

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2006
7:30 p.m.
Trappe Town Hall

The regular Town meeting was opened by President Cheryl Lewis and called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Walter Chase, Don English and Norm Fegel were present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The July minutes were read and accepted as presented. There were two sets of financial statements the adjusted budget for the previous year for both Enterprise and General and the current month of July. The Financial Statements were accepted as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: August 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.
Members present were President Cheryl Lewis, Commissioners, Don English, Norm Fegel and Walter Chase. Attorney Booth was also present for legal advice on employee review and purchase of property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Commission member Mr. Robert Quidas was sworn in by President Lewis for another term.

TAXING DISTRICT UPDATE FOR LAKESIDE:

Attorney Booth explained that approximately two months ago the town adopted an ordinance that set boundaries for Lakeside Taxing District. We need to follow up with and ordinance establishing the actual tax rate. Mr. Rocks, Mr. Rauch, Mr. Stalford bond council attorney, and I have been working on what the tax cap should be with consultant Mr. Keenan Rice.

Attorney Booth recommended that the council have a special town meeting before the next Planning Meeting then Mr. Rice could explain the methodology of the bonds.

Special Town Meeting set for Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
President Lewis gave a brief description of the taxing district, and stated that the board needs to be able to ask questions and know just how this will work.

ORDINANCE 7-2006 ZONING ORDINANCE REFORMAT.

Attorney Booth said that Mr. Hall had given her the zoning ordinance and the council had asked that I review. I have prepared an Ordinance tonight and the substance text has not changed just the numbering in the ordinance. This is just for introduction tonight.

President Lewis read Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TRAPPE TO REPEAL AND REENACT IN ITS ENTIRETY THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TRAPPE TO REFLECT RENUMBERING, REINDEXING AND REFORMATTING.

Motion was made by Com. Fegel to introduce Ordinance 7-2006 Reformat Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Com. English.

Vote:

Lewis – Y

English – Y

Chase – Y

Fegel – Y

Public Hearing is set for September 6, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. - Ordinance 7-2006 Zoning Ordinance Reformat

DESIGN GUIDELINE CHANGES FOR LAKESIDE.

The Books were passed out at last month's meeting and President Lewis asked if all of the council had received theirs, and everyone had.

Attorney Booth explained that last month due to advertising the public hearing was cancelled and I will amend the ordinance reflecting the changes that Com. Chase had requested.

Public Hearing for Design Guideline changes for Lakeside is set for September 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

BRAMBLE GRANT UPDATE:

President Lewis said that the Town qualified for the grant on the Bramble property. The Town has turned the paperwork over to our attorney for legal review.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATE FLOOD RESOLUTION:

President Lewis stated that we have done all the paper work and the resolution to join the National Flood Insurance Program. We are now waiting to hear from them so that Town residents can purchase flood insurance. We hope to be able to tell insurance companies that have been calling within the next month that we are members and insurance can be issued for the Town.

FALL FESTIVAL IDEA

It has been suggested that we have a Fall Festival for the town, with yard sales all through the Town making this a Town affair. Saturday, October 21st has been set as you will read in your newsletter. The churches also would be asked to join in selling food or whatever they desire. It was suggested that we have Plain Air Painting also which is a concept of artists working outside. We can draw up a map of the town with all the areas marked with activities.

Cynthia Miles asked about having music somewhere like the Steel Band from the High School. President Lewis said Steve Moody has been suggested also but we need citizens to volunteer to work on this and organize. St. Paul's were interested in the art program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. - Planning Meeting.
September 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing Design Guidelines
September 6, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. - Zoning Ordinance Reformat

Motion was made by Com. English to go to Executive Session for legal advice at 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

Lewis – Y

English – Y

Chase – Y

Fegel - Y

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted:

Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk

Approved by: Cheryl Lewis, President