

April 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trainer was held on the above date at the Trainer Municipal Building, 824 Main Street, Trainer, PA with President John Gaspero calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and followed by a moment of silence.

**ROLLCALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Marilyn Maher, President John Gaspero, Councilpersons Robin Rokicka, Tracey Tucker, Vickie Padgett, Michael Carter, Manager Mark Possenti, Engineer Mike Kozlowski, Solicitor Chris Boggs

**ABSENT**

Vice President John Mathews

Council held an executive session at 6:15 pm before the regular meeting. No action was taken at that time.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March Council meeting were motioned for approval by Councilperson Carter to accept and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

It was motioned by Councilperson Carter and seconded by Councilperson Tucker that the correspondence for March be accepted and any necessary action taken. No opposition. Motion carried. Questions and comments from audience on correspondence: None  
Any matters that need Councilmanic action: None

Representatives from Vision Zero Delco gave a presentation for multi municipal projects in regards to traffic asking the community to submit a traffic survey response to develop an action plan through the county.

**PUBLIC GENERAL AND AGENDA QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Agenda states a two-minute time limit for residents/taxpayers to speak.  
Jahshuna Fryson, Anderson St. – Introduced herself and stated she was interested in being considered for the Council vacancy seat.

President Gaspero asked for a nomination to fill the Council vacancy seat. Councilperson Padgett nominated Jim McKay. A roll call vote was taken. Rokicka – aye, Tucker – nay, Gaspero – aye, Padgett – aye, Carter – nay. McKay was appointed by a majority 3 – 2 vote.

**MANAGER/FINANCE – Mark Possenti**

- Called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-786 40-5 amendment for non-uniform employees' life insurance policies
  
- Called for a motion authorizing to advertise Ordinance 24-789 Employee Residential Requirements amending Ordinance 745 20 – 1 and removing 20 – 2 and 20 – 3.
  
- Called for a motion authorizing to advertise Ordinance 24-788 Traffic Tickets amending Ordinance 766 Ch. 250 sections 60 and 61 to add the word parked.
  
- Called for a motion authorizing to advertise Ordinance 24-787 street name corrections. The changes are as follows:
  - Delview Ave. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Anderson Ave. to Anderson St.
  - Woodland Ave. to W 10<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Blake Ave. to Price St.
  - Center Ave. to 5<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Eliminate Linwood and Mary St. (behind 5<sup>th</sup>) and change to Center Ave.
  
- Called for a motion to authorize the appraisal of 21 borough properties to sell. Appraisal done by Odonnell Associates at an estimated cost of \$9,800.
  
- Called for a motion authorizing to advertise a conditional use hearing for 3300 4<sup>th</sup> St. (Post Rd.) scheduling to take place at the regular May meeting on May 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
  
- Called for a motion considering the repository sale of 210 Irving St. An interested party requested a letter from the borough to purchase. Recommendation was to deny due to the Borough wanting the property which may not be buildable.
  
- Called for a motion to approve the paid March expenses for General, Recreation and Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$105,350.61 which were provided for inspection. Expenses are filed in the Secretary's office where they can be requested to view.
  
- Called for a motion to approve the paid Payroll for the month of March in the amount of \$120,676.05 which was provided for inspection.

This page is dedicated to

**Councilman Joseph Maher**

May 29, 1975 – March 31, 2024

May you rest in Eternal Peace

Remembering how dedicated  
you were to always serving our  
community

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marilyn Maher – Mayor

Stated all is well with the police dept.

Expressed her gratitude and thanks to all in the loss of her son.

John Gaspero – President

Read the monthly code enforcement report.

John Mathews – Municipal Services/ Public Safety

Absent

Robin Rokicka – Buildings

No report.

Tracy Tucker – Public Outreach/Newsletters

Gave an update on the EAC officers and meeting, reading the minutes of the last EAC meeting.

Stated State Rep Kazeem will have a representative from her office come out to the food pantry the second Friday of every month.

Vickie Padgett – Recreation/Parks

Stated the April purse bingo was a success and announce upcoming Rec events.

Michael Carter – Fire/Property Maintenance

Read monthly fire report for March.

## **MONROE ENERGY**

Adam Gattuso stated the plant is running well, they just hired 18 new operators and will have another round of hiring later in the year. Also stated they cleaned up Post Rd. as part of the adopt a highway.

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Total tax and trash fees collected for the Month of March were \$985,684.78

-Called for a motion to approve a real estate tax deposit of \$622,862.04 into the General Fund. (Monroe electronically deposited their tax payment into the General Fund in the amount of \$211,623.44)

-Called for a motion to approve a trash fee deposit of \$151,199.30 into the General Fund.

## **ENGINEER**

Mike Kozlowski: Read monthly report (attached)

-Called for a motion to adopt Resolution #24-1100 WRPP Grant Application re-submission. The grant is for \$300,000.00 with a Borough match of 15%.

-Called for a motion to adopt Resolution #24-1101 200 Price Street Development: Conditional Approval. Stantec has no objection to the conditions.

## **SOLICITOR**

Chris Boggs called for a motion to table the agenda item Authorizing the expenditure for fire truck, after the earlier executive session discussion.

## **ORDINANCES**

- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Ordinance 24-786 40-5 amendment for non uniform employee's life insurance policies and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Resolution #24-1100 WRPP Grant Application re-submission and seconded by Councilperson Tucker. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Resolution #24-1101 200 Price Street Development: Conditional approval and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

## **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion made by Councilperson Carter to approve the paid March expenses for General, Recreation and Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$105,350.61 and seconded by Councilperson Tucker. No opposition. Motion carried.
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- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter authorizing to advertise a conditional use hearing for 3300 4<sup>th</sup> St. (Post Rd.) and seconded by Councilperson Tucker. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to deny the request to purchase the repository sale of 210 Irving St. and seconded by Councilperson Tucker. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to table the authorization of the fire truck expenditure and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

## **NEW COUNCILMANIC BUSINESS**

None

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Echo Alfred – Spoke about the Clean Air Council program in regards to environmental and climate changes stating there is grant funding available and they would like to invest in some projects in the borough.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Gaspero called for a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm; Councilperson Carter made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Tucker seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Orlando  
Borough Secretary

## ENGINEER REPORT

### ▪ **MS4 Program**

#### **Grant Opportunities – Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP)**

We submitted the WRPP grant application on 5/30/2023 with a total project cost of \$352,889 and the Borough's 15% match of \$52,933. The program manager advised the grant was not awarded, however, mentioned the application was good and the Borough may want to re-submit the application and pursue support from local legislators. We are preparing the application as authorized by Council at the 3/14/2024 Council meeting due 5/31/2024. We will present a resolution for adoption at the 4/11/2024 Council meeting. **Resolution #24-1100 will be presented for adoption at tonight's Council meeting.**

We recommend Council engage with local legislatures for support.

#### **Discolored water discharge Storm Outfall**

A to U submitted a proposal in the amount of \$46,678. 00 to replace approximately 30 feet of the damaged downstream portion of the pipe. We are monitoring the discharge and per our site visit on 2/29/2024 the water discharge is clear. We will continue to monitor and provide further input regarding consideration of A to U to proceed with the work.

#### **MS4 permit cycle (March 2023 through March 2025)**

When finalized, DEP to advise of pending DEP updates to the PRP and the new MS4 permit cycle.

**MS4 Article:** Attached is an educational article 'Composting is Easy and Good for the Environment'.

**BMPs:** We performed our annual inspections of the BMPs on 2/29/2024. **We sent the deficiency letters.**

### ▪ **Community Center**

We submitted the documents and plans relative to Sewage Planning to PA DEP with our letter dated 11/14/2023.

### ▪ **4401 Ridge Road**

DEP advised in their 3/14/2024 letter the project does not qualify for an exemption from sewage facilities planning and therefore sewage facilities planning modules are required.

We attended a meeting with project representatives, Solicitor Chris Boggs for Borough Manager Mark Possenti on 4/2/2024 to discuss outstanding issues. Project representatives plan to provide additional information for the sewage facilities planning including requesting a resolution for the 5/9/2024 Council meeting.

### ▪ **PY 2023 CDBG Projects**

- \$59,609 for Right-of-Way improvements on Anderson Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. We finalized and sent the draft bid documents to the OHCD whom approved the project for bidding. We will coordinate the bid schedule with the Borough.
- \$58,599 for Storm Sewer Improvements as a match for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program application. Although the PA Small Water and Sewer grant was not awarded, the OHCD advised the CDBG funds can still be used for Storm Sewer Improvements. We are reviewing information from A to U Services regarding storm system maintenance they performed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Wilcox Street and nearby areas to assist with our evaluation for determining the scope of work.

### ▪ **PECO Gas Main Replacement Projects**

We requested PECO offer a contribution for re-paving one-half width of roadways for the Borough to consider for repaving roadways in a Road Program in 2024 based on PECO's schedule for gas main replacements as follows. We will advise of their response.

- Sunset St. - W. 13th St. to Township Line Road: PECO replaced the gas main at this location.
- Langley St. from W. 9th St. to W. 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- Price St. from W. 9th St. to W. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Sunset St. from W. 9th St. to W. 10th St. We will request a contribution for the full width of roadway since this was re-paved during the 2021 Road Program.

PECO also advised in 2024 they will replace a gas main along W. 9th St. (PennDOT SR 3006) from Langley St. to Sunset St.

- **Safe Streets and Roads Program**  
With Council forming a committee, Council may want to begin planning for potential project (s) for the next application round due in 2024.

- **Monroe Energy- Pipeline Project**  
We advised project representatives upon acquiring the easements outside of the existing easements, resubmitting the revised plans and approval of the plans, the grading/stormwater and erosion control permit will be issued.

We will continue discussions regarding Henry Johnson Park with Monroe Energy and Borough representatives regarding options for Monroe to consider including repaving Henry Johnson Parkway from the area to be repaved to connect to Township Line Road and new speed hump(s). Council agreed at the 3/14/2024 Council meeting with Monroe's proposal to remove 9 trees, 1 tree limb and install 5 new trees. Monroe is requesting the Borough advise of the species of trees desired. Once the species is established, we will coordinate a site meeting with the Borough and Monroe to stake-out the trees.

- **Delco Green Ways Grant – Henry Johnson Park Improvements**  
The full requested \$249,717.75 in grant funds was awarded with a required \$25,000.00 match of Borough funds. We are working on the design plans.

- **Miscellaneous Items**  
**Inlet at Price Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Storm System at Post Road and Price Street:**  
As requested by Mayor Maher, we requested the contractor for the Post Rd. and Price St. intersection project consider cleaning the storm system at Post Road and Price Street and repair the inlet at Price Street and Fourth Street and will advise of their response (see below).

- **DCNR C2P2 Grant for access / improvements to waterfront off Price Street**  
DCNR advised they could help the Borough purchase the property or pay for a permanent easement and pay up to 50% of the appraised value of the land and 50% of professional costs such as surveys, appraisal, etc. Monroe Energy owns the property. The access will be through property owned by others with one of the access routes being through Monroe's property. An agreement between the Borough and Monroe and any other potential property owners would be needed for the Borough to use and/or purchase the property. Per Chief Priscopo, Monroe Energy supports the project and he mentioned he will pursue an agreement between Monroe and the Borough.

- **PY 2024 CDBG – Right-of-Way Improvements**  
We submitted the application on 1/5/2024. Awards are anticipated within the next several weeks.

- **W. 9th Street (SR 3006) - grass/landscape median strip in center / turning lanes**  
Council President Gaspero inquired if it would be possible to have a grass/landscape median with plantings within a portion of the center / turning lane (s). PennDOT advised a traffic calming study will be needed and Liquid Fuels funds may not be used. We also discussed with the County Planning Department. We will further review including potential funding sources.

- **Settlement in Grass Strip and edge of Roadway 12th Street near Price Street**  
We reviewed the TV video from A to U Services, Inc. and emailed our report with our analysis and recommendations to the Borough on 4/3/2024 (attached).

- **2024 County Aid and**  
The County advised they plan to confirm funding amounts by the end of March. Upon their confirmation, we will present a County Aid resolution for adoption at an upcoming Council meeting.

- **200 Price Street Development**

Price Street and Front Street are to remain as private roadways as confirmed with Council at the 3/14/2024 Council meeting. Council approved the extension request at the 3/14/2024 Council meeting.

Per the project engineer's request, Stantec has no objections for conditional approval for Council to consider at the 4/11/2024 Council meeting regarding engineering related items in our 1/24/2024 review letter. We will prepare a resolution for conditional approval for adoption at the Council meeting pending Council approval. **Resolution #24-1101 will be presented for adoption at tonight's Council meeting. We reviewed the attached 3/22/2024 letter from the Delaware County Planning Commission referenced in the Resolution.**

The project engineer advised he and the applicant will be attending the 4/11 Council meeting to address any comments.

