# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 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:

Gregory Ghen – Solicitor, Craig Wilhelm – Fire Marshal/CEO and Larry Smock – Secretary/Treasurer

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the December 2014 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** None

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

#### REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

## **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Potter stated that we will be finishing up Well#2. Mr. Potter added that he would be donating a pressure controller and needs Council authorization to purchase a pressure transducer not to exceed \$250.00. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to authorize the purchase. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

President Child stated that by mutual agreement, he is appointing Mr. Potter as the Public Services Committee Chair.

Borough Secretary stated that our meter reader, Mr. Roland Hacker has indicated that the March readings may be his last. Mr. Hacker told the Borough Secretary that his neighbor may be interested in the position. Borough Secretary added that several months ago we had discussed a new program from Sensus that would allow reading of both types of meters by a single wand. This would eliminate the carrying of three (3) books and a wand when reading the meters. Borough Secretary stated that he would contact Mr. Ken Horton from Sensus and get all the information for the next meeting.

## PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Ms. Conley stated that the Winter Fest was rained out and all the items that were purchased for the event were taken back by the individual stores.

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Ms. Conley stated that she contacted an individual concerning the purchase and planting of trees. President Child stated that the Kennedy Open Space Program was extended for two (2) years. We have allotted to us, \$226,000.00. If you haven't got any open space to buy, you can use it for things like park improvements. Something like our tree project may be eligible. Mr. Potter stated that we should continue talking to Mr. Luther Gruver about his property.

**PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** President Child stated that it is his intention to complete the Personnel Policy Manual this year.

#### **BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Trimble stated that everyone has a copy of the rough 2014 year end budget. If you have any questions, contact him or the Borough Secretary. Mr. Trimble added that our annual audit will be conducted January  $22^{nd}$  and  $23^{rd}$ .

#### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Trimble stated that we have a copy of an ordinance concerning the airport which we should look at as we are in the flight path. Borough Secretary stated that he received a tentative ordinance from Ms. Marilyn Bobb concerning volunteer fire fighters. Borough Secretary added that he would make copies of both and give them to the committee.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise Ordinance #230-15, Flood Plain Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to adopt Resolution #01-15, Appointees for 2015. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to adopt Resolution #02-15, QAPC Membership, Duties, & Expense. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

A request from the John Rivers Memorial VFW Post for a donation was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to donate \$200.00. Seconded by Mr. Potter. 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

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 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, Harcourt Trimble, Michael George, Claire Conley, Roberta Recenes, Mikayla Black (JCP) and Nicholas Basile (JCP)

## OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Melissa Baine-Mayor, 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 January 8, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: Members of the Trumbauersville Volunteer Fire Company and their architect, presented plans to Borough Council concerning the possible construction of twelve (12) single family detached units on a lot off Oak Drive across from the Betterment Club. The plans were previously reviewed by the Borough Engineer, Mr. Steve Baluh and a letter containing his findings and recommendations was forwarded to the Fire Company with a copy to the Borough. After a lengthy presentation and discussion including alternatives, President Child stated that an approved plan would be extremely helpful when dealing with developers. President Child added that to get said plan, a Zoning Hearing Board would have to be convened to consider any variances and/or waivers recommended by the Borough Engineer. If the Zoning Hearing Board gives its approval, the plans are then presented to the Planning Commission and ultimately Borough Council. President Child thanked the Fire Company for their time and presentation.

<u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH:</u> Mayor Baine reminded everyone to remove their vehicles during a snow emergency or any time a significant snow fall is predicted.

## REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** None

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Borough Secretary stated that on January 28<sup>th</sup> Ms. Danielle Bodner from Senator Mensch's office, in compliance with the Senator's outreach program, was in the Borough office to address any concerns that the Borough or any resident may have. Borough Secretary added that he talked to her about the poor condition of the roads and the MS4 program. Borough Secretary stated that shortly after her departure, he received a call from Mr. Robert Magee from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Mr. Magee e-mailed copies of the roads that are to be let for contract in April. The one affecting us is Trumbauersville Road (SR 4051). This will be done starting at

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Tollgate Road and going out to 309. Borough Secretary added that he would anticipate that the work would begin in June or July.

Borough Secretary stated that he also received a call from Mr. Cosmo Servidio concerning our questions about the MS4 Program. Borough Secretary added that Mr. Potter and he would be meeting with Mr. Servidio on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> at his office in Norristown. If anyone has any questions concerning the MS4's, please let me know.

Borough Secretary stated that Mr. Potter and he had planned to fill the canisters at Well #2 with arsenic removal media last Friday. However, when we arrived at Well #3 to pick up the vacuum, we discovered a water leak. The hose from the chlorine canister had blown off and the shutoff valve was not working. We shut the system down, went to Lowe's, got a valve and repaired the leak. By the time we completed that, it was too late to put in the media. Mr. Jim Groff and I will be doing it on Wednesday, weather permitting.

Borough Secretary stated that once Well #2 is up and running, we want to upgrade Well #3. Borough Secretary added that he would like authorization to purchase six (6) more cylinders from Sellersville Borough not to exceed \$600.00. Borough Secretary added that he would also like authorization to get a small dumpster to clean up Well#3 and get rid of some items in the garage. Ms. Conley asked what it would cost to get Well #3 on a par with Well #2. Borough Secretary stated that he would estimate approximately \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to authorize the expenditure, not to exceed \$5,000.00, for the purchase of six (6) cylinders, dumpster rental and upgrade of Well #3. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Borough Secretary stated that our regularly scheduled sanitation inspection for both wells will be conducted at the end of March.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley stated that she scheduled a meeting at the park for next Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM with Ms. Kathy Salisbury, horticulture educator with the Penn State Extension service in Bucks County, to discuss what ideas and/or guidance she can give us regarding tree choices and landscape planning for our park. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting is more than welcome.

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that our Liquid Fuels audit has been submitted and approved. In addition, our annual audit was completed on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We should be receiving the final calculations in early March.

#### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to adopt Ordinance #230-15, Flood Plain Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve Resolution #03-15, Milford/Trumbauersville Area Sewer Authority appointments, Mr. William Heffentrager to a five (5) year term as joint representative and Mr. Vince Putiri to a two (2) year term to complete the term vacated by Mr. William Haigh as the Trumbauersville representative

President Child stated that the first meeting for this year's Community Day Committee will be Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Borough Hall at 7 PM.

Borough Secretary stated that the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Annual Conference is being held April 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. In order to get the PSAB room discount, reservations must be made of March 31<sup>st</sup>. President Child stated that anyone attending, who misses the deadline, will be responsible for the room rate difference.

Borough Secretary reminded everyone that our Spring Newsletter will be going out around March 15<sup>th</sup>. Borough Secretary requested that all articles be given to him as soon as possible.

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,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edward Child – President, Frederick Potter, Harcourt Trimble, Michael George, Claire Conley and Roberta Recenes.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Melissa Baine – Mayor and Larry Smock – Secretary/Treasurer (via Skype)

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

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> Ms. Recenes asked if we went out for bids for the audit. President Child stated that we are not required to get bids for professional services. Ms. Recenes stated that she would like to recommend that next year we go out for bids for the audit. Mr. Potter stated that auditors are paid by the hour so it would be difficult to get bids. After a brief discussion, it was decided that calls would be made to get comparisons. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the February 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that she did call a Snow Emergency and for the most part, people removed their vehicles from the streets. Mr. Miller stated that there are some residents in the Woodview development that should be ticketed. Mayor Baine stated that the Code enforcement Officer would be making his rounds.

#### **REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: None** 

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Potter stated that we have our operating permit for Well #2. Mr. Potter added that he has the automatic equipment and he had to buy a new pressure transducer which came in Monday and he will install it. We can run Well #2 now and it will be switched over to automatic operation when it gets a little warmer. Mr. Potter stated that he was told that we needed automatic chlorine residual meter but that is not the case. We do, however, have to take a daily manual reading which Mr. Groff and the Borough Secretary will take care of. Ms. Conley asked if we got a quote for the middle of the tower. Mr. Potter stated that we don't have the quote yet and in addition, we should have a good inspection of the entire tower. Mr. Potter added that we have a quote for that and he is going to get a quote for an anti-corrosion system that doesn't require any power.

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PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Conley stated that she met with the lady from the Park Service and she said she would send her some information. Ms. Conley added that she sent some links which were basically no help as she has numerous tree books and magazines at home. Ms. Conley stated that she would do some research on types of trees we want. Mr. Potter stated that she may want to check with Mr. Wilco Vandenberg. Both the Vandenberg's have degrees in horticulture and agriculture management. President Child stated that you should not overlook Mr. Jim Black. He knows a lot about trees and what you might or might not want.

## PERSONNELL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that we received our Liquid Fuels Allocation in the amount of \$17,710.85.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed. Mr. Potter asked if we had any more information on the Trum Tavern. President Child stated we had not. Mr. Potter added that we need to take that up at some other time concerning all that is happening. Council agreed. The remainder of the CEO Report was accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter to adopt Resolution 04-15, Application for National Flood Insurance Program. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

Council appointed Mr. Trimble as the voting delegate for PSAB Annual conference and Mayor Baine as alternate.

Borough Secretary stated that our "Flower Fund" is depleted. Borough Secretary added that he would like to suggest that clou9ncil members, the Borough Secretary and anyone else who wishes to, donate a certain amount of money each month to build up the fund. We could use it for flowers and/or help to offset the cost of any dinners we might have. Borough Secretary stated that it just something to think about and maybe discuss at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Smock Borough Secretary/Treasurer

# 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.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> 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.

**<u>CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:</u>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# 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.

<u>CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:</u> 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

<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:</u> 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.

## **PERSONNELL/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 Univest, 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 Univest 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,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 4, 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 and Mikayla Black (JCP).

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Melissa Baine-Mayor, Gregory Ghen-Solicitor and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTHON ON MINUTES: President Child stated that he had three minor corrections. Under Other Officials Present it should read CEO rather than CVEO. Under Park and Recreation, Selford should be spelled with an "a" and on page 3, paragraph 2, line 4, capitalize the word County. Ms. Conley stated that Lower Salford should actually be Upper Salford. A motion was made by Mr. Betz to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2015 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the May 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Ghen stated that Mr. Stubbs no longer has an attorney. Mr. Ghen added that he would work directly with Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Wilhelm.

Mr. Ghen stated that we have had a lot of e-mails concerning the bankruptcy case and asked Council if they wanted him to communicate with the attorney for the debtor. President Child stated that we cannot contact anybody for debt repayment because that is now in the hands of the Bankruptcy Court. Out sole concern is the condition of the property, mainly lawn mowing and snow removal during the winter. These are finable offenses and the debt will continue to accrue. Mr. Ghen stated that he would also try to get in touch with the bankruptcy trustee. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Potter to authorize Mr. Ghen to contact the bankruptcy trustee and impose on them to keep the property maintained and research our ability to place liens for new debts. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

MTASA: MTASA Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

<u>CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:</u> Mr. Paul Aikmen asked the Borough Secretary if he had asked Mr. Wilhelm if he was going to inspect the Trum Tavern concerning bedbugs. Borough Secretary stated he would have Mr. Wilhelm do the inspection when he returns. Borough Secretary added that we will probably have to get the Bucks county Health Department involved. After a brief discussion it was decided that more research was needed concerning the legal aspects.

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

**REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** 

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

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<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Potter stated that both wells are up and running; one on manual control and the other on automatic. Mr. Potter added that everyone has a brief report on the internal inspection of the water tower. There are some places that need spot coating and there are no other areas like the rust through we had so the center column does not need to be replaced. We do need to contact someone to go in and re-coat the inside of the tank and it may be in our best interest to budget sand blasting and painting of the exterior of the tower next year. Mr. Potter stated that at the same time, we will do an inspection to see if any of the struts need to be replaced or reinforced.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley stated that the basketball court in the park is in bad shape. One of the nets is being held up with a bunji cord and there are cracks all over. Borough Secretary stated that he would contact Herb's Landscaping as he has contacts for people who do playground restoration. President Child asked if we had budgeted for that this year. Borough Secretary stated that we can use the money we budgeted for the playground. After a brief discussion, it was decided to get quotes for additional wood chips for the playground and weed control.

Ms. Conley stated that we have nine (9) children signed up for TRAC so far and three (3) volunteer drivers. Mayor Baine asked if we were doing background checks on the drivers. Mayor Baine added that it can be done on line. Borough Secretary will check into it.

## PERSONNELL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. George stated that we did have a meeting and we reviewed the sample ordinance on Workman's Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters. Mr. George added that the committee would consult with Ms. Marilyn Bobb and try to have something for the next meeting. President Child stated that Act 601 requires us to carry Workman's Compensation for the Volunteer Fire Company and there are specific things in the Act that says what this covers. We will work with the Fire Company to decide what else we want to cover them for that is not in the Act. Ms. Bobb has some things that we are not sure about and we want to clarify them. Once that is completed, we want out Solicitor to look it over.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Borough Secretary stated that the speed humps would cost approximately \$5,000.00 each and may be covered in the Automatic Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant. Borough Secretary added that he would be checking with Mr. Steve Baluh on Monday concerning the status of the ARLE Grant application.

The proposed Verizon contract was discussed. Borough Secretary stated that he forwarded a copy to Mr. Ghen for his perusal and comments. Mr. Ghen commented that the exhibits need to be prepared, Sections 10, 11 and 14 concerns insurance which we have enough, we need to fill in what we want for rent and the percentage of increase for each of the four (4) five (5) year extensions. Borough Secretary stated that he would recommend asking \$2,000.00 rent per month with a 10% increase on each extension. Borough Secretary added that he would like to request that Council authorize Mr. Ghen to contact their attorney concerning our proposals and his recommendations. The motion was made by Mr. Potter and seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

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The status of the Gruver property was discussed. Borough Secretary stated that the appraiser was here this morning and we went up to the property where the appraiser took several pictures. Borough Secretary added that he gave him a copy of our Zoning Ordinance and we should have his appraisal by next Wednesday.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter to pay the annual NPDES Permit Renewal in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

Borough Secretary stated that PennDOT will be milling and resurfacing Trumbauersville Road from Tollgate Road to 309 starting Monday. Borough Secretary stated that after several phone calls concerning the traffic signal, he called signal Service and discussed what we perceived to be the problem with Mr. Bill Conrad. With PennDOT coming in, we will wait until they are at least finished milling. Mr. Conrad stated the following: "With regards to our conversation today and based upon what you are witnessing with the traffic congestion, I have the following recommendations: Contact PennDOT's traffic light unit's Bob Welch and request a time change to both MAX I and MAX II times for tollgate and Evergreen consisting of MAX I from 12 seconds to 22 seconds and MAX II from 23 seconds to 30 seconds. This increase will help both the off peak and peak time periods. With Bob's permission we will increase the times accordingly." Borough Secretary stated that at 5:47 PM today, he sent an e-mail to Mr. Welch requesting the same.

Borough Secretary stated that last year we had a meeting with DEP concerning the Surface Water Protection Technical Assistance Program (SWPTAP). During that meeting we assigned some people to a steering committee to assess the program. Ms. Angelika Forndran informed me today that it is time for another meeting. With Council's approval, we would like to have it on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM which is a scheduled meeting date. It should be a short meeting because it will mainly be setting up what the steering committee might want to do next. This is not a mandatory program.

President Child stated that we budgeted to buy canopies this year for Community Day. We wanted to buy one (1) additional 10'x10' canopy to give us two, but somebody with access to the garage walked off with the one we had so we had to buy two (2) 10'x10' canopies. We had budgeted \$600.00 to buy two (2) 12'x26' canopies which we thought were \$300.00 each. However, the price went up so we only bought one. When we unpacked it, we found that we were missing two (2) key pieces. We called the company and they are shipping the missing pieces. Hopefully they will arrive prior to Community Day.

President Child stated that for the longest time we had these really nice Formosa trees up by the parking lot in the park but now, they are dead. President Child added that he would like to have them down prior to Community Day. President Child stated that Mr. Jim Black gave the Borough Secretary a quote of \$600.00 to remove the two (2) trees; \$700.00 if want the stumps ground. President Child stated that with Council's approval he would like to have it done tomorrow. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Ms. Conley to cut the trees down and grind the stumps at Mr. Black's convenience. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to adjourn. Seconded y Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCILMEETING THURSDAY JULY 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:**

**COUCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edward Child-President, Christopher Betz-Vice-President, Frederick Potter, Michael George, Claire Conley, Mikayla Black (JCP) and Nicholas Basile (JFP).

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

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Betz to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

**CHECK REGISTER:** A motion was made by Mr. Potter to approve the June 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

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

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: None

#### REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

**PLANNING COMMISSION: None** 

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Potter stated that we need a little more maintenance done on Well #2. We will be shutting down Well #3 towards the end of summer to redo the arsenic removal system and repair some of the leaks. President Child asked if Well #2 is on automatic. Mr. Potter stated that he needs a couple of days to get everything synchronized.

Borough Secretary stated that the macadam path from Woodview to the park needs to be repaired where the path meets the sidewalk. President Child stated that it was patched previously using the wrong material which has now crumbled. After a brief discussion it was decided that an emergency repair be done. Borough Secretary will contact GFL Hauling.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley stated that the committee met and walked the park. Ms. Conley then showed council a plot plan showing the proposed layout of tree planting. Ms. Conley stated that there is an anonymous person who is going to help us with the wet area at the lower end of the park. Ms. Conley added that she will be working with a lady that works for a wholesaler to see what

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kind of price we can get for trees. Ms. Conley stated that we will have the types of trees picked out by the next meeting.

The water runoff from the park onto properties along Woodview Drive was discussed. President Child stated that the swale behind the homes on wood view is private property and it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their portion. Some of the suggestions to slow down the runoff from the park were to plant trees and remove the two (2) pipes under the path and replace them with a box culvert. Other alternatives will be investigated.

Ms. Conley stated that the basketball court in the park is in really bad shape and need to be repaired as it gets a lot of use. At the least, the weeds need to be removed and the cracks repaired. After a brief discussion it was decided to get quotes for repair and possible replacement.

Borough Secretary stated that he had Herb's Landscaping look at the playground and he gave a quote to spray it with a super killer that is environmentally friendly, cut the weeds down, apply a weed retardant and apply thirty (30) yards of playground chips for \$1,500.00. Borough Secretary added that at last month's meeting Council authorized the work to be done so he gave Herb's Landscaping the go ahead.

Borough Secretary stated that we have thirty (30) children signed up for the TRAC Program which starts Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our three (3) directors, we have three (3) volunteers who will be helping out this year.

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Borough Secretary stated that everyone has a copy of the second quarter budget standings. If there are any questions, contact Mr. Trimble or the Borough Secretary. President Child asked if anyone read the report. It is eight (8) pages long and we could save money by possibly e-mailing it. Borough Secretary stated that he would get a technician from Toshiba to come out and see why the e-mail phase of the copier is not working.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. George stated that the committee would meet on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and go over the ordinance concerning workers compensation for volunteer firefighters. Mr. Potter asked if there was another ordinance that should be looked at. President Child stated that the committee would review the Fire Prevention Code Ordinance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Borough Secretary stated that the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) grant application was submitted on line June 29<sup>th</sup> the day before the deadline. Borough Secretary added that everyone has a copy of what the grant includes. President Child stated that speeding is a problem throughout the Borough and especially by the school. President Child added that Council; has agreed to put in two (2) speed humps at the school as shown on the drawing. President Child stated that the curbing across from the school is in dire need of replacing. We patched it a few years ago but now it is almost completely deteriorated. President Child stated that it wouldn't make any sense to put in speed humps before replacing the curbing. President Child asked the Borough Secretary if we had any idea when we

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might hear about the ARLE grant. Borough Secretary stated that the application deadline was June 30<sup>th</sup> so it will probably be at least 2-3 weeks before we hear anything.

President Child stated that there have been many comments concerning the Verizon contract. Our version of the contract has been forwarded to Verizon for their review.

President Child stated that last month we authorized Mr. Ghen to send a letter to Mr. Stubbs because he refused to allow our Fire Marshal to do a fire inspection. Mr. Ghen sent the letter out to council for review and comments were made. President Child added that the comments have been incorporated and Mr. Ghen is again asking approval to send the revised letter. A motion was made by Mr. Potter to authorize Mr. Ghen to send the letter. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Potter to donate \$100.00 to Honor Flight Philadelphia. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

A training session for the New Ready Bucks System was discussed. President Child stated that we need to pick two (2) dates in case the instructor is not available on one of them. After a brief discussion it was decided to use our Special Council Meeting dates in August and September.

At 8:05 PM, President Child recessed the meeting in order for Council to convene an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property.

At 8:20 PM, President Child reconvened the regular meeting. President Child stated that Mr. Gruver had given us an appraisal on a portion of his property that we want to buy and we in turn had an appraisal done. What we looked at was trying to meet him in the middle. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to meet with Mr. Gruver and proceed with the acquisition. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion passed and so ordered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 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, Marilyn Bobb-EMC and Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ms. Conley to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

**CHECK REGISTER:** A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the July 2015 Check Register. The motion was seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Ghen stated that the deed of easement with the Trum Tavern has been accomplished. We will record it as soon as we get the actual legal description. Mr. Ghen added that we are using a sketch which is legally effective but he doesn't want to record it that way.

MTASA REPORT: None

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: None** 

<u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH:</u> Mayor Baine stated that weeds in the sidewalks are getting out of control. Borough Secretary stated that we can remind residents via the newsletter, but that is about all we can do.

# **REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: None** 

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Potter stated that the new doors for the wellhouses are in and hopefully they will be installed next week. Mr. Potter added that both wells have been running on automatic for the past four (4) weeks and we have everything calibrated. Mr. Potter added that we had to do some minor rewiring and so far no problems.

<u>PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:</u> Ms. Conley stated that they visited a lot of parks and chose six (6) varieties of trees, three (3) varieties of bushes and one (1) evergreen to be planted in our park. Ms. Conley showed Council a plot plan explaining where the trees and bushes would be planted. After the presentation, Ms. Conley stated that everyone has copies of the three (3) estimates we got from three (3) different nurseries. Ms. Conley added that everyone recommended a September planting.

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Ms. Conley stated that she would recommend Hanover Gardens because of the price and the guarantee. Mr. Trimble stated that there are a few trees that need to be cut down and maybe we could do that at the same time. President Child stated that it could be two separate projects. Mr. Trimble asked if this was a plan for next September as we didn't budget for it this year. Ms. Conley stated that it was her understanding that there was money left in the fund and that other money could be made available. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to proceed with the tree project this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

Ms. Conley stated that the weeds in the playground need to be sprayed again. Borough Secretary stated that he contacted Herb's Landscaping and they will take care of it. Ms. Conley added that the weeds in the basketball court were sprayed and cut down and they haven't come back. Ms. Conley stated that we contacted three (3) contractors for quotes on the total reconstruction of the basketball court. Ms. Conley added that the Borough Secretary got one quote for \$11,500.00 and she is waiting for quotes from the other two. Mr. Potter stated that we could probably put down an inch of whatever material they use and that should suffice. Ms. Conley stated that she would bring that up to the contractors when they contact her.

Ms. Conley stated that the TRAC Program was a big success and we were within the budget on both supplies and salaries.

## PERSONNELL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that it is budget time for next year. Mr. Trimble added that budget requests should include not only next year's requests but also long term projects.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: President Child stated that Act 601 is the Pennsylvania Workman's compensation Act. There is a section of it that deals with workman's compensation for firemen. We pay this premium every year. What we don't have is any resolution or ordinance that says what we want to cover our firefighters for. There are certain things in Act 601 that are automatically covered. There is also a section where municipalities can add additional things they want to cover their firefighters for. That is what we are working on and we will have something for Council in September. Mr. Trimble asked if they had run it by the insurance company to see if the premiums would increase. President Child stated that once we formulate the ordinance we will give it to our solicitor and our insurance agent for their review.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Child stated that at the last meeting we picked either August or September to be indoctrinated to the replacement for Ready Notify. The gentleman who is going to do the seminar is available in August so it will be two (2) weeks from today, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Conley asked if we contacted a contractor for a quote to install the speed humps once we here about the status of the grant. Borough Secretary stated he would contact contractors next week. Mayor Baine asked when we were are planning to do it. President Child stated that we have to wait and see if we get the grant. We hoped to get it done before school starts but maybe we can't. Mr. Tom

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Conley asked how much the speed humps were. President Child stated between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 each. Mr. Conley stated that there was something in the minutes that said you were going to do it without the grant. President Child stated that what we meant was that we would apply for the grant and if we didn't get it, we would do it anyway.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to adopt Resolution 05-15, Municipal Open Space Program (Authorization to file an application). The motion was seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

At 7:50 PM. President Child stated that Council would go into a brief Executive Session to further discuss the acquisition of the Gruver property. President Child requested that the Borough Solicitor and the Borough Secretary attend the session.

At 8:00 PM. President Child reconvened the regular Council Meeting. President Child stated that in the Executive Session we discussed the meeting with Mr. David Johnson, Director of the Bucks county Municipal Open Space Program and what our options are. President Child added that we will be making a presentation to the County Open Space Board on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Harcourt Trimble, Michael George, Claire Conley, Roberta Recenes, Mikayla Black (JCP) and Nicholas Basile (JCP)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Larry Smock-Secretary/Treasurer

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ms. Recenes to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

**CHECK REGISTER:** Mr. Trimble stated that he would like to see similar jobs clumped together rather than doing them piece-meal especially the trimming and removal of trees. M After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Public Works Committee would periodically inspect Borough property, determine what trees needed to be trimmed or removed, get price quotes and bring it before Council. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the August 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

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

<u>CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:</u> Mr. Vince Putiri stated that the latest newsletter had many single page flyers in it and seemed to be a waste of paper. Mr. Putiri suggested making them double sided would be more efficient. A suggestion was made that organizations/businesses submitting a flyer also furnish the paper. These and other suggestions will be looked at when our next newsletter comes out in December.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: President Child stated that our emergency Management Coordinator, Ms. Marilyn Bobb, is concerned for traffic during the Pope's visit because people are coming from all over. Ms. Bobb has made a request that four (4) people be on call for the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in case something happens.

#### REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** None

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** None

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms Conley stated that the trees will be planted the end of September or early October depending on the weather. Ms. Conley added that the Pancake Breakfast is September 19<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers. A motion was made by Ms. Conley to approve a \$200.0 expenditure for the breakfast. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

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## **PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that he has only received one (1) budget request and that was from the Park/Recreation Committee. Mr. Trimble added that we need all requests so we can put them together and discuss the budget at the October meeting.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** President Child stated the committee had met and reviewed the Workman's Compensation Ordinance with Ms. Marilyn Bobb. We came up with a draft that we were going to present tonight but Ms. Bobb had requested a number of modifications so we are going to schedule another meeting.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: President Child stated that on August 26<sup>th</sup>, he and the Borough Secretary went down and made a presentation to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Board for a grant to buy a portion of the Gruver property and they approved it. It now goes to the County Commissioners and 99.5% of the time, they follow the Board's recommendation. One thing they were uncomfortable with was that we didn't have a signed agreement of sale yet. We now have a signed agreement of sale. We offered Mr. Gruver \$70,000.00 for the property and he accepted. When he signed it, he wanted a deposit of \$1,200.00 so he could make his next tax payment. Mr. Tom Conley asked if real estate deals had to go to escrow rather than the seller. That is escrow money in case something doesn't happen. A motion was made by Mr. George to pay Mr. Gruver \$1,200.00. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed with four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed. Mr. Trimble was opposed to gibing money without completing the sale. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to put the \$1,200.00 in escrow until approval by the County Commissioners on the grant. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to act upon the solicitor's advice. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

President Child stated that the other component to the County Municipal Open Space Program is park improvements. President Child added that if council wants him and the Borough Secretary to put together an application to get money to help pay for the trees, we will do that. Council agreed.

Mr. Trimble stated that we have a property in the Borough that went through foreclosure. Someone bought it and added a bathroom. Our CEO talked to the contractor and they told him they were only doing repairs. Mr. Trimble added that he went on line and it is advertised as having 2 ½ baths. We have called the realtor and he hasn't returned the call. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Borough Secretary would send a letter to the realtor.

Borough Secretary stated that the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Fall Conference is 16 thru 18 October. Anyone wishing to attend please let him know as soon as possible.

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Borough Secretary stated that the Recycling Grant application for 2014 will be submitted prior to September  $30^{th}$ .

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

Respectfully submitted,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 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, Frederick Potter, Harcourt Trimble, 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 September 3, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the September 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Ghen stated that the water tower lease is finalized and will be typed up shortly. In addition, the easement has been recorded. After a brief discussion of the lease, it was decided that some items be deleted or clarified. Mr. Ghen will take for action.

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

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: None** 

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that there were no problems in this area due to the Pope's visit.

## REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Potter stated that we are ready for the DEP inspection. Mr. Potter added that we will be shutting down Well #3 for a short time in order to install additional arsenic removal cylinders.

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Recenes stated that the pancake breakfast went well even though the turnout was low. Ms. Recenes added that the tree planting will start on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We need to figure out how to water the trees when they are planted and again a week later. President Child stated that water bags for the trees would cost approximately \$760.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Potter to expend no more than \$800.00 for the purchase of water bags. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**PERSONNELL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** President Child stated that the committee did meet and came up with a budget proposal for the Finance Committee. President Child added that in 2016, we need to finish the employee's manual and come up with some performance review criteria. Mr. Trimble asked President Child to go over the committee's proposed salaries. President Child stated that

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we have nine (9) people that we pay. The committee is unanimously proposing raises for just four (4). If the TRAC supervisor and the two (2) assistants return, we are proposing a fifty cent per hour raise for each one and a fifty cent per hour raise for the assistant secretary. President Child stated that the raise for the assistant secretary is a longevity raise. She has been with us for fifteen (15) years and hasn't had a raise in three (3) years. Mr. Trimble stated that he still has a problem giving anybody a salary increase without some type of performance appraisal. President Child stated that it is merely a raise based on longevity and merit. After a brief discussion, President Child stated there won't be any decision on the budget tonight, we are just introducing the budget and it is everybody's job to take it home and read it.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Trimble gave a brief overview of the proposed 2016 budget. Mr. Trimble stated that we increased spending on grass mowing because of the extra land we are buying and we increased spending on snow removal based on the past two (2) years. We also obligated money from the Capital Fund for several park improvements (\$50,000.00), sign replacement (\$15,000.00) and curb replacement (\$9,500.00). President Child stated that through the Bucks county Open Space Program, we were allotted \$224,000.00. If we get the grant for the Gruver property, the County will pay \$52,500.00 and if we get the grant for the trees, the County will pay \$10,500.00. That is \$63,000.00 that is subtracted from the original allotment. That would leave \$151,000.00 still available to us. If we apply for a Park Improvement grant, the \$50,000.00 would cover our 25% share. If we approve that in the budget, we will start in January working on a complete plan for the park. Mr. Trimble stated that everyone should look over the proposed budget and next month we will be approving the budget to be advertised and final adoption in December.

Mr. Trimble stated that looking over the financial statement for August; we have \$200,000.00 in the Cellular Fund of which he would like to invest \$100,000.00 at a higher interest rate. After a brief discussion it was decided to meet with a financial advisor at QNB and have a report for the November meeting.

Mr. Trimble stated that the estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2016 is \$20,145.72. Mr. Trimble added that he would like to make a motion to release the Borough's annual donation to the fire company. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** President Child stated that everyone has a copy of the proposed Workman's Compensation Ordinance. We have talked about this at several Council meetings and all that it is a documentation of what they already do. This is needed for insurance coverage. We met several times with Ms. Bobb; we got information from PSAB, copies of ordinances from other municipalities and put this ordinance together. President Child added that we are not going to vote on it tonight so take it home and see what you think. We will also have Mr. Ghen look at it.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: Mr. Tom Conley stated that speed humps need to be brought up. Mr. Conley added that we have been talking about them for years and as yet, no speed humps. Mr. Conley asked when we were going to get it done. President Child stated that when we hear about the status of the grant we applied for, we will go from there. President Child added that we were told the decision would be made either late summer or early fall and we should know by the next meeting. Mr. Conley stated that by the next meeting, we are either going to have the grant give us the money or we are going to do it without the grant. Mr. Conley asked if that was fair to say because that is what he thought he heard said. President Child stated that that was not what he said. President Child reiterated that we expect to hear about the grant before the next meeting. Mr. Conley stated that you guys live back there and you see

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people speeding down that road and God forbid that somebody gets hit. Mr. Conley added that he has said what he had to say and requested it be put in the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A quote from Woodlawn Fence Co. to repair the two (2) split rail fences was reviewed. The two (2) split rail fence on Woodview can be repaired at a cost of \$100.00. The three (3) split rail fence off North Main Street can be repaired at a cost of \$454.00. Total for both fences would be \$554.00. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to authorize the repair of the fences at a cost of \$554.00. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to pay the dues for the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Mr. Conley stated that for our pancake breakfast, one of our citizens took the time to come and power wash all the tables and the entire area. Mr. Conley added that he did it on his own and doesn't want any recognition.

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

Respectfully submitted,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 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, 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 Mr. Trimble to approve the Council Meeting minutes of October 1, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the October 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

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

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: Mayor Baine stated that the Quakertown High School has hired a Student Resource Officer. What they are asking is a cooperative between all municipalities that have a school within their boundaries giving jurisdiction to the Student Resource Officer to respond to any emergency that may arise. He would control the situation until the police with jurisdiction of that area arrived. They are not asking for any money, just authorization. Mr. Ghen asked if they proposed a resolution. Mayor Baine stated that they are putting something together and she will give it to the Council President. Mr. Ghen volunteered to speak to the school attorney if he/she so desired.

## REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: Borough Secretary sated that we have two (2) contracts with electricity suppliers; Direct Energy and Champion. The contract with Champion has expired and they were charging us 11.7 cents per KWh. Borough Secretary added that he met with a representative from APPI, gave him a copy of our current bills and they came back with a proposed contract for sixty (60) months at 5.33cents per KWh. This would affect only one (1) account which is the one with Champion. Direct Energy is charging us 7.34 cents per KWh and we have to stay with them for another six (6) months or pay an early termination fee. President Child asked who the service would be through. Borough Secretary stated that it would be through a company called TriEagle. President Child stated that APPI is authorized by PSAB to find inexpensive energy for boroughs. A motion was made by Ms. Recenes to accept the contract from TriEagle. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

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**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley stated that the trees and bushes in the park look great. In the end, we added two (2) trees and some bushes and bought the water bags.

The possibility of another winter Fest was discussed. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the winter Fest on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM.

Ms. Conley stated that the fences have been repaired and we plan to stain them in the spring.

## **PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** None

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that the Quakertown Area Planning Committee (QAPC) is having a meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Quakertown Council Chambers. PennDOT will be attending to discuss the condition of the roads in the area. The meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Trimble stated that everyone has a copy of the proposed 2016 budget and asked if there were any questions. President Child asked if we had money budgeted for speed humps in the event we don't get the ARLE grant. Mr. Trimble stated that we have money set aside for road improvements. President Child stated that during our centennial year we bought six (6) Borough flags. President Child stated that the last one is flying from the pole out front and he would like to buy more. Mr. Trimble stated that we could find the money for that. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise the proposed 2016 Budget. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** President Child stated that we have been working on a Workman's compensation Ordnance for coverage for volunteer firefighters. Everyone was given a copy at the last meeting for their review. The one that the Borough Secretary sent out for this meeting is the same one only in ordinance format. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise Ordinance #232-15, Workman's compensation. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The status of the speed humps was discussed. President Child stated that we just got communication from Pennsylvania today concerning the ARLE grant. The communication stated that they will have a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the applications and the committee will meet in Harrisburg. Soon after the meeting, the awards will be announced. Hopefully, sometime in early December although it could be sooner or later.

The status of the land purchase from Mr. Gruver was discussed. Borough Secretary stated that several attempts to contact Mr. Dave Johnson, Municipal Open Space Coordinator, have gone unanswered. At this time, we don't know when the application will go before the County Commissioners. In addition, Mr. Gruver is having a problem with the Wells Fargo Bank. We submitted the package they wanted and they requested that Mr. Gruver designate how much of the \$70,000.00 he was going to give the bank for the mortgage and the line of credit. He designated \$10,000.00. They came back and stated they wanted it all. Mr. Gruver is working with bank and his sons to come up with a solution.

The Surface Water Protection Technical Assistance Program (SWPTAP) was discussed. Borough Secretary stated that he had a meeting with Ms. Angelika Forndran, our water engineer, and reviewed

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some correspondence from Ms. Lynn O'Hare. The correspondence included a request for approval of a Wellhead Protection Program which the Council President would sign if approved. President Child asked what it obligated us to. Borough Secretary stated that we are not obligated to do anything. Ms. Conley wanted to know what they would send us. Borough Secretary stated that they would send us a program to help make people aware of how we can keep our water clean. Ms. Recenes asked how much it would cost. Borough Secretary stated that there is no charge. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the program would be reviewed by the Solicitor, Council President and the Borough Secretary and their recommendation would be brought to Council.

Ms. Recenes asked what was going on with our website. Borough Secretary stated that Mr. Potter was going to email everything he had to Ms. Black. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Conley to authorize Ms. Black to establish a Borough website at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed. Mr. Wilhelm stated that we had a fairly major fire at the Trum Tavern that was caused by a carelessly discarded cigarette onto mattresses that were stacked against the outside wall. The fire company did a tremendous job knocking it down. Mr. Wilhelm added that he fined the Trum Tavern \$400.00 for the numerous false alarms over the past few weeks. Borough Secretary stated that payment was received today. Mr. Wilhelm stated that if at all possible, he would like to have some of that money given to the fire company. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to give \$300.00 of the \$400.00 fine to the fire company. Seconded y Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered. The remainder of the report was accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise Ordinance #231-15, 2016 Real Estate Tax Levy. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to advertise and approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

Borough Secretary stated that Milford Township and Trumbauersville are under quarantine because of the Spotted Lantern Fly. The Health Department and the Department of Agriculture will be setting up a meeting to which we will be invited along with a representative from Milford Township. The biggest infestation is in Berks County and the only reason that Milford Township and Trumbauersville are being quarantined is because Milford Township butts up to New Hanover and Trumbauersville is surrounded by Milford Township. Borough Secretary added that the greatest impact could be on the grape industry, tree fruit, plant nursery and timber industries. The insect is not harmful to humans. Borough Secretary stated that we will be receiving brochures that can be distributed.

Ms. Conley stated that people are getting really disgusted because PPL hasn't repaired sidewalks where they put in new poles and with PennDOT because of the condition of the streets. President Child stated that the condition of the streets will be a topic of discussion at the next OAPC meeting.

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Ms. Conley stated that she would like to have everything that we are going to discuss at the meeting printed out and distributed. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Borough Secretary would print out all items to be discussed at meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

# BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE TRUMBAUERSVILLE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 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, 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 b y Mr. Trimble to approve the Council Meeting minutes of November 5, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

<u>CHECK REGISTER:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to approve the November 2015 Check Register. Seconded by Ms. Conley. Motion passed and so ordered.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Ghen reported that the tower lease has been completed and we should receive the smooth copies for signature in the near future.

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

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: None** 

MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE BOROUGH: None

REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

**PLANNING COMMISSION: None** 

**ZONING HEARING BOARD: None** 

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** None

**PARK/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Conley stated that Winter Fest will be Saturday from 7 -9 PM and Santa will arrive by fire truck. Ms. Conley added that she would drop off some candy canes at the Borough office. Ms. Marilyn Bobb will make sure Santa gets them. Ms. Conley stated that any and all help would be appreciated.

## PERSONNELL/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: None

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Trimble stated that Council previously authorized the investment of \$100,000.00 utilizing money from the Capital Fund and requested that Council authorize an additional \$100,000.00 from the Cellular Fund to be invested. The investment would be FDIC insured and draw anywhere from 0.5% to 7%. We are currently drawing 0.35% on our QNB accounts. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trimble to authorize the investment of an additional \$100,000.00 from the Cellular Fund. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered. A

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motion was made by Ms. Conley to increase the Solicitor's hourly rate by \$10.00. Seconded by Ms. Recenes. Motion passed and so ordered.

## **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Child stated that the Borough Secretary attended the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Board Meeting last night to present our request for money for the Park Tree Project. President Child added that the request got approved by the Board and will now go to the County Commissioners. In addition, the Borough Secretary was told by Mr. Johnson, Director, Municipal Open Space Program, that the grant to purchase the Gruver property was approved by the Commissioners. Borough Secretary will contact Mr. Gruver to set up a closing date. President Child stated that we haven't received any update concerning the ARLE Grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CEO Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Marshal Report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to pay the Mayor and Council Members their annual compensation. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble to adopt Ordinance #231-15, 2016 Real Estate Tax Levy, Ordinance #232-15, Workman's Compensation and the 2016 Budget. Seconded by Mr. Betz. Motion passed and so ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Betz to renew the Borough News Magazine for thirteen (13) people in the amount of \$130.00. Seconded by Mr. Trimble. Motion passed and so ordered.

The 2013 Recycle Grant was reviewed. Borough Secretary stated that he received a letter today telling us that we had been awarded \$608.00 from the 2013 Recycle Grant Borough Secretary added that we should receive the check within the next 6-8 weeks and suggested we put the money in the Community Day Fund. Council agreed.

The solvency fee letter concerning unemployment benefit payments was reviewed. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to pay the solvency fee.

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

Respectfully submitted,