

May 9, 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, Vice President John Mathews, Councilpersons Jim McKay, Robin Rokicka, Vickie Padgett, Michael Carter, Manager Mark Possenti, Engineer Mike Kozlowski, Solicitor Chris Boggs

ABSENT

Tracy Tucker

MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE

It was motioned by Councilperson Mathews and seconded by Councilperson Carter that the correspondence for April 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

PUBLIC GENERAL AND AGENDA QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Agenda states a two-minute time limit for residents/taxpayers to speak.
None

Manager Possenti called for a brief executive to discuss a legal matter. Council entered an executive session at 7:10 pm. The regular meeting resumed at 7:21 pm.

MANAGER/FINANCE – Mark Possenti

- Called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-787 Street names correction
 - Delview Ave. to 12th St.
 - Anderson Ave. to Anderson St.
 - Woodland Ave. to W 10th St.
 - Blake Ave. to Price St.
 - Center Ave. to 5th St.
 - Eliminate Linwood and Mary St. (behind 5th) and change to Center Ave.

- Called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-788 – Amending Traffic Tickets Chapter 250 sections 60 and 61 to include the word parked.
- Called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-789 amending Employee Residential Requirements. Employees are no longer required to reside in the Borough.
- Called for a motion to adopt Resolution 24-1106 Code Enforcement Fee Schedule updating all building, plumbing, electrical permits, etc.
- Called for a motion to authorize expense for Zoning hearing member’s educational class. Classes are \$75.00 each to be held on June 11, 18, 25 at Upland Park, Brookhaven.
- Called for a motion to authorize to advertise Condition Use hearing for 3616 4th St. (Lou’s Post Rd.) for use as a junkyard to take place at the regular meeting on June 13th a 6:00pm.
- Called for a motion to approve the paid April expenses for General, Recreation and Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$681,741.37 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 April in the amount of \$110,114.40 which was provided for inspection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marilyn Maher – Mayor

Stated all was well with the police dept.

John Gaspero – President

- Read the monthly code enforcement report
- Re-assigned the Council committees, removing property maintenance from Councilperson Carter and assigning to Councilperson McKay along with zoning and code enforcement. Tracy Tucker is Pro-Tem
- Called for a motion to accept the Chester Education youth group employment program within the Borough to consist of only 2 youth to help in public works.
- Called for a motion to hire 2 part-time summer help employees for public works. 32 hours per week at 16.00 an hour wage
- Called for a motion to officially name the Council room. The suggestion is to be named Francis Regina Hall after Fran Zalewski and Jean Beck for all the dedicated years of service.
- Called for a motion to authorize a wall décor tribute to past Councilman Joe Maher
- Called for A motion to accept the vacancy chair resignation of Marcia Kline.
- Called for a motion to appoint Jean Beck as the new vacancy chair.

Reported on a community meeting in regards to the sheen that keeps reoccurring in the creeks.

John Mathews – Municipal Services/ Public Safety

Stated the dump truck is in the shop for repair, a new pressure washer tank was purchased for mobility. Stated the yellow dump truck, which cannot be inspected, needs to be determined whether to sell or bid.

Jim McKay – Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement

Thanked Council members for accepting him to Council.

Robin Rokicka – Buildings

No report.

Tracy Tucker – Public Outreach/Newsletters

Absent

Vickie Padgett – Recreation/Parks

Reported on past rec events and announced upcoming Rec events.

Michael Carter – Fire/Property Maintenance

Read monthly fire report for April.

MONROE ENERGY

Adam Gattuso reported on the creek sheen. The refinery will be out on the 28th to clean-up along some of the creek beds. The refinery is running well.

TAX COLLECTOR

Total tax and trash fees collected for the Month of April were \$16,559.92

- Called for a motion to approve a real estate tax deposit of \$13,326.72 into the General Fund.
- Called for a motion to approve a trash fee deposit of \$3,233.20 into the General Fund.

ENGINEER

Mike Kozlowski: Read monthly report (attached)

- Read monthly report
- Resolution 24-1105 County Aid application in the amount of \$2,052.00
- Authorize A to U, under the emergency maintenance agreement, to give an estimate to video camera the storm pipe under Amtrak bridge on Main St. to the outfall to check for blockages or put the project out to bid based on the work that may be needed. It was decided to motion for this project to be included in the 2023 CDBG instead of having A to U do it now.

SOLICITOR

Chris Boggs

- Called for a motion to authorize the expense for the fire dept. audit through Barbacane Thornton in the amount of \$4,500.00.

ORDINANCES

- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Ordinance 24-787 Street names correction and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Ordinance #24-788 – Amending Traffic Tickets Chapter 250 and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Ordinance #24-789 amending Employee Residential and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Resolution 24-1105 County Aid application and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to adopt Resolution 24-1106 Code Enforcement Fee Schedule and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Motion was made by Councilperson Mathews Authorize expense for Zoning hearing member's educational class and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter authorizing to advertise a conditional use hearing for 3616 4th St. (Lou’s Post Rd.) and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
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- Motion made by Councilperson Carter accept the Chester Education youth group employment program within the Borough and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson Carter to hire 2 part-time summer help employees for public works and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
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- Motion was made by Councilperson Mathews to appoint Jean Beck as the new vacancy board chair and seconded by Councilperson Carter. No opposition. Motion carried.
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- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to approve a trash fee deposit of \$3,233.20 into the General Fund and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Mathews to include in the 2023 CDBG project, the storm sewer under Main St. for blockages and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Carter to authorize the expense for the fire dept. audit through Barbacane Thornton in the amount of \$4,500.00 and seconded by Councilperson Mathews. No opposition. Motion carried.

NEW COUNCILMANIC BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Gaspero called for a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm; Councilperson Carter made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mathews seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Orlando
Borough Secretary

ENGINEER REPORT

- **MS4 Program**

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

- We are preparing the application as authorized by Council due 5/31/2024. Resolution #24-1100 was adopted at the 4/11/24 Council meeting. The total project cost is \$352,941 with a 15% match of \$52,941 required to be paid by the Borough.

- We recommend Council engage with local legislatures for support. We sent the draft application for Council to review and distribute to gain support. **We received and are working with the Borough on support documentation.**

- **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 "Fertilize your Lawn the Easy Way".

- **DEP Response to Y5 Annual Report**

- We reviewed DEP's 4/22/2024 letter regarding the 3rd Permit Y5 Annual Report we submitted in 2023. We are addressing DEP's comments and will provide an update when we submit the 4th Permit Y1 Annual Report due in September, 2024. One of DEP's comments was defining an Illicit Discharge on the Borough's website. We will provide information regarding this to the Borough.

- **Marcus Hook Creek Workgroup**

- Borough Manager Possenti advised of the in-person meeting at the County EOC/911 Center, 360 North Middletown Road, Media, PA 19063, 5/6/2024 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM.

- Specific attendees should be well versed in MS4 and storm sewer in general. We spoke to meeting organizer Larry Bak with the Delaware County Emergency Services. I recommend I attend the meeting and will discuss at the May 1st Caucus meeting. **Per discussions with Council President Gaspero and Borough Manager Possenti, it was agreed I would not need to attend the meeting since Borough Manager Possenti was to attend.**

- **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**

- 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 provided additional information for the sewage facilities planning modules and we are processing documents.

- **PY 2023 CDBG Projects**

- \$59,609 for Right-of-Way improvements on Anderson Street, 10th Street to 12th 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. We are reviewing information from A to U Services regarding storm system maintenance they performed at 2nd Street and Wilcox Street and nearby areas to assist with our evaluation for determining the scope of work.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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. 12th St.
- Price St. from W. 9th St. to W. 10th 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.

- **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 with Monroe's proposal to remove 9 trees, 1 tree limb and install 5 new trees. We informed Monroe of the species of trees requested by the Borough as follows: Sassafras: 1 ea., Ann Magnolia: 1 ea., Honeycrisp Apple: 1 ea., Apple Pink Lady: 1 ea. and Red Bud: 1 ea. 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 4th 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 (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 by early May. **\$143,542 of the \$243,542 CDBG funds requested were awarded for Streetscape Improvements for Price, Sunset, Anderson and Langley Streets. We recommend the locations within the above PECO Gas Main Replacements above are included in the project.**

