

TRAPPE TOWN MEETING

June 6, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Trappe Town Hall

The Town meeting was opened by President Cheryl Lewis and called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Walter Chase, Don English, Danny Adams and Norm Fegel were present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The May minutes were read and accepted as presented. The Financial Statement for May was also accepted as presented and President Lewis said that we will enter the revised budget numbers on the new budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: May 2, 2007

There was an Executive Session on May 2, 2007 at 8:50 p.m. Council members present were Cheryl Lewis, Don English, Walter Chase and Norm Fegel. The meeting was to discuss personnel matters.

President Lewis welcomed Mr. Chase and Mr. Fegel

EXECUTIVE SESSION: May 21, 2007

There was an Executive Session on May 21, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Council members present were Cheryl Lewis, Danny Adams, Don English, Walter Chase and Norm Fegel. The meeting was to discuss Commission Re alignment, Board Appointments and other personnel matters.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The Clerk gave the election result: Mr. Walter Chase and Mr. Norm Fegel were reelected and will be sworn in at the Clerk's Office in Easton.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE LAKESIDE:

President Lewis gave a brief update on Lakeside stating that they had made a presentation to the Planning Board. She stated that they have settled on all the properties but two and that they have asked for an extension for the time frame to do the bond work in. They only have twelve months to do the paper work in and the time limit will be up soon.

TOWN CODE:

Com. English said that we will need to start reviewing the property maintenance code and the changes to the Town Code; we need to set a workshop to begin working on these.

Workshop is set up for June 18th at 7:00 p.m. to review the Town Code.

POLICE DEPT. – GEORGE BALL:

Mr. George Ball gave his monthly report and a copy is in the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Lewis asked if the Council would like to have the July 4th town meeting on the following day of the week and the Council agreed to reschedule for July 11th at 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER THEATRE:

President Lewis stated that she had been approached by Mr. Rick O’Brian about having a summer theater in the old park. This is a concept that he would like to promote in the towns. This would be on an inflatable movie screen and they would come on a Friday night, or maybe two Friday nights this would be like a family affair. We would advertise and we have some money in parks and recreation for this. Our obligation would be the use of the park and maybe electricity.

I would like to know how the Council would feel about having the movies in the park. I don’t know about the food whether they prepare or we ask the Little League to sell food. I need to have the concept approved tonight in order to get in the July newsletter. Com. Chase asked if he had ever had any problems with it. President Lewis said she really did not know, he has never done it before this is just a concept that he is trying, but I will check and see if there have been any issues. This will only be a two week trial in August. Mr. Schwaninger asked if we would charge admission? President Lewis said no this is a free summer program. President Lewis asked how the Council felt about the program? Com. Adams would like to hear back from them.

REVERSE 911 AGREEMENT:

Mr. Ball explained that Talbot County has come up with a 911 reverse system where they can call every house in Talbot County within minutes to notify of an emergency. The system dials each phone and will leave a message if no answer. The only downfall is that cell phone numbers are not in the system unless you notify Emergency Management at 410-822-0095. There is no fee for this since we are already paying for 911 on our phone bills. This can be county wide or localized. There will be a countywide test soon where everyone will be called.

RECYCLE PROGRAM:

Nothing was discussed this will looked into for a later date.

PLANNING:

President Lewis gave an update on the Planning Office stating that our planner Mr. Hall is on sick leave and we need someone to work with the Planning Board while he is out. We have brought in some temporary help for now. We have an agreement to retain services from Pete Johnston & Associates, since this is who has done everything for the town prior to the hiring of a town planner and they have the town mapping, and have worked with us on the Comprehensive Plan. We are going to use them temporarily until Mr. Hall returns.

We have received the preliminary approval for a grant to have a toddler park in the Lakeview Park area. Mr. Hall applied for this grant and we now need to move forward with this and Mr. Shane Johnson will be able to do this.

This will be just temporary and we will pay the rates within thirty days. We received a grant for Mr. Hall’s position and as long as we stay within this amount the grant will pay. He will probably work about two or two and ½ days a week.

Motion was made by Com. Fegel to sign the agreement with Peter Johnston and that we can stop at any time we want. Motion was seconded by Com. English.

Adams – Y Lewis – Y English – Y Chase – Y Fegel – Y

REORGANIZATION:

President Lewis stated that on May 21st the Council met and did a reorganization which is always done after an election.

We will be making some changes in some of the committees and we will put in the newsletter all vacancies.

- Don English is now the President in charge of Public Works
- Cheryl Lewis will be the Vice President – Finance Administrator
- Danny Adams – Parks & Recreation
- Walter Chase – Public Safety
- Norm Fegel – Planning Commission Liaison

PARKS & RECREATION – 5TH GRADE ART.

Cheryl turned the meeting over to Mr. English and Com. English stated that the PTO from Whitmarsh School called him that they had talked with Rick Tull from Parks and Recreation. The 5th grade has created a picture of Art and would like to put it in the Homerun Baker Park, Mr. Tull had no problem with this and they would take care of having it done. They need a letter from the town giving them their permission to do this. Classes in the future will be doing projects of art and will be placing them in the park.

Mr. English felt that the only draw back is that it should be have been fenced in.

Motion was made by Com. Chase to accept the work of Art.

Motion was seconded by Com. Adams.

Vote:

Adams – Y Lewis – Y English – Y Chase – Y Fegel – Y

TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Ben Diefenderfer

Mr. Diefenderfer gave a short report on what is going on with the Fire Company.

Com. Chase asked if they were required to take certain training or to be certified as a Fire Fighter? Mr. Diefenderfer stated as long as you take the one class you become a Fire Fighter to advance to other positions you need to take other classes.

PAT HARING:

Mrs. Haring said that behind her house there is a ditch that looks like a forest and she requested that it be cleaned up. President English stated that this is not town property and we can not go on the property and clear brush without permission. There was a short discussion and Attorney Booth was asked to check the property lines to see just who owns the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 11, 2007 – Rural Life Museum Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

June 13, 2007 – Pit Beef Day - \$7.00 – 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Tickets sold in advance
While they last. Please come early.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk

Approved by: Cheryl Lewis, President