

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
TRAPPE TOWN HALL
AUGUST 2, 2017

Council of Trappe Meeting:

President Fegel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members: Nick Newnam, Tonya Pritchett, RD Diefenderfer and Walter Chase were present. Other attendees for the Town: Administrator Braband and Attorney Booth. Public Attendees: Bobby & Shirley Quidas, Don English, Nancy Dunn and Bobby Croswell.

Amendments to the Agenda: Commissioner Diefenderfer stated that he had one item that he wanted to add to the agenda. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion. All approved.

Presentation of Minutes: Commissioner Chase made a motion to approve the July 5, 2017 and July 10, 2017 minutes as presented. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion. All approved.

Clerk's Report: Administrator Braband presented the Clerk's report, the general fund and the enterprise fund budgets that are filed in the records. Administrator Braband stated that settlement with DHCD to refinance the 3 USDA loans occurred today and the Town will save \$346,064.00 over the remaining life of the loans.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT RECORDS

Public Works: President Fegel read Superintendent Callahan's report that is filed in the records.

Planning and Zoning: President Fegel stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Communications:

President Fegel stated that the Town received a letter from George Ball announcing his retirement from the Town of Trappe effective June 30, 2017. President Fegel stated that on behalf of the Council and the Town residents he would like to thank George for his service to the Town for the past 11 years.

President Fegel stated that a proposal has been received from Playground Specialists to replace the playground mulch at Lakeview Park. The bid came in at \$5,015.00 which is considerably higher than when it was done 2 years ago for \$3,000.00. Commissioner Newnam stated that he has contacted Eastern Shore Forest Products in Salisbury and asked for a quote to deliver 25 yards of playground mulch to the park and their total price was \$631.25. Commissioner Newnam stated that he has a group of residents that are willing to volunteer their time to help spread the mulch. This is a savings of \$4,383.75 to the Town. The Council agreed to go ahead with Eastern Shore Forest Products.

President Fegel stated that the Town has received a letter from the Talbot County Emergency Planning Committee asking for the Council to appoint a representative for Trappe to be on this committee. President Fegel stated that Yvonne Bartolomeo is currently on the committee and he has talked with her and she is willing to continue if the Council would like for her to do so. Commissioner Chase made a

motion to reappoint Yvonne Bartolomeo to the Talbot County Emergency Planning Committee. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion. All approved.

President Fegel stated that the Town has received a letter from Kim Hardesty regarding her dissatisfaction with the trash service in Town. Administrator Braband stated that she has contacted the trash company almost weekly regarding complaints and met with the supervisor (Tim) today. Tim stated that he will come every Tuesday and inspect the Town without the workers knowing and will have any issues immediately corrected. Tim has also given his cell phone number so he can be contacted directly with any complaints the Town may receive.

Attorney Updates: No update

Executive Session: An executive session was held on July 5, 2017 to discuss a personnel issue.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

No business in front of the Council.

Public Questions/Comments:

Bobby Croswell complained about the house on Main Street that had their porch hit by a car and the time that has gone by and the porch is still not fixed. Administrator Braband stated that a building permit has been issued and she will check with Planner Shull regarding the status.

Bobby Croswell asked why the sign for Nace's Park was put so far back from the road. Commissioner Chase stated that he and his family paid for the sign and they felt that spot was an appropriate location.

Commissioner Diefenderfer stated that he would like to see Commissioner Newnam be appointed to oversee the parks. The Council agreed and Commissioner Newnam accepted.

Commissioner Diefenderfer asked if the irrigation was still on at Nace's Park. President Fegel stated that it has been shut off temporarily and the system should shut off automatically for 1 cycle when 1/4" of rain has fallen.

Announcements: President Fegel read the announcements.

No executive session is requested for tonight.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Chase made a motion at 7:18 pm to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk