

**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.

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:** 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 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 giving 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<sup>th</sup>.

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,

Larry Smock  
Borough Secretary