We are gathering information and will respond regarding the Right-To-Know Law Request Form sent by the Borough Secretary dated 3/22/2024. **We emailed information to the Borough Secretary.**

- **EPA Climate Justice Community Change Grant**

If desired by Council, we will review the information provided by Councilwoman Tucker and assist the Borough. Grants are due 11/21/2024.

- **600 Main Street**

We attended a meeting with the Borough Code Official, Borough Manager and Developer on 2/7/2024 at the Municipal Complex. We responded to the developer's question regarding stormwater management facilities.

- **Post Road (SR 13) and Price Street (SR 219) Intersection Upgrades**

The projects in Chester City and Marcus Hook includes ADA and traffic signal improvements within the Post Road and Price Street intersection. The project representatives confirmed they will comply with the Mayor Maher's requests including a 2 weeks notice in advance of work and removing the islands and repaving during the evening. All work estimated to take approximately 1 week with the removal of islands and paving to be done in 1 evening. A schedule to be provided. As requested by Mayor Maher, we requested the contractor consider addressing the storm system items at the Post Road and Price Street and at Price Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street as noted above. **The contractor advised they will not perform rehab work but may provide some assistance with removing inlet tops. We will coordinate possible assistance with the contractor and Borough Highway Foreman.**

- **Flooding at Main Street near Amtrak Railroad Bridge**

We provided Amtrak contact information to the Borough as requested.

- **Fizzano Brothers Warehouse – 900 Township Line Rd., Upper Chichester Township**

We are reviewing information from Borough Manger Possenti and project representatives regarding proposed sewage flows from the project through Trainer Borough including a potential intermunicipal agreement. We will advise of updates.



**Monthly Report – March 2024**  
**Charles Remaley – Code Enforcement**

**Building Permits Issued - 14**

Commercial – 0  
Residential - 14  
Street Opening – 0

**Certificates of Occupancy Permits Issued -22**

Sales - 0  
Conditional Sales -0  
Rentals - 22  
Re inspection – 0

**Contractor License Issued – 0**

**Total for 2024 -35**

**Zoning Permits - 1**

Residential – 1  
Commercial –0

**Portable Structures - 0**

**Property Maintenance Violation**

1310 Langley St. – Accumulation of dog feces in rear yard  
Roach Infestation.

3528 Dawes St. – Unregistered Vehicle on property.

4300 W 9<sup>th</sup> St. Lt 67 – Water Leak

4350 Ridge Rd. – Accumulation of construction debris on property.

3500 W 13<sup>th</sup> St. – Water discharged onto R.O.W.

3308 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Accumulation of trash in rear alley.

4106 W 5<sup>th</sup> St. – Sewer backup, rear yard.

3300 Post Rd. – Auto related Business without a Conditional Use  
Permit.

316 Irving St. – Fence installed without a Zoning Permit.

3517 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Dumpster in yard without a Permit.

3429 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Accumulation of trash in rear alley.

3006 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Damaged discharge line from sump pump.

**Citation Warnings**

4300 W 9<sup>th</sup> St. – Sewer Leak Lot 85.

4300 W 9<sup>th</sup> St. – Oil Contamination Henry Johnson Park.

4422 Post Road – Roof leaking into adjacent property.

3517 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Unsafe structure.

3308 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Accumulation of trash on rear alley way.

3808 W 9<sup>th</sup> St. – Vehicle storage on vacant Lot.

1302 Anderson St. – Excessive trash in yard.

MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

March 2024

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
- Building fire	4
- Passenger vehicle fire	2
- Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
- Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5
- Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
- Hazardous condition, other	1
- Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
- Carbon monoxide incident	2
- Service Call, other	2
- Assist police or other governmental agency	1
- Public service	1
- Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4
- Good intent call, other	1
- Dispatched & cancelled en route	7
- Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
- Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
- Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
- Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
- Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3
- Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
- Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
- Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>44</b>

Marucs Hook/Trainer CALLS: 25 CALLS

MUTUAL AID CALLS: 19 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 21 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6PM – 6AM: 23 CALLS

TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Ray Betts with 38 calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith