

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
DECEMBER 1, 2021

Workshop: President Newnam called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm. Council members RD Diefenderfer, Brian Schmidt, Tonya Pritchett and Walter Chase were present. Attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Erin Braband and Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan. GMB representatives: Jason Lytle, Scott Getchell and Bradley Hogan.

GMB presented the PER and PER Amendment for the Town's wastewater treatment plant. The 3 options listed in the PER and the PER Amendment were reviewed and discussed.

The workshop ended at 7:00 pm.

Council of Trappe Meeting: President Newnam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda: Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 agenda as presented. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and all approved.

Minutes: Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion and all approved.

Clerk's Report: Administrator Braband stated that the Clerk's report, the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund budgets are in the Council 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 Wes Schuman received approval for his revised subdivision plat and is amending the Public Works agreement to reflect the changes to the plat. Commissioner Schmidt stated that Elizabeth Ferguson is exploring the option of subdividing her property and was given some suggestions. She will return when she has a preliminary plat to present. Commissioner Schmidt stated that Lakeside presented Phase 1D & 1E and received preliminary approval.

Communications: Commissioner Diefenderfer stated that Greg Fries from Talbot County DES is here to discuss the AED in Veteran's Park. Mr. Fries stated that the Talbot County Paramedic Foundation and Team Trace funded 100% of the original AED program and now the foundation is working to upgrade the existing AED's around the County and are asking for permission to upgrade the one at Veteran's Park. This upgrade will also be 100% funded by the foundation. They are also looking for new locations to install the AED's and asked for the Council to reach out when a new location may become available. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion granting permission to upgrade the existing AED at Veteran's Park at the Foundation's expense. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and all approved.

Attorney Updates: Attorney Ryan stated the Council approved the Lakeside DRRRA by Ordinance 9-2021 after a public hearing and an original copy is being presented to them tonight that has all of the updated exhibits attached. There is one change from the Ordinance adoption and that is adding the name of Lakeside Village, LLC which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Trappe East Holdings Business Trust. Attorney Showalter stated that the entire project was owned by Trappe East Holdings Business Trust but after the draft was filed and before the Ordinance became effective, Phase 1 land (A-E) and the spray irrigation land was transferred to Lakeside Village, LLC so that entity was added to the DRRRA but no substantive changes were made to the DRRRA. Attorney Ryan stated that none of the terms within the agreement have been changed. Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to authorize President Newnam to sign the DRRRA. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion and all approved.

Executive Session: President Newnam stated that an executive session was held on November 3, 2021 to obtain legal advice and discuss a personnel matter.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Easton Utilities – Connect Talbot – John Horner from Easton Utilities presented Connect Talbot to the Council and explained the need to run internet fiber down Maple Ave to reach some of the outlying portions of Talbot County. Mr. Horner explained that the fiber will be underground and will go in the Town’s utility right-of-way. Easton Utilities will cover any costs associated with this project and will restore any disturbed properties in Town to original condition or better. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to allow Easton Utilities to work with the Town Staff and have access to the Town’s utility right-of-ways for this project. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Diefenderfer – Y Newnam – Y Schmidt – Y Pritchett – Y Chase – Y
Motion approved

Talbot County Library – Community Wi-Fi Access Points – Scottie Oliver from Talbot County Library stated that the Library has received grant funding to install a Wi-Fi access point in Trappe and they were looking at installing it at the Fire Department. After discussing the project, the Council encouraged Ms. Oliver to reach out to the Fire Department and set up a meeting with them. The Council is in support of the project and willing to help in any way possible.

GMB – Preliminary Engineering Report for WWTP Options – The Council held a workshop earlier this evening to discuss and review the PER and the PER Amendment that GMB have completed in draft form. GMB will be reviewing their drafts after hearing comments from the Town Council and present a revised PER. A workshop has been scheduled for December 21st at 4:00 pm to discuss this matter again.

Resolution 1-2021 – A Resolution of the Town of Trappe authorizing the renewal of a line of credit promissory note with Shore United Bank in the principal amount of \$100,000.00, of which funds were drawn and borrowed for various Town expenses pursuant to prior Legislative acts of the Council of Trappe was read by President Newnam. Attorney Ryan stated that this is the annual renewal for the Town’s line of credit and currently there is a \$0 balance on this line. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2021. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Motion approved

Resolution 2-2021 - A Resolution of the Town of Trappe authorizing the renewal of a line of credit promissory note with Shore United Bank in the principal amount of \$200,000.00, of which the sum of \$121,183.99 has been drawn and borrowed for various Town expenses pursuant to prior Legislative acts of the Council of Trappe was read by President Newnam. Attorney Ryan stated that this is the annual renewal for the Town's other line of credit. Commissioner Chase made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2021. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Motion approved

Other Business: None

Public Questions:

Rose Potter – Mrs. Potter expressed her concern about opinion articles that have been written about the Lakeside development and the Town of Trappe. Mrs. Potter encouraged the Town Council to make a statement and clear the Town's name. Mrs. Potter offered a couple of options for the Town Council to utilize to have their side of the story heard and clear the Town's name.

Executive Session: An executive session is requested to obtain legal advice and to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:18 pm. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion.

At the conclusion of the closed session at 8:54 pm, the open meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion at 8:54 pm to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk