

**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.

MOTION 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.

CHECK REGISTER: 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. Our 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.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: 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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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: 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.

PERSONNEL/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 18th 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,

Larry Smock
Borough Secretary