

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19
February 3, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:55 PM

Ordinance 1-2021 - An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, providing for the issuance and sale of up to Nine Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 0/00 Dollars (\$982,310) aggregate par amount of bonds to be known as the “Town of Trappe Drinking Water Bonds, Series 2020” (The “Bonds”), to be issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Section 1-301 Et Seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, Section 9-1601 through 9-1622 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter of the Town of Trappe, Section 612, for the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay the costs of upgrades to a well replacement, installation of a flow meter, upgrades to a hypochlorite feed system, and other public improvements for the Town of Trappe, and paying capitalized interest on and the costs of issuing the Bonds; providing that the Bonds shall be issued upon the full faith and credit of the Town of Trappe; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds and for the levy of annual taxes upon all assessable property within the corporate limits of the Town of Trappe subject to assessment for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they shall mature; authorizing the form and execution of one or more loan agreements between the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration and the Town of Trappe; providing for the form, tenor, denomination, maturity date and other provisions of the Bonds; providing for the sale of the Bonds; and providing for the designation of specific projects to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds and related purposes was read by President Newnam. Attorney Ryan stated that this Ordinance was introduced at the January 6, 2021 Council meeting and the public hearing was advertised in the Star Democrat on January 14th and 21st. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of the bonds for this project that is funded by MDE by a loan in the amount of \$491,155 with a 30-year term and applicable interest rate at the time of closing which is projected to be between 0.40% and 0.70%. The funding package also includes loan forgiveness in the amount of \$491,155 after 10 years. The project is to construct and install a new well to add additional redundancy for the Town’s existing water system. Attorney Ryan stated that there was an article in the Star Democrat today that stated that this well is being brought online to provide for the Lakeside Development and that is completely false. This project has been in the works for over 2 years and is not for Lakeside, it is to provide a backup well for the Town’s existing water system. As stated in Lakeside’s DRRRA, Lakeside is required to permit, construct and install their own well to serve their development. The Star Democrat also stated that the Town was unable to get Bay Restoration Funds to cover this project because the Town’s treatment plant is using outdated technology and that is inaccurate. Bay Restoration Funds can only be used to fund sewer projects and this is a water project. President Newnam asked for public comment. No public comment was given. Commissioner Fegel made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

Council of Trappe Meeting: President Newnam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members Norm Fegel, Tonya Pritchett and Walter Chase were present.

Agenda: Commissioner Chase made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes: Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the January 6, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Commissioner Fegel seconded the motion. 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's binders and filed with the records. Administrator Braband stated that the Town received a reimbursement from the Talbot County Cares Act in the amount of \$3,822.78 for the Town's COVID-19 related expenses as of December 31, 2020.

Public Works Report - President Newnam stated that the report is in the Council's binders and filed with the records.

Planning & Zoning – Commissioner Fegel stated that the Planning Commission met on January 19th and gave Lakeside preliminary conditional approval for Phase 1. The Planning Commission also granted a lot line revision for Bobby Crosswell on his property.

Communications – None

Attorney Updates – Attorney Ryan stated that multiple parties including Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Shore River Keepers, Dr. & Mrs. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Nave have filed a petition for Judicial Review of the MDE discharge permit that was issued for the Lakeside Development. The Town has not received the petitions yet but will receive notice from MDE that the petitions were filed. At that time the Town will have the opportunity to participate as the applicant along with the Developer if the Town wishes to do so.

Executive Session – President Newnam stated that an executive session was held on January 6, 2021 to obtain legal advice and discuss a personnel matter.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

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denomination, maturity date and other provisions of the Bonds; providing for the sale of the Bonds; and providing for the designation of specific projects to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds and related purposes was read by President Newnam. A public hearing was held this evening at 6:55 pm and no comments were received. Commissioner Fegel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Newnam – Y Fegel – Y Pritchett – Y Chase – Y

Motion approved

Other Business: None

Public Questions/Comments – None

An executive session was requested to discuss a personnel matter and to obtain legal advice. Commissioner Fegel made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:08 pm. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At the conclusion of the closed session at 7:43 pm the open meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Fegel made a motion at 7:44 pm to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk