

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE  
JUNE 2, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING – 6:50 PM**

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Ordinance 5-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Residential Code for one and two-family dwellings, as modified, by the Maryland Building Performance Standards, and as further amended by this Ordinance, as the Residential Code of the Town of Trappe, and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith was read by President Newnam. No public comment.

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Ordinance 8-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe repealing and reenacting Section 12 of the Trappe Town Code to adopt the 2021 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, as amended by this Ordinance, as the Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Trappe was read by President Newnam. No public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 6:52 pm.

**Council of Trappe Meeting:** President Newnam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members RD Diefenderfer, Tonya Pritchett and Walter Chase were present. Attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Erin Braband and Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan. Public attendees: Kathi Duvall, Clerk of Talbot County Circuit Court, Brian Schmidt, Don English and Bobby Quidas.

**Agenda:** Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to approve the June 2, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion. All approved.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion. All approved.

**Announcement and Certification of the Election:** President Newnam read the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council election results. Walter Chase, Sr received 57 votes, C. Donald English received 31 votes, Nicholas Newnam received 61 votes and write-in candidate Brian Schmidt received 76 votes. Therefore, Commissioner Chase and President Newnam have been re-elected to another 4-year term to expire in May 2025 and Brian Schmidt was elected to his first 4-year term to expire in May 2025. The election results were certified by Election Chairman Christine Routzahn and Administrator Braband.

**Swearing in of three Commissioners:** Kathi Duvall, Clerk of Talbot County Circuit Court swore in Walter Chase Sr, Nicholas Newnam and Brian Schmidt to the Town Council with terms to expire in May 2025. Mr. Schmidt took his place at the Council table.

**Motion for Appointments for Officers of the Council:**

President – Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to appoint Nick Newnam as Council President. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Motion approved.

Vice-President – Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to appoint RD Diefenderfer as Council Vice-President. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Motion 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.

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

**Planning & Zoning** – Commissioner Schmidt stated that the Planning Commission did not have a meeting in May but will be meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> and a holding workshop on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The developer has signed with Brookfield Homes to build the houses.

**Communications** – Administrator Braband stated that the Town’s Sustainable Communities designation has been renewed and will expire on May 18, 2026. The Town submitted an abbreviated application due to COVID-19 and will have to submit a plan amendment sometime in 2024.

**Attorney Updates** – Attorney Ryan stated that the Town agreed to the remand in the Shore Rivers’ case and the Chesapeake Bay case but nothing new on those cases. Attorney Ryan stated that no word has been received from MDE if and when they are going to hold another public hearing. The remand order

required MDE to hold an additional public comment period but not specifically another public hearing. Attorney Ryan stated that the Petition to rescind Resolution 281 was presented to the County Council, the County Attorney reviewed the procedure with the Council but no action was taken at that time. Mr. Walker made a comment during the public comment section regarding the Petition.

**Executive Session** – An executive session was held on May 5, 2021 to discuss a personnel matter and to obtain legal advice. An executive session was held tonight to discuss a personnel matter.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

#### **New Business:**

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**Other Business:**

Board Appointments - President Newnam stated that the Town received 4 letters of interest for the open position on the Planning Commission. This opening is to fill out the remainder of Norm Fegel’s term which will expire in May 2022. The applicants are Don English, Evan Roe, Jeremy Newnam and Ben Diefenderfer. After discussion Commissioner Chase made a motion to appoint Ben Diefenderfer to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

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

Paris Foods – Attorney Ryan stated that GMB has conducted a review and Paris Foods needs 16 connections to the Town’s sewer. Generally, the Town’s policy is that if one service is being extended, the other service is extended at the same time. Paris Foods is requesting a waiver of the policy for water service because they have an onsite well. GMB provided their opinion on the waiver and they said that should the waiver be granted, industrial cross-connection concerns would be eliminated and for billing purposes, the existing well water meter could be read by Town Staff. After discussion, Commissioner Chase made a motion to grant the waiver for the water connection and approve the 16 sewer connections. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

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

**Public Questions/Comments – None**

**Executive Session** – An executive session was requested to obtain legal advice. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:22 pm. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion.

At the conclusion of the closed session at 8:13 pm the open meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion at 8:13 pm to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk