

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Council of Trappe Meeting: President Newnam called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members Brian Schmidt, Tonya Pritchett and Walter Chase were present. Other attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Erin Braband and Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan.

Agenda: Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Clerk's report: Administrator Braband stated that the Clerk's report, General Fund and Enterprise Fund budgets are in the Council's binders and filed with the records.

Public Works: President Newnam stated that the public works report is in the Council's binders and filed with the records.

Planning & Zoning: Commissioner Schmidt stated that Rob Choisser presented a plan for an automobile repair facility on one of Tom Mitchell's properties on Rt. 50. The Planning Commission gave preliminary approval for the plan.

Communications: None

Attorney Updates: Attorney Ryan stated that she didn't have anything additional to add.

Executive Session: President Newnam stated that an executive session was held on October 5, 2022 to discuss a personnel matter.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Shore United Bank – Insured Cash Sweep Interest Rate – Administrator Braband stated that the Town's interest rate for the insured cash sweep accounts is up for renewal again. The Town was locked in for 6 months at 0.4%. Shore United Bank is offering a fixed rate of 2% or the Town can choose the variable rate. The variable rate as of 10/18 was 2.33% but the Federal government raised the rate today to 3% - 3.25%. The bank is asking for the Town to chose which rate they were like to use and they can choose that rate for 6 or 12 months. After discussion Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to do the variable rate for 6 months. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Newnam – Y Schmidt – Y Pritchett – Y Chase – Y

Motion approved.

Talbot County Park Property Sale to Town of Trappe – Attorney Ryan stated that the County Council voted to approve the transfer of the two properties to the Town of Trappe for \$1.00. The two conditions listed are that the Town must keep the park equipment in good, working order until 12/31/28 and should the Town wish to convey the property in the future, they may not convey the property for more than \$1.00. President Newnam thanked the County Council, the Trappe Council members and staff for their hard work to make this happen.

Public Questions/Comments:

Mr. Kane voiced his concerns with the water bill again.

President Newnam stated that at the last Council meeting he presented the plaque that Lakeside had given to the Town and the Star Democrat's article made it sound like the plaque wasn't much and the Town was unappreciative. That is not the case, the Town appreciates the plaque and the developer very much. Lakeside has also received a permit from MDE for their treatment plant for 100,000 gallons a day.

Edgar Harrison stated that he had contacted the County Parks Board in regards to HomeRun Baker Park and the parking issue. The Parks Board will discuss installing a culvert to add additional parking.

Executive Session: President Newnam stated that an executive session was requested to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:20 pm. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schmidt made a motion at 6:54 pm to reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Schmidt made a motion at 6:54 pm to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk