

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
TRAPPE TOWN HALL
AUGUST 1, 2018

Council of Trappe Meeting: President Fegel called the 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, Superintendent Callahan, Attorney Booth and Sgt. Gadow from the Talbot County Sheriff's Department. Public attendees: Bobby & Shirley Quidas, Jim Thompson, Don English and Edgar Harrison.

Amendments to the Agenda: Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Newnam seconded the motion. All approved.

Presentation of Minutes: Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Chase 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 she spoke with Katherine from GMB today and was told that Somerset Well was out and had staked the property for the test well and that they have submitted the permit application to Talbot County. Once the permit is approved the test well will be drilled hopefully within the next 2 weeks. GMB plans to have the design plans finished by the end of August and then they will be presented to the Council for their approval.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT RECORDS

Talbot County Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Gadow presented the Council with the July report that is filed in the records.

Public Works: Superintendent Callahan presented the public works report that is filed in the records. Superintendent Callahan stated that White Marsh pumping station has not been fixed yet due to the contractor waiting on prices. Once the contractor is able to obtain prices he will be able to give a better timeframe for the repair.

Planning & Zoning: Chairman Harrison stated that the Planning Commission met in July and continued to work on the comp plan revision. Administrator Braband stated that the Planning Commission has an open seat and it has been advertised. Interested parties are to have their letters in by August 29th so the Council can review the applicants and appoint a new member at the September 5th Council meeting.

Communications: None

Attorney Updates: Attorney Booth stated she has been working with MDE on the Request for Proposal for engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant ENR upgrade. This study is for an engineering firm to come in and study the alternatives to upgrading the plant to ENR plus options for sludge removal. This study is 100% grant funded by MDE. The RFP will be going out to bid next week and will stay open for at least 30 days. The studies that Lakeside did a few years ago will be helpful to the

selected engineering firm but because MDE is funding the study they are requiring it be put out to bid. Once the bids are in the Council will have a chance to review them and then make the award to the firm they select.

President Fegel asked if there was an update with the Howell Point sewer main extension. Administrator Braband stated that Ray Clarke met with Superintendent Callahan to discuss where the sewer would tie in. Superintendent Callahan stated that Ray Clarke is looking into tying into the manhole at Shelby Acres. Administrator Braband stated that Ray is working on the design and will submit the design to the Council for their review and then to MDE for approval. The Council asked Administrator Braband to send a letter to the residents affected by this extension to give them information and then once more concrete information is available the Council will meet with the owners. Administrator Braband will work with Ray Clarke to get more information and prepare to set a meeting date with the residents.

Executive Session: President Fegel stated that an executive session was held on July 11, 2018 to obtain legal advice and a workshop was held tonight to discuss options for midge control.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

None

Other Business:

Midge Control Options – President Fegel stated that options were discussed for midge control. Commissioner Newnam made a motion to install additional aerators in the ponds, to purchase bug juice to help reduce the sludge and authorize Superintendent Callahan to get prices on purchasing aerators and running additional electric. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Newnam – Y Fegel – Y Pritchett – Y Diefenderfer – Y Chase – Y
All approved, motion carried.

Public Questions/Comments:

Edgar Harrison – Mr. Harrison stated that he has complaints about the trash company. They have broken his can, lost his lid and left his cans in the road. Commissioner Diefenderfer stated that tractor trailers will pull the trash cans into the road when they come by so it might not be the trash company.

Shirley Quidas – Mrs. Quidas stated that the trash trucks back down Maple Ave from Powell Avenue to Rt. 50 and she is worried about it causing an accident. Mrs. Quidas stated that they have dropped bags in the road and will pick the bags up but won't pick up what falls out.

The Council asked Administrator Braband to contact Chesapeake Waste and request that the owners come to the next Council meeting to discuss all the problems.

Town Council Remarks:

Commissioner Newnam stated that the water fountains at Lakeview and Veteran's Park are broken and

are very expensive to fix. Commissioner Newnam asked if the Council would consider just removing the fountains instead of fixing them again. Superintendent Callahan stated that the Lakeview fountain is broken under the ground and will require a contractor to dig it up for repair. Attorney Booth stated that Lakeview was grant funded and she would need to look into the grant agreement to make sure we are not prohibited from removing it. President Fegel stated that the Council could look into installing a water fountain like the ones at Homerun Baker Park. The Council requested to put water fountains on the agenda for the September meeting for discussion.

Executive Session: No executive session is requested.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion at 7:35 pm to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Newnam seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk