

**COUNCIL OF TRAPPE MINUTES**  
**October 6, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Trappe Town Hall**

The regular meeting of the Council of Trappe was called to order by President Crowell at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Richard Dorbin, Rose Potter and Walter Chase were present. The pledge of allegiance was given and Clerk Joedy Cecil recorded the minutes.

**Amendment to the Agenda:** President Crowell stated that we have one change to be added in the agenda which we will discuss at the end of the meeting concerning Nace's Day.

**Presentation of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 1, 2010 Council meeting were presented and accepted without objection.

**Financial Statement:**

Financial statement has been submitted for review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clerk's Report: Town Clerk**

Mrs. Cecil read aloud her monthly report. Water bills billed for the month of September were \$39,556.54 outstanding bills for the month were \$ 15,935.84. A copy was provided for the Council and will be filed with the minutes.

**Police Report: Commissioner Chase**

Chief Ball gave his monthly report and a copy of the report was filed with the minutes. There was a brief discussion on the Talbot County Community service program concerning the liability and supervision of the workers. Chief Ball suggested that he would invite a representative to come and explain just how the program worked. All Council members agreed.

Chief Ball also requested to go to the Annual Chief of Police conference which is held in November. All Council members agreed for Chief Ball to attend the conference.

**Public Works Report: Commissioner Crowell**

President Crowell stated that Mr. Callahan is on vacation and there will be no public works report.

**Planning & Zoning: Commissioner Fegel**

Jennifer Shull reported since Commissioner Fegel is on vacation. Ms. Shull reported that all property maintenance issues were being taken care of by the weather changes. There were no pending issues.

**Parks: Commissioner Potter**

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### **Nace's Park**

Commissioner Potter suggested that she was going to form an ad hoc committee to get the community involved with Nace's Park. This committee would consist of herself and at least four people from the community and the Town Planner. The purpose would be to look for sources of funding and ideas for the park.

**Lakeview Park** now has all the brush removed and the weeds are dying. The anchors for the mats have been ordered and are now in to be installed. The mulch at the park needs to be re-leveled; this will also be a community effort. Sign up sheets are going to be distributed for helpers to volunteer. We have depleted all the money available for this year and are soliciting any and all help.

### **Communications: Commissioner Crowell, Dorbin and Potter**

President Crowell stated that the Highway User Revenue has been reduced to approximately \$2,000.00 this year from the \$6,000.00 that was estimated.

### **Trappe ToberFest – Jennifer Shull**

Ms. Shull reported that we had wonderful participation for the Festival from everyone along with the town staff and council. Moving the vendors from the streets to the park seemed to make a big difference. There will be a planning meeting next week and a covered dish appreciation dinner for all volunteers on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire House. President Crowell thanked Jennifer Shull and Ann Dorbin for the great job that they did.

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

### **Trappe Little League presentations: Holly Anderson**

Ms. Anderson President of the Home Run Baker Assoc. presented plaques to all of the Little League Team Sponsors and thanked the Town for their support.

### **Fence on Town property:**

President Crowell stated that the fence on the town property near the water tower is infringing on Mr. Ferguson's ability to cut his grass.

At the last meeting Commissioner Fegel suggested that the fence be moved to the South side of Nace's Park.

Ms. Shull was asked to call the Dept. of Natural Resources parks and playground community grant division to ask permission to move the fence to another location since this was part of grant money. The State was contacted and the fence can be moved to another location in the town. The town will need to notify the State when moved and where the location will be in case of an audit stated Ms. Shull.

Commissioner Potter asked if the State would send us verification in writing. President Crowell suggested that we get a price to have it moved. Commissioner Chase felt that we needed to have a letter of verification from the State before any action is taken.

Commissioner Chase asked is the reason for moving the fence to Nace's Park because it was needed there or because someone wants to get it moved from where it is?

Commissioner Dorbin also felt that we needed to get the permission and price of the move and then make the decision about the move. All the Council agreed and Ms. Shull was asked to proceed.

**Truck Parking Permit Request:**

President Croswell said that we have a request for a permit to park a commercial vehicle on School Street.

Mr. Bryant May stated that he has been taking his work truck home for over two years and parking at his residence on School Street. This is his only reliable means to and from work since the company has moved from Easton to Salisbury.

President Croswell stated that the town received a complaint about having the truck in a residential neighborhood. The Town Code addresses the issue of having commercial vehicles in a residential neighborhood. Brynja Booth Town Attorney has researched the Town Code, the Town Council may issue a permit for the vehicle if it is operated and owned by the resident. The legal issue requires that it be owned and operated by the owner.

Commissioner Dorbin suggested that Mr. May try to find a commercial place in town to park his truck such as Moore’s etc.

President Croswell explained this is a very difficult situation since we have a resident who is concerned over the truck being parked in a residential neighborhood and a resident who uses the truck for transportation back and forth to work. President Croswell also felt that there were plenty of commercial places in the town that maybe he could park.

Mr. May asked what the non-compliance penalties are and Ms. Booth stated that it is a continuing municipal infraction the penalty is \$100.00 for the first offense and \$200.00 per day thereafter. President Croswell asked Chief Ball not to enforce the fines for 30 days and asked Mr. May to see if he could make other parking arrangements and report back next month.

Commissioner Dorbin asked Mr. May if he had looked into other alternatives for parking with his company. Mr. May responded that due to the equipment on the truck they will not let him park anywhere else. Commissioner Dorbin also felt that there was not enough reason to change the Code.

**Ordinance 8-2010 - Issuance of Hunting Permits:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF THE TRAPPE TOWN CODE TO DESIGNATE THE TRAPPE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AND THE TRAPPE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE TOWN DESIGNEES WHO ISSUE HUNTING PERMITS WITHIN TOWN AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HUNTING ACTIVITIES MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dorbin to introduce Ordinance 8-2010 and seconded by Commissioner Chase. There was no discussion on the motion.

Vote:

Richard – Y      Rose – Y      Bobby – Y      Walter – Y

**Ordinance 9-2010**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF TRAPPE AMENDING SECTION 12 OF THE TRAPPE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISION PLATS AND ADDING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 62 TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SITE PLANS.

Edgar Harrison Planning Chairman for the Town explained that the reason for this ordinance is to close some holes in the subdivision regulations and clarify the **process for** revision plats and site plans. Motion to introduce Ordinance 9-2010 was made by Commissioner Potter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chase.

Vote:

Richard – Y                  Rose – Y                  Bobby – Y                  Walter – Y

### **Ordinance 10-2010**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TRAPPE TO AMEND THE TRAPPE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 10.20(8) TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS LESS THAN FOUR SQUARE FEET IN AREA ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Ms. Shull explained that a Commercial Property owner in town had a safety audit done and it was suggested that the Company place a directional sign so that when the people entering on Route 50 would go west instead of going east on the left hand side of the property in the wrong lane. The Planning Commission proposed this ordinance to permit the placement of directional signage not exceeding four (4) square feet on private property without a permit.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 10-2010 was made by Commissioner Chase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorbin.

Vote:

Richard – Y                  Rose – Y                  Bobby – Y                  Walter – Y

Public Hearings will be set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00.

### **New International Building Code – Presentation by Don English**

Mr. English stated that the State of Maryland adopted the 2009 International Building Code Residential on January 1, 2010 with some minor revisions. A copy of the code has been sent to the Planning Commission for review. He said there is one change that needs to be considered, whether or not single family homes must have sprinklers. The town can follow the code or opt out. We are currently following the 2006 code.

President Croswell asked if we need to act before January 1, 2011 and Mr. English stated yes; if we decide to opt out the State will have to approve.

Attorney Booth suggested that if the town should adopt the 2009 International Building Code they have the option to modify by opting out of the sprinkler systems for single family homes. The Planning Commission should make their recommendation and then the Council must decide whether or not they will require sprinklers. Mr. English stated that this will be only for new homes. Mr. Harrison requested that someone from the Fire Company be there at the Planning Meeting for discussion. Mr. Harrison stated that the Planning Commission will review and return with their recommendation.

### **Halloween Events:**

October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Halloween hours.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chase to authorize Chief Ball to take care of necessary arrangements of streets. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorbin.

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Vote Unanimous from Commissioners.

**Nace's Day Parade:**

The Commissioners will ride in the Nace's Day Parade.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commission Dorbin.

**Pit Beef Sandwich Sale**

The Town will be having a pit beef sandwich sale on Election Day, November 2, to raise money for more fall banners.

President Crowell read a note of thanks from the churches thanking them for the pottery donated to the speaker at the community worship service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sat. Oct. 09 – Nace's Day

Sun. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – 2 p.m. Homecoming at Faith Chapel: Rev. Howard Embert delivering message.

Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Rain Date for Trappe – ToberFest.

Wed. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 4-6 pm or until gone – Trappe Vol. Fire Co. Soup Day.

Wed. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm. – Trappe Planning Com. Mtg. if there is business to conduct.

Sat. Oct. 23 -9 am until 3 pm Car Show – to benefit the Nace Hopkins Scholarship Fund.

Fri. Oct. 29 – Special bulk trash pickup – Sign up and pay fee at Town Office.

Sat. Oct. 30- 5:45 pm – Children's costume parade Veterans Park to the Firehouse.

Sat. Oct. 30 – 6 to 8 pm. – Fire Department Halloween Party & Trick or Treating

Sat. Oct. 30 – Halloween.

Tue. Nov. 02 – Election Day – Pit Beef sandwich day at Trappe Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**Benediction:**

Rev. Rust gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted:

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Joedy Cecil, Clerk

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Approved: Robert Crowell, President