

**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.

CHECK REGISTER: 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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE: 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 12th. 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.

PERSONNEL/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 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS; 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,

Larry Smock
Borough Secretary