

August 11, 2009

Tremont Borough Council met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Clay Street School Building.

Council members attending were: Laine R. Mack Jr., John Mease, Robert Donmoyer, Gene Griffiths, and Roger M. Adams. Also attending: Mayor William Allar, Secretary Cheryl Mack, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Officer Joseph Kavanaugh, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Councilman Carl Wiscount was absent. Also attending were: Reporters: Joan Schwer, and Tim Christman, and Citizens: Frederick Scheibley, Sally Kintzel, Gerald Fasnacht, Philip & Jane Kintzel, Scott Fisher, and Dale Marks. Fire Chief James Koppenhaver. Citizens Denise Krammes, Beverly Bode, and Claudine Koslosky entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m..

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donmoyer and Adams motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Sally Kintzel asked Council if the Borough could dig out the ditch behind her property as this has not been done for many years. She also noted that Ms. Graver-Koch had only a few hay bales placed on the lower perimeter of her property after last month's meeting and more are needed to ease the water runoff problem. Pres. Mack explained that the reason the ditch has not been dug open is it will increase the water runoff onto the Knapp/Noll property. What council is looking into is getting an easement from two neighboring property owners to run new drain lines and drops to take care of this water problem.

COMMUNICATIONS: Adams and Donmoyer motion to accept the letter of resignation that was submitted by Councilman Carl Wiscount due to his moving outside of the Borough. All in favor. Mease asked that the Minutes reflect Council's sincere appreciation to Wiscount for his years of service to the Borough, particularly with his volunteering to run the pool operations and the vending machines.

Gerald Fasnacht submitted a letter of interest to fill the Council seat being vacated by Wiscount's resignation. Griffiths and Adams motion to appoint Fasnacht to this seat. All in favor. Mr. Fasnacht will take the Oath of Office with the Mayor to begin serving immediately, thereafter.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice notified the Borough by e-mail that our application for a COPS grant was not chosen for funding this year, however our application will be held on file for consideration of next year's funding allocation.

A letter was read from Charles Huntzinger, President of the Tremont Community Organization that due to the current economic situation he will seek approval from the T.C.O. to take over the cost of the flowers for planting at the welcome signs, parks, and the two Borough buildings beginning next Spring so that the Borough will not have to include this expenditure in their budget.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs asked for a brief Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Since no action will be required by Council as a result of this Executive session, it will be postponed until the end of this meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: President Mack stated that the road crew will begin

removing the tree stumps so that Cherry Street can be widened. Mindler stated that since the last meeting, the section of Crescent Street commonly referred to as the Spring Road has been graded to slope away from the Vaux Avenue properties and during the heavy rains that occurred after this grading was completed it has prevented the water runoff problem that was an issue at last months meeting. Donmoyer stated that he still feels that some rolled curb needs to be placed on Goodspring Alley to help with the runoff problems in that vicinity.

Mindler also noted that he spoke with three contractors (Kauffman, Tropp, & Landis Deck) to provide quotes for repairs to Church Street and Ferg Street but to date he has not received any of them.

Adams again asked if SCMA has been contacted about the repairs to our streets. Donmoyer stated that he talked to Gary Zerbe and he will also get in contact with Dave Holley to discuss this issue.

PROPERTY: Donmoyer stated that he has scheduled a meeting with his Property committee and Wayne Stump of the YMCA for Monday, August 17th at 10:30 a.m. to discuss their agreement and payment schedule.

Donmoyer also asked if his committee will be willing to meet with representatives of the Tremont Little League to discuss their request to use a room in our building to place a batting cage for indoor batting practice throughout the off season. Mease stated that he feels strongly against allowing this activity in our building. Donmoyer also stated that the Little League and Little Cardinal Football Assoc. would like to lease the ballfield and construct a football field on the diagonal and make improvements to the baseball field. Improvements would include the installation of a fence around the perimeter with gates for access by the ambulances in the event of a life flight landing. After much discussion on this issue Council agreed to have Donmoyer schedule a meeting with both organizations to discuss these issues.

Secretary Mack noted that she spoke with both ARDCO and their architect ,Y. Kim concerning the warranty on the Clay Street roof which was installed by Hahner Bros. as there are two areas in the gym which still show signs of leaking. Mr. Kim will try to locate the warranty and get back to us.

Donmoyer stated that Allen Wolff completed the work that we contracted with him at this Clay Street building. Also, Jim Lucas has ordered the door for the TACC building and it will be installed as soon as he receives it.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Conway provided a report for July noting 47 Incidents and 3 Arrests, and 378 miles on the police cars.

Kavanaugh's report for July noted 34 Incidents, 5 Arrests, 1 Court Hearing, and 280 miles on the police cars.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Koppenhaver noted that the Fire department responded to 5 calls in July. Koppenhaver also discussed the need for SCMA to flush the hydrants as there are still small rocks getting into the KME's pump system and if the impellers get damaged it will be costly to repair. Mease asked whether a screen should be able to prevent these rocks from getting into the system to which Koppenhaver responded there is a screen but these rocks get through. A finer screen is not possible as it will cut down the pressure and flow that is needed to fight fires.

Adams announced that the Pumpkin Fest that was being planned by the fire company for October has been cancelled.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to allow the Fire Department to put the KME truck in the parade in Tamaqua at the end of the month. All in favor.

Health Officer Lewis Moyer provided the Borough with a copy of his passing inspection report on Mancino's Pizza Shop which is required prior to their PA License renewals.

RECREATION & EDUCATION: Scott Fisher reported that the pool operations are running very well however attendance is down this season.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mease and Donmoyer motion to accept the report as prepared by C. Mack. Roll call vote. All in favor.

FINANCE: Mease and Griffiths motion to enact Resolution #2009-04 to enter into an agreement with the Tremont Library Board whereby the Borough will begin paying the Library employees under the Borough's payroll account on the condition that the Library Board will reimburse the Borough for the hourly wages earned by their staff and the Borough will assume all of the other costs associated with this payroll, such as FICA taxes, Medicare taxes, PA/UC taxes, and workmen's compensation insurance. This Borough expense will be in lieu of the monetary donation that the Borough includes in their budget to meet the local support requirement for the Library to be eligible for a PA State funding allocation. Also, if at any time the Borough's annual cost of doing the library's payroll does not meet the local support amount budgeted, the difference will be paid in a monetary donation. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mease discussed with Council his visit today in the Borough office with Tim Moran of Municipal Energy Management. Moran provided the Borough with copies of the following letters: a letter addressed to the Chief Council of PPL Electric Utilities to formally express Tremont Borough's intent to purchase the street lighting facilities, a letter from Thomas T. Niesen to inform the Borough that his law firm will represent MEM in their dealings with PPL on all matters relating to the Guaranteed Turnkey Performance Agreement between MEM and Tremont Borough, and a copy of the PA Conservation Works Grant Program's Work Approval Agreement. No action is required by the Borough at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Donmoyer and Adams motion to adopt Resolution #2009-05 to acknowledge the Borough's decision to join and become a part of the Central Schuylkill Council of Government (or COG). Roll call vote. All in favor. Representatives of Council will attend the next COG meeting.

Secretary Mack reported that Dynamark Securities received the two replacement cameras and will try to have them installed by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS: All members of Borough Council received a letter from Sen. Argall concerning a meeting that he will be hosting to discuss Community Revitalization on Tuesday, August 25th at the Schuylkill Medical Center East. Any councilmen planning to attend should let Secretary Mack know so that she can RSVP for them.

Since she entered the meeting after the Citizen Communications were over Denise Krammes was heard at this time. She read a prepared statement concerning her efforts to have two neighboring properties cleared of garbage and junk vehicles. Ms.

Krammes volunteered to put all Borough Ordinances in a PDF file so that they can be included on the Borough's website for easier public access. Since the Police currently cannot have unlicensed and/or uninspected vehicles removed from private property if they are in working order, Solicitor Hobbs will review the junk vehicle ordinances of other municipalities to see if our Ordinance can be amended to include all unlicensed and/or uninspected vehicles even if on private property.

Adams and Donmoyer motion to enter into an Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. All in favor. Adams and Mease motion to leave the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 117.32 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 105.78, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (August); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (July); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (July); Road & School: \$ 4,406.44, delinq. R. E. taxes; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 719.48, taxes; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (August); Richard Kintzel: \$ 17,405.26, real estate taxes and \$ 340.00, Per Capita taxes; Senior Citizens: \$ 120.00, rent (July); Parking Meters: \$ 196.07, collections; Frailey Twp: \$ 1,988.15, reimb.; Berkheimer: \$ 5.50, collections; T.C.O.: \$ 3,000.00, donation @ bathhouse; Antonio Randazzo(Mancino's Pizza) \$ 50.00, Amusement Taxes and \$ 60.00, Beverage license fee; Misc.: \$ 10.00, reimbursement; Dumpster Permits: \$ 125.00, fees; NOW Account Interest \$ 3.95 (July);

TOTAL = \$ 30,746.28

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 9,292.06; LST: \$ 437.78; PLGIT Interest: \$ 39.40 (July);

TOTAL = \$ 9,769.24

PAYROLL: \$ 18,197.06: Transferred from General Account (July); NOW Account Interest: \$.96 (July);

TOTAL = \$ 18,198.02

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 6.65 (July)

TOTAL = \$ 6.65

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 17.55 (July);

TOTAL = \$ 17.55

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.05, (July);

TOTAL = \$.05

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.85 (July);

TOTAL = \$.85

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$.01, (July);

TOTAL = \$.01

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 2,632.50 (July);

TOTAL = \$ 2,632.50

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 5.32 (July)

TOTAL = \$ 5.32

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: -0- **Account Closed**

EXPENDITURES: Adams and Donmoyer motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 14,654.97; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 3,515.69; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,201.43; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 1,047.95; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 3,797.50; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 6,913.00; PLGIT General Account:\$ 25,000.00;

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6792	Jennifer Patton, dumpster retainer	25.00
6793	Voided Check	.00
6794	Pribilla's, supplies	27.47
6795	Berkheimer, services	178.53
6796	Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,587.42
6797	SMA, utilities	358.57
6798	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,855.58
6799	Frontier Tele. Co., services	219.09
6800	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6801	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6802	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6803	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6804	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6805	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	324.01
6806	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	543.25
6807	Light-Heigel & Assoc., easement descriptions	265.00
6808	SWIF, work comp inst.	2,388.00
6809	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
6810	Sherwin-Williams, curbing paint	87.95
6811	Central Penn Paper, paper supplies	101.45
6812	Arthur "Pat" Aungst, grading of Crescent St. (Spring Rd)	560.00
6813	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
6814	Atty. Chris Hobbs, filing of Cherry Street easements	<u>357.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 14,654.97

PLGT FIRE DEPT FUND:

370	Tremont Fire Co. #1, reimb @ repairs to KME	1,449.26
371	Mars Diesel, repairs @ squad truck	1,413.06
372	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,515.69

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

429	E.M. Kutz, snow plow & plow edge	4,913.00
430	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 6,913.00

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	245.22
4848	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,176.08
4849	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	186.20
4858	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (August)	40.00
4859	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,293.40
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	<u>260.53</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,201.43

PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

132	Dynamark Securities, cameras (balance of contract)	1,402.50
133	Allen Wolff Contracting, balance @ Clay St. bldg. contract	<u>2,395.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,797.50

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1270	Sheila Wasser, reimb. @ lifeguard recertification	25.00
1271	Shelley Wasser, reimb. @ lifeguard recertification	25.00
1272	Miller's Dist., concessions	196.61
1273	Pribilla's, supplies	55.00
1274	Pottsville Environmental, water tests	105.00
1275	Frontier Tele. Co., services	29.66
1276	Arthur "Pat" Aungst, welding (pool ladder)	220.00
1277	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>391.68</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,047.95

PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

205	Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer	<u>25,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00

There being no further business Adams and Griffiths motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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