (2) quotes from GFL Hauling were reviewed; (1) enlarge the driveway and (2) excavate waterway on Woodview Drive. Borough Secretary stated that the reason for requesting an enlargement of the Borough driveway is the increase in traffic due to the tax collector having hours solely in the Borough for three (3) municipalities and during voting sessions. With a single driveway, traffic would become somewhat congested. President Child stated that we don't have to vote for it now; we can vote to budget for it next year if you agree to have it done. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to budget for enlargement and improvement of our driveway next year. President Child asked for a second. There being none, the motion died on the floor.

The excavation of the waterway on Woodview Drive was discussed. President Child stated that there is a swale behind the properties on Woodview and it continues down between the Garbarino and Mio properties. This takes all the water runoff from behind Woodview and the park and empties into the storm drain. Because of the amount of runoff, the Borough installed an underground pipe in the thirty (30) foot section of land that we own. When the amount of runoff is greater than the pipe can hold, it comes over the top and runs into the street. With all the rain we have had over the years and recently, that strip of land we own has eroded. The proposal is to beef up the upper end with bigger rocks and excavate the strip that goes to the culvert and put in rock to stop the erosion. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve the excavation for this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Borough Secretary stated that the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference is October 11-13 at the Nittany Lion Inn. If you plan on attending, let me know before September 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can get the PSAB room rate.

Borough Secretary stated that he would like to make the ladies bathroom into a storage room and the men's bathroom a unisex bathroom. Several alternatives were suggested and all will be evaluated at a later date.

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