- **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). We requested DELCORA review the deficiencies in the sanitary sewer main piping joints and will advise of their response.
- **2024 County Aid and**
The Borough Secretary advised \$2,052 funds are allocated. We will present County Aid resolution no. 24-1105 for adoption at the May 9th Council meeting.
- **200 Price Street Development**
Resolution #24-1101 granting conditional approval was adopted at the 4/11/ 2024 Council meeting.
- **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 advised they plan to commence Post & Price HOP work on Wednesday 5/1/2024 with night work of removing the islands and repaving scheduled for Monday 5/6. If they need and more time or if there are rain delays, the night work will be on Tuesday 5/7. They will advise of schedule changes. The contractor advised they will not perform rehab work of the storm system 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**
On 4/26/2024 we met on site with Borough and Amtrak representatives. We prepared a map showing nearby property information from the County Real Estate website and emailed to the Borough and distributed at the meeting. Amtrak advised part of the property north of the railroad tracks is owned by Norfolk Southern. Amtrak advised they will make an effort to keep the screening at the culvert along Stoney Creek currently partially blocked with tree limbs and debris cleared and will consider working with Norfolk Southern in surveying and dredging the drainage swale. Amtrak to provide updates. We requested A to U Services, Inc. provide a proposal per their Maintenance Contract to TV video the storm pipe from the manhole in Main Street under the Amtrak bridge to the outfall at Marcus Hook Creek including an option to remove a blockage reported by the Borough within the pipe. We will recommend Council consider authorizing A to U Services, Inc. to complete the work at the 5/9/2024 Council meeting pending their proposal. **A to U Services, Inc. sent a proposal to clean the blocked storm pipe on a time and material basis with a total cost of \$2,200 for a full day and televise the line for \$975. We recommend including this item with the PY2023 CDBG Storm Sewer Improvements project, per details above.**
- **A and R Ironworks Development**
We are reviewing the Land Development submission for the proposed flex building.
- **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.

MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2024

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
- Building fire	3
- Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2
- Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5
- Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
- Confined space rescue	1
- High-angle rescue	1
- Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
- Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2
- Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1
- Chemical spill or leak	1
- Carbon monoxide incident	3
- Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
- Power line down	1
- Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2
- Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6
- Dispatched & cancelled en route	9
- No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
- False alarm or false call, other	1
- Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
- Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	46

Marucs Hook/Trainer CALLS: 21 CALLS

MUTUAL AID CALLS: 25 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 21 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6PM – 6AM: 25 CALLS

TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Ray Betts with 37 Calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith

Monthly Report – April 2024
Charles Remaley – Code Enforcement

Building Permits Issued - 9

Commercial – 0
Residential - 8
Street Opening – 1

Certificates of Occupancy Permits Issued -10

Sales - 1
Conditional Sales -0
Rentals - 9
Re inspection – 0

Contractor License Issued – 0

Total for 2024 -35

Zoning Permits - 1

Residential – 1
Commercial –0

Portable Structures - 0

Property Maintenance Violation - 6

3517 W 3rd St. – Dumpster on property with no Permit.
3429 W 3rd St. – Accumulation of trash in rear of property.
3506 W 3rd St. – Damaged sump pump discharge line.
203 Irving St. – Excessive Police calls notification.
1039 Langley St. – Shrubbery overgrown onto public sidewalk.
4322 Ridge Rd. – Damaged hand rail.

Citation Warnings - 9

206 Wilcox St. – Failure to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.
4322 Ridge Rd. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
927 Chestnut St. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
4328 Ridge Rd. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
3321 W 3rd St. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
4216 W 7th St. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
3360 W 3rd St. – Failure to register as a vacant property.
3320 W 3rd St. – High grass overgrown vegetation.
3316 W 3rd St. – High grass overgrown vegetation

High Grass Notices – 33 Notices

Anderson St. – 1017, 1023, 1314
Chestnut St. – 1223, 1302
Forrest St. – 1334
Irving St. – 203, 205, 207, 220
Post Rd. – 4508, 4222, 4218, 4210, 4230, 4412, 3300
Price St. – 927
Ridge Rd. – 4366
Union St. – 3, 5
3rd St. – 3504, 3416, 3316, 3312, 3317, 3319, 3321, 3306
4th St. – 3414, 3410, 3406
12th St. - 3700