

Trumbauersville Borough Council
July 18, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Chris Betz, Ed Child, Rebecca Spor, Stephen Spor, Allyson Goodin, Amanda Hahn. Mike George was absent.

Also present were Dani McClanahan, James Black, and Solicitor Oetinger, who sat in for Colby Grim.

Comments from the President:

The council convened an Executive Session (ES) at 6:30 PM to review potential litigation. The ES was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

At this time, Council President Betz presented Resolution 2024-04 Meeting Procedure and Rules of Decorum for a motion. Councilwoman Hahn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin, to adopt Resolution 2024-04 as amended:

- After Announcements, add Public Comment for non-agenda items.
- A non-resident ratepayer (church pastor) may speak only about the service received.

Discussion closed. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Residents Kramer & Putiri were present to discuss Mr. Putiri's establishment of a naturalized area in a portion of his backyard. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer wanted the borough 'weed' ordinance (Ordinance 154) enforced; Mr. Putiri indicated that his naturalized area has native grasses and plantings that attract pollinators.

VP Child made a motion to pursue enforcement, seconded by Councilwoman Hahn.

Roll Call Vote: VP Child, Councilwoman Hahn, and Councilman Spor voted to proceed with enforcement. President Betz, Councilwoman Spor, and Councilwoman Goodin voted against enforcing. Vote 3-3. Mayor Black was asked to vote. Mayor Black indicated Ordinance 154 should be reviewed and parameters defined, then voted against proceeding with enforcement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- W. Comes objected to the Borough Manager Ordinance
- Mayor Black asked why the Administrator wanted more authority.

Motion on Minutes of June 6, 2024, Council meeting:

Motion by Councilwoman Spor, seconded by VP Child, to approve the council meeting minutes of June 6th, 2024, as presented. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Check Register: Motion by Councilwoman Goodin, seconded by Councilman Spor, to approve the June check register. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- Award Interconnect Project
 - o Cowan Associates reviewed all bids.

Passerini & Sons, Inc	GS Developers, Inc.	Wexcon, Inc	Anrich, Inc.	Joao & Bradley
\$117,455.00	\$139,730.00	\$148,850.00	\$167,700.00	\$169,050.00

The Bid, Bid Bond, and all Bid Forms from Passerini & Sons, Inc. have been reviewed and are in order. Based on previous work for other municipal clients and qualification documents, their opinion is that Passerini & Sons, Inc. is qualified to perform the work specified and recommend the award of the contract to Passerini & Sons, Inc. for one hundred seventeen thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars and zero cents (\$117,455.00).

ACTION: Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilman Spor, to award the Interconnect Project to Passerini & Sons at the bid price of \$117,455.00. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Authorize advertising Ordinance 244-24, 'Outside Storage,' adding that all vehicles as listed shall have a valid inspection sticker.

ACTION: Motion by VP Child to advertise Ordinance 244-24 after the amendment to include a time frame. Seconded by Councilwoman Goodin. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-03, Authorizing submitting a financial assistance application to PennVest for financing/partially financing the construction/rehabilitation of the water system for well #3.

ACTION: Motion by VP Child, second by Councilman Spor, authorizing the borough to apply for financial assistance to PennVest for well#3 repairs. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

The Water Department requests authorization to shut off water for four accounts that are three-quarters past due.

ACTION: The motion by Councilwoman Goodin, seconded by Councilwoman Spor, authorizes water shut-off for nonpayment for the four accounts indicated. Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Basketball backboards have been replaced and installed at regulation height.

Report of Boards and Committees:

Planning Commission: Meeting July 15, 2024

Due to concerns raised by residents in attendance, the PC agreed to pause the Light Industrial ordinance effort until stormwater runoff from Bracalente Manufacturing and an Exclusion Zone detailed in the borough's Source Water Protection Plan concerns can be satisfactorily addressed.

Public Services Committee:

- Engineers report presented and attached to the minutes.

Park/Recreation: No meeting.

Ordinance Committee: No meeting

Personnel/Administrative Committee:

The Personnel Committee met on June 26 to review the duties of a Borough Secretary detailed in Section 1111 of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (The Borough Code). It became abundantly clear during the review that the functions performed by the Borough Secretary are above and beyond the duties listed. The committee recommends that the Borough Council enact an ordinance to create the position of Borough Manager for Trumbauersville per Sections 1141 and 1142 of the Code, including additional duties. It is also recommended that the ordinance state that the office of the Borough Secretary is to be held by the Borough Manager as authorized by Section 1143 of the Code.

ACTION: Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin, authorizing the advertisement of the draft ordinance creating the position of Borough Manager. Vote: All in favor; motion carries.

Budget and Finance Committee: No meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

V. Putiri remarked there are overgrown weeds/trees/shrubs all over the borough, and initial notification about a violation should be a phone call, not a letter.

J. Stauffer stated the borough open space fields have not been mowed this summer.

B. Lauster expressed that bottled water contains contaminants, too.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Spor, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Dani McClanahan

Borough Administrator