

## **TRAPPE TOWN MEETING**

**November 7, 2007**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Trappe Town Hall**

The Town meeting was opened by President Don English and called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Norm Fegel, Walter Chase and Cheryl Lewis were present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The October minutes were read and accepted as presented.

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President English stated that effective November 12<sup>th</sup> the Town would have a new Town Planner, Jennifer Shull and he introduced her to everyone and our new reporter from the Star Democrat Christine.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. George Ball gave the Police Report for the month which is included in the minutes, and thanked everyone for their support since it has been a year since he came on board. Cheryl Lewis and many others commended him for the great job that he was doing.

### **TRASH TAX DISCOUNT:**

President English stated that the trash tax discount on property owners who have dumpsters on their property such as Moore Rentals, GM Rentals and Old Trappe Road Townhouses have been receiving a rebate from the Town for dumpster expense. All residents now pay a \$60.00 yearly trash fee and the property owners with dumpsters do not pay this fee. So they are getting a dual rebate stated Com. Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis made a recommendation that the Town no longer give trash discount or credits. If they continued to keep the dumpsters there would no longer be rebates for them only the \$60.00 trash charge would be waived. Com. Fegel asked if the

residents were assessed a trash fee in their rent. Mr. Rick Covell from the Trappe Townhouse Association said yes they were assessed a charge in the Association fees.

Motion was made by Com. Lewis to remove any tax discount and allow a waiver of \$60.00 if it is a residential multiple dwelling that is supplying a dumpster.  
Motion was seconded by Com. Chase.

Vote:

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

Com. Lewis was asked to do research on the commercial trash.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – ORDINANCE 6-2007**

President English stated that we have had several public hearings on the property maintenance Code and everyone has had plenty of time to review.

Motion was made by Com. Chase to adopt Ordinance 6-2007 Property Maintenance Code.  
Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

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

**TOWN CODE – ORDINANCE 7-2007**

President English stated this Ordinance has also been reviewed and asked for a Motion.

Motion was made by Com. Fegel to adopt Town Ordinance 7-2207  
Motion was seconded by Com. Chase.

Vote:

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

**RESOLUTION 1-2007 MOORE & GROVES ANNEXATION**

Attorney Booth stated that several months ago she prepared a draft annexation agreement which is our standard agreement. The Moore's and Grove's have executed so I am presenting this to the Council tonight along with the Resolution.

Motion was made by Com. Chase to adopt Resolution 1-2007 Annexation Moore and Groves Property.

Vote:

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL LAKESIDE BONDING - Ordinance 11-2007.**

Attorney Booth read Ordinance 11-2007 - Supplemental Lakeside Bond.

Com. Lewis stated that we are voting tonight just for an extension of the Bonding. The Council has agreed that whatever happened to the new development would not be a burden on the residents of the Town of Trappe.

We have given tax abatements to the current owners which happen to be 90% farmers; this is what has always been done. These abatements will continue until the property has been developed and there are residents there living on the property.

There are two different commercial areas the one we refer to now is part of the current agreement and the second is one in the future which is in a different commercial area.

Motion was made by Com. Fegel to adopt Ordinance 11-2007 Supplemental Lakeside Bonding. Motion was seconded by Com. Chase.

Vote:

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

**TRAPPE TOBERFEST UPDATE:**

Com. Lewis said that the Trappe toberfest was a great success. We are now planning for next year's and would like to make this an annual Town Festival. We have decided to set the yard sales for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October, the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend will be the Nace's Day Parade. The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend will be the Trappe toberfest and the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend we will have a Children's Halloween Parade from the Old Ball Park to the Fire House for Halloween. This will begin at 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. so that the children can be seen in costume in the parade, with trick or treat from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We would like to claim the month of October for the Town, rain or shine.

We would like to plan now and put on next year's budget as a line item Trappe toberfest, this will enable us to book the entertainment now to start planning for next year. We now budget \$5,000.00 for Parks and Rec. and have not used for several years and we were able to use this year.

Motion was made by Com Chase to grant the \$5,000.00 for Trappe toberfest. Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

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

George Ball suggested that children that needed community services in the Middle School and High School would be good volunteers.

**PAT BRIDGES OF RUMSEY DRIVE:**

Ms. Bridges asked when the Property Maintenance Code would go into effect. It will be in effect 20 days from acceptance.

**GRANT FOR HARRISON CIRCLE:**

President English stated that Frank Hall had applied for a grant for the Harrison Circle Park. We were turned down the first time, but he reapplied and we were given the grant. The Board of Public Works approved the grant for Lakeview. The grant is for \$99,942.00 for playground equipment . The Town will have to apply \$5,000.00 for the existing upgrade.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOORE’S CAROUSEL COMMONS PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT.**

Attorney Booth summarized the Moore’s Project for the Carousel Commons. They are now on the November Planning Agenda for the final site plan approval. Everything has been approved. We have prepared a draft Public Works Agreement for the Council. This makes sure that all the infrastructure and construction has been done to the Town’s standards and specifications and irrevocable letters of credit that go with the development. There are a couple of things that still need to be done such as the Forrest Conservation Plan with the State. I believe that it is far enough along that you could authorize the execution of the agreement contingent upon the attorney and the engineer’s final approval. There is one other thing that needs to be discussed concerning the water tower property. When the Moore’s purchased the property there was a condition to the purchase of the property, the Town wanted to keep 13 parking spaces. After deed recorded with easement for Public Parking the Moore’s hired an architect which created a much better project and but it required a realignment of the 13 parking spaces. This will go before the Planning Commission on the 19<sup>th</sup> for review, tonight we would like to bring before the Council for you to make a motion approving the transfiguration of those parking spaces if you feel so inclined. So there are two things before you tonight to consider.

Com. Fegel stated that it looks like the parking spaces went from 13 to 12. Com. Lewis felt that one space did not make that much difference since they were for later on down the road if needed.

Com. Lewis said that she reviewed and felt comfortable with the Agreement that it did reflect the things that the Town would be concerned with. She also wanted the Town to know how thoroughly binding the Public Works Agreements. She mentioned that High’s have a couple of dead trees that need to be taken care of per their agreement. President English said that he would take care of this.

Com. Lewis made a motion to authorize the President to execute the Public Works Agreement contingent upon final approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission and completion of any outstanding issues to the satisfaction of the Engineers and the Attorneys.

Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

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

Second motion was made by Com. Lewis to accept the 12 parking spaces and allow the Town Attorney to proceed with whatever paper work needed to amend easement.

Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

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

**SNOW REMOVAL BIDS:**

Com. Chase read the one bid that was received for snow removal. The bid was from Bridges Land Management and a copy is included in the minutes.

Truck Single Axle w/plow	\$80.00 Per Hour
Backhoe w/two yard bucket	\$90.00 Per Hour
Skid loader with Plow	\$75.00 Per Hour
Wheel Loader w/3 yard bucket	\$110.00 Per Hour

“Quickly as soon as needed they will be here”. Their insurance coverage is with Bartlett, Griffin & Vermilye.

Motion was made by Com Fegel to accept the bid from Bridges Land Management.

Motion was seconded by Walter Chase.

Vote:

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

**Trudy Lee:**

Ms. Lee from the Trappe Townhouses would like to express her appreciation for Mr. George Ball our Police Chief, who has made such a difference in her area.

**Charles Adams:**

Mr. Adams would like to thank the town for the Index and stated that there will be no Rural Life Museum meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> the next meeting will be in 2008. They now have possession of the Defender House.

President English asked that Mr. Adams let Ms. Dorbin know when the meetings will be so that they can be put on the Index calendar.  
Mr. Adams will be moving back to Trappe before Thanksgiving.

**Com. Lewis:**

Com. Lewis thanked the Trappe Fire Company for the great Halloween Party that they hosted. The Vera Bradley Fund raiser was also a great event, full house.

President English asked that a motion be made to go into Executive Session 15 minutes after the meeting for personnel issues.

Motion was made by Com. Lewis to go into an Executive Session 15 minutes after the Town Meeting. Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

Lewis – Y

English – Y

Chase – Y

Fegel – U

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

November 12<sup>th</sup> Town Office Closed for Veterans Day  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – Planning Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> – Town Office will be closed for Thanksgiving

The meeting was adjourned at 8:88 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk

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Approved by: Don English, President