

January 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trainer was held on the above date at the Trainer Municipal Building, 4300 Township Line Rd., 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 Jim McKay, Robin Rokicka, Tracy Tucker, Vickie Padgett, Manager Mark Possenti, Engineer Eileen Mulvena

ABSENT

VP John Mathews, Michael Carter, Solicitor Chris Boggs

MINUTES

The minutes of the December Council meeting were motioned for approval with the change to the new HJ Park rental fees by Councilperson McKay to accept and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was motioned by Councilperson Rokicka and seconded by Councilperson McKay that the correspondence for December 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

ENGINEER

Eileen Mulvena:
See report attached
Monthly MS4 tip – The condition of the Delaware river is improving

-Called for a motion to authorize the engineer to prepare and advertised bids for Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance for 2025 and 2026. Maintenance contract.

MANAGER/FINANCE – Mark Possenti

-Called for a motion to authorize quotes for NU disability benefits.
-Called for a motion to authorize fire department mutual aid agreement with Lower Chichester.
-Called for a motion to authorize to place highway dump truck and police bicycles on Municibid.

- Called for a motion to approve the paid December expenses for General, Recreation and Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$29,017.34 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 December in the amount of \$165,000.99 which was provided for inspection. Police were paid holiday and un-used time pay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marilyn Maher – Mayor

Read the monthly police dept. report for December statistics.

Asked how many dogs were allowed in a household per Borough ordinance.

Stated Senator Kane's office is putting together a park clean-up program. We would have to supply bags and disposal.

John Gaspero – President, Fire

Read the monthly fire report.

-Stated a committee was being formed to investigate/inspect borough equipment that can be sold. The committee would be Himself, Jim McKay and a police officer.

Stated the Hometown Heros are scheduled to be hung on Jan. 22 and 23.

John Mathews – Municipal Services/ Public Safety

Absent

Jim McKay – Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement

-Read the monthly code report (attached)

Stated there will be a Zoning hearing on January 14th in regards to a fence on a corner property.

Robin Rokicka – Buildings

No report but stated there had been 2 water main breaks at 5th and Main.

Tracy Tucker – Public Outreach/Newsletters

Reported on the last EAC. The next meeting will be held at Lower Chi. Trainer had their first EAC meeting and are organizing projects.

EAC is still in need of 2 alternate members.

Vickie Padgett – Recreation/Parks

Two letters of interest were read in regards to becoming members of the Rec Board.

-Called for a motion to appoint recreation board members Linda Worrell and Sophia Gaspero.

Announced some upcoming plans for the Rec Board events for 2025.

Michael Carter – Street Lights and Street Signs

Absent

MONROE ENERGY

Adam Gattuso stated the building renovation project is ongoing. There is an upcoming small turnaround scheduled for a piece of equipment. Announced the refinery is 1 year reportable injury free.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mark Possenti read the tax collector report for December.

Total tax and trash fees collected for the Month of December

- Called for a motion to approve a real estate tax deposit of \$25,986.84 for December into the General Fund.
- Called for a motion to approve a trash fee deposit of \$3,245.00 for December into the General Fund.

SOLICITOR

Chris Boggs

Absent

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Motion was made by Councilperson Tucker to authorize the engineer to prepare and advertised bids for Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance for 2025 and 2026 and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson Gaspero to authorize quotes for NU disability and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson Rokicka to authorize fire department mutual aid agreement with Lower Chichester and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson Gaspero to authorize to place highway dump truck and police bicycles on Municibid and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson McKay to appoint recreation board members Linda Worrell and Sophia Gaspero and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson McKay to approve the paid November expenses for General, Recreation and Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$29,017.34 and seconded by Councilperson Rokicka. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilperson McKay to approve the paid Payroll for the month of November in the amount of \$165,000.99 and seconded by Councilperson Tucker. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Rokicka to approve a real estate tax deposit of \$25,986.84 for December into the General Fund and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Councilperson Rokicka to approve a trash fee deposit of \$3,245.00 for December into the General Fund and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.

NEW COUNCILMANIC BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rafael Hernandez, Main St. – Made comment in regards to the ordinance for owning dogs.

An Executive session was held at 7:35 pm. The regular meeting resumed at 7:41 pm. A decision was made to authorize the presence of the Solicitor to attend the January 14th Zoning Hearing Board meeting to represent on behalf of the Borough officials and employees.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rokicka to authorize the Solicitor's presence at the upcoming January 14th Zoning Heard Board meeting and seconded by Councilperson McKay. No opposition. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gaspero called for a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm; Councilperson McKay made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Tucker seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Orlando
Borough Secretary

ENGINEER REPORT

RE: Engineer's Report Thru January 7, 2025

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

Motion: Authorize the engineer to prepare and advertised bids for Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance for 2025 and 2026.

2025 CDBG: Grant applications was submitted on January 3, 2025 for Phase 2 Improvements to the Henry Johnson Park.

Stormwater Tip:

The water quality of the Delaware River has significantly improved over the years, with many considering its cleanup to be one of the world's top water quality success stories, largely due to efforts from federal and state governments, as well as the Clean Water Act, allowing the river to support a diverse wildlife population and recreational activities today.

Key points about the Delaware River's water quality improvement:

- **Past pollution:**

The Delaware River was heavily polluted in the mid-20th century.

- **Clean Water Act impact:**

The implementation of the Clean Water Act played a major role in improving the river's health.

- **Improved ecosystem:**

Today, the Delaware River supports a variety of fish species and other aquatic life, including those that return to spawn in their natal waters.

- **Ongoing monitoring:**

Organizations like the Delaware River Basin Commission continue to monitor and work towards further water quality improvements.

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

Building Permits Issued - 3

Commercial – 0

Residential - 3

Street Opening – 0

Certificates of Occupancy Permits Issued – 13

Sales - 2

Conditional Sales -0

Rentals – 11

Re inspection - 0

Contractor License Issued – 22

Total for 2025- 26

Zoning Permits - 2

Residential – 0

Commercial –2

Portable Structures - 0

Property Maintenance Violation – 1

3421 W 3rd St. – Excessive trash in rear of property.

Citations Warnings- 1

4039 W 7th St. – Dogs running at large without being on leash.

Citations -1

1310 Langley St. – Court appearance on 12/5/24 Cont'd to
January 9, 2025.

MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

December 2024

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Building fire	6
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
Carbon monoxide incident	3
Power line down	2
Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4
Dispatched & cancelled en route	7
False alarm or false call, other	1
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	4
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	47

Marucs Hook/Trainer CALLS: 22 CALLS

MUTUAL AID CALLS: 25 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 22 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6PM – 6AM: 25 CALLS

TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Ray Betts with 36 Calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith