

**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.

CHECK REGISTER: 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 5th 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 8th, 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 Ordinance 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 by 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 QAPC 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,

Larry Smock
Borough Secretary