

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19
MAY 5, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:50 PM

Ordinance 2-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe to amend Section 14 of the Trappe Town Code titled “Water and Sewer”, table 1 titled “Fees and Charges” to increase the monthly water usage rate to \$4.70 per thousand gallons, and the monthly sewer usage rate to \$10.98 per thousand gallons was read by President Newnam. No public comments received.

Ordinance 3-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting a General Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and establishing a tax rate of \$.33 per \$100 of assessed real property value and a tax rate of \$.54 per \$100 on all Commercial or Business Personal Property and Public Utilities; and establishing an annual fee of \$130 per residential household trash collection services, and also adopting an Enterprise Budget for the Town’s Water and Sewer operations was read by President Newnam. No public comments received.

The public hearing was closed at 6:53 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.

Agenda: Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes: Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Commissioner Pritchett 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.

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

Planning & Zoning – Brian Schmidt stated that the Planning Commission gave preliminary plat approval for Phase 1A and Phase 1B and are anticipating Phase 1C to be submitted soon.

Communications – None

Attorney Updates – Attorney Ryan stated that the Petition for Judicial Review for Lakeside’s Discharge Permit has been remanded back to MDE by the Judge. MDE has to hold another public hearing with a public comment period of not less than 30 days for the public to provide comment on the nutrient management plan and the terms of the final discharge permit. Nothing has been done on the ShoreRiver’s case yet.

Executive Session – President Newnam stated that an executive session was held on April 7, 2021 to discuss a personnel matter, to discuss contract negotiations and to obtain legal advice.

ORDER OF BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

New Business:

Ordinance 2-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe to amend Section 14 of the Trappe Town Code titled “Water and Sewer”, table 1 titled “Fees and Charges” to increase the monthly water usage rate to \$4.70 per thousand gallons, and the monthly sewer usage rate to \$10.98 per thousand gallons was read by President Newnam. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Ordinance 3-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting a General Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and establishing a tax rate of \$.33 per \$100 of assessed real property value and a tax rate of \$.54 per \$100 on all Commercial or Business Personal Property and Public Utilities; and establishing an annual fee of \$130 per residential household trash collection services, and also adopting an Enterprise Budget for the Town’s Water and Sewer operations was read by President Newnam. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Ordinance 4-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Building Code, as modified by the Maryland Building Performance Standards, and as further amended by this Ordinance, as the Building Code of the Town of Trappe, and repealing all Ordinance inconsistent herewith was read by President Newnam. Attorney Ryan stated that the updates are done every 3-5 years and the Town is currently using the 2015 version. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to introduce Ordinance 4-2021. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to introduce Ordinance 5-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Ordinance 6-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, as modified by the Maryland Building Performance Standards, and as further amended by this Ordinance, as the Energy Conservation Code of the Town of Trappe was read by President Newnam. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to introduce Ordinance 6-2021. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

Ordinance 7-2021 – An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Existing Building Code, as amended by this Ordinance, as the Existing Building Code of the Town of Trappe, and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith was read by President Newnam. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to introduce Ordinance 7-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to introduce Ordinance 8-2021. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

A public hearing will be held on June 2, 2021 at 6:50 pm for Ordinance 4-2021, Ordinance 5-2021, Ordinance 6-2021, Ordinance 7-2021 and Ordinance 8-2021.

Other Business:

Board Appointment – Election Board – President Newnam stated that Candace Harrison has requested to be appointed to the Election Board. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to appoint Candace Harrison to the Election Board. Commissioner Diefenderfer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Public Questions/Comments – None

Executive Session - An executive session was requested to discuss a personnel matter and to obtain legal advice. Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:13 pm. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

At the conclusion of the closed session at 8:01 pm the open meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Diefenderfer made a motion at 8:01 pm to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk