

December 08, 2009

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

In addition to the listed attendees for the Budget Hearing, Police Chief Michael Conway, Fire Chief James Koppenhaver, and Citizen David Harring attended the Regular Meeting.

Adams and Fasnacht motion to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Ryan Fasnacht, a former Tremont resident spoke on behalf of his employer, Alfred Benesch & Co. and their interest in being appointed as the Borough's engineering firm.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Wire Teleview Corp. submitted their renewal information. The basic cable service monthly rate for 2010 will be \$ 47.75, an increase of \$ 2.00.

Action on the price quotes that were received from the following companies for consideration of being appointed as the Borough's Engineering will be postponed until the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2010: Light-Heigel & Assoc., C.L. Frantz & Assoc., David Erb Contractors Inc., LTL Consultants LTD, and Alfred Benesch & Co.

Tim Seip sent notification of a PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency Grant (PCCD) application that is available for consideration of funding to add Police officers for high crime areas or reimburse for overtime Police operations. Applications must be filed online by December 31, 2009 to be considered for funding.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report due to solicitor's absence.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** PennDOT Engineer, Ahmed Lasludji e-mailed PennDOT's response to our PUC complaint concerning the condition of the Main Street railroad crossing. He stated that when the RBM&N Railroad Co. completes their repairs to the two feet section abutting the rails, then PennDOT will mill and repave the approaches. Also, PennDOT commits to continue temporary repairs to both approaches until RBM&N Co. gets their section of the crossing surface repaired.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to enter into an agreement with On Demand Energy to become part of the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce's Energy Pool in order to realize a savings on our utility bills when PPL's rate caps come off. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mindler stated that we received our first road salt delivery for the upcoming winter weather.

**PROPERTY:** Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to allow Bonnie Kupp to use the gym for her Christmas Recital on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$ 100.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to allow the Pine Grove Area Recreation Softball Group to use the gym on weekends to hold training sessions using a special softball at a cost of \$ 25.00 per day. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to allow the Pine Grove Area Recreation Volleyball Group to use the gym on one night per week from January through April at a cost of

\$25.00 per night to hold games and practices as long as the night chosen does not interfere with other previously scheduled usages of the gym. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer noted that Mindler fixed the leak in the public restroom and the hallway lights in the TACC building as per Magistrate Pankake's request. He also stated that he spoke with Dist. Magistrate Pankake concerning painting her quarters as per the terms of the lease agreement. She would like her waiting room repainted, and also have the worn carpeting replaced. These repairs will be undertaken when the magistrate is on vacation next year so that her schedule is not interrupted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Allar requested Council's approval for free parking at all borough meters from now until January 2, 2010. Fasnacht and Griffiths motion to grant this request. All in favor.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Michael Conway provided a report for November noting 30 Incidents, 2 Court Hearings, and 289 miles put on police vehicles.

Officer Kavanaugh's report for November noted 19 Incidents, 6 Arrests, 1 Court Hearing, completion of a firearms qualification training course, and 413 miles put on police vehicles.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Koppenhaver noted that the Fire department responded to 7 calls in November. He also stated that both he and Brian Eisenacher passed the test for Firefighter #2 designation and David Herring passed his test for Firefighter #1 designation.

Adams made a request that whoever is on the Public Health & Safety Committee next year, they should be aware that the KME truck will need painting. Fasnacht responded that perhaps the Fire Department could apply for a grant to fund this expenditure as most of the KME's usage is to respond to accidents on I-81 which are outside the Borough limits. A lengthy discussion was held between Borough Council and Haring, Koppenhaver, and Adams of the Tremont Fire Dept. concerning the departments' need for additional funding from the Borough. Dave Haring stated that the Fire Department has been receiving 1 mill (equivalent to \$ 14,750.00) from the Borough for several years and he feels that Council should consider increasing the real estate taxes to allocate an additional mill or so of taxes towards the fire company fund to accrue interest so that a down payment will be available when a new truck is purchased in the future. The Fire Department feels that taxation is the only fair way to fund the fire company. Donmoyer asked what the fire department does with the proceeds of all of their fundraising events and hall rentals. Mease stated that the Borough is not obligated to purchase a truck for the department and he felt that if the department checked with other municipalities they would find that the Borough is very generous with \$ 14,750.00 a year in support. Since the parties could reach no resolution to the fire departments concerns it was suggested that a meeting will be held in 2010 with the Public Health & Safety Committee and the Tremont Fire Department to address these issues in greater detail.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** A discussion was held on the Cooperative Agreement with the Little Cardinals and the Tremont Baseball Assoc. as prepared by Solicitor Hobbs. Council agreed that Section 11 should be deleted entirely and replaced with new wording to read: This Agreement shall not preclude the use of the Premises by any other organization or citizens as long as such use does not interfere with any

scheduled activities by any of the Parties to this Agreement. Mease and Griffiths motion to accept the Agreement with these changes. Roll call vote. All in favor. This revised Agreement will now be provided to the other two Parties to take before their boards for approval.

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

**FINANCE:** Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the Per Capita Tax for 2009 and to adopt the following guidelines: To exonerate full time students; residents in the armed services stationed outside of the Borough; and residents with a yearly income of \$ 3,500.00 or if they can show extenuating circumstances. Roll call vote. All in favor. The following were exonerated by this motion: Full Time Students: Frank M. Batz, Heather A. Mack, Sheila Wasser, Shelley Wasser, Jenna Himmelberger, & Dennis Wiscount Jr.; Active Duty Military: Ryan Bast; Unemployed Housewives: Kelly Fisher, Rebecca Schwartz, & Angela Ruddy; and Disabled: Carol Fessler, Katherine Ellison, & Jeffrey Lucas.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Secretary Mack reminded Council of the Act 32 Tax Hearing to be held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. and the South Schuylkill COG meeting to be held in Port Carbon on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Allar has approved the location for the Handicap sign applied for by Edward Mokritsky of 119 Vaux Avenue.

Secretary Mack reminded Council that they need to hold a Re-organizational Meeting on the first Monday of 2010. It was agreed that she should advertise this special meeting as required and include in the ad that January's Regular Council meeting will be held on the same date.

John Mease spoke of his appreciation to the residents of Tremont Borough for their faith in him and their support of his service to the Borough. He thanked them for the opportunity to serve as a Councilman which he did with the best interests of the Borough at heart. Mease also wished the new members of Council all the success in the world.

President Mack stated that Mr. Mease stole his thunder as he also planned to acknowledge both his and Adams' service to the Borough prior to adjournment, since this is the last meeting for both of them. Roger served as Councilman for two years and John for a total of at least fourteen years including an earlier term of service. Mack thanked both of them for their dedicated service.

**RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT:** District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 136.76 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 165.45, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$ 1,575.00, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (November) and \$ 225.16, utilities (October); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (November) and \$ 107.10, utilities (October); Road & School: \$ 1,293.30, delinq. R. E. taxes; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (December); Richard Kintzel: \$ 118.73, real estate taxes and \$ 5.50, Per Capita taxes; Schuylkill County: \$ 1,895.00, rent (November); Bonnie Kupp: \$ 375.00, rent @ gym (November), \$ 40.00, rent @ classroom & \$ 7.18, utility reimb.; Handicap Signs: \$ 100.00, application & \$ 20.00, renewal fees; Berkheimer: \$ 113.28, delinq. Per capita;

Sch. County Court: \$ 19.19, Vio. @ Ordinances; Parking Meters: \$ 229.01, collections;  
 Sch. Co. Child Development: \$ 130.00, rent (November); MetLife: \$ 14.80, dividends;  
 Police Reports: \$ 15.00; T.C.O.: \$ 152.10, reimbursement; Community Room Rentals:  
 B. Wolff: \$ 50.00 & T. Renninger: \$ 50.00; Sch. Co. Treasurer: \$ 179.25, Boro's share  
 of Tax Sale proceeds; Signature Mortgage: \$ 10.00, tax verification fee; Sch. Co.  
 Election Bureau: \$ 80.00, rent; PLGIT General: \$ 50,000.00, transfer; NOW Account  
 Interest \$ 6.60 (November); TOTAL = \$ 59,006.74

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 17,348.73; LST: \$ 3,469.28; PLGIT Interest: \$ 9.38  
 (November); TOTAL = \$ 20,827.39

PAYROLL: \$ 15,279.14: Transferred from General Account (November); NOW  
 Account Interest: \$ .71 (November); TOTAL = \$ 15,279.85

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 1.62 (November) TOTAL = \$ 1.62

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 5.41(November) TOTAL = \$ 5.41

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .02, (November) TOTAL = \$ .02

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .82 (November);  
 TOTAL = \$ .82

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .00, (November);  
 TOTAL = \$ .00

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: None (November);  
 TOTAL = \$ .00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ .81 (November)  
 TOTAL = \$ .81

EXPENDITURES: Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to approve payment of the  
 monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 21,883.56; Fire  
 Dept. Fund: \$ 3,074.41; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,047.95; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 18.94;  
 Highway Aid Fund: \$ 3,555.29; PLGIT General Account:\$ 20,000.00;

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6907	PSAB, subscription renewal	90.00
6908	Richard Kintzel, reimbursement	10.00
6909	American Arbitration Assoc., legal fees	300.00
6910	Stanley Access Tech., door repairs	121.15
6911	Pribilla's, supplies	45.87
6912	Berkheimer, services	540.86

6913	Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,587.42
6914	SMA, utilities	358.57
6915	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	3,462.10
6916	Frontier Tele. Co., services	212.65
6917	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6918	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6919	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6920	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6921	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6922	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	500.66
6923	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	674.89
6924	SWIF, work comp. inst. & audit premium	2,424.00
6925	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
6926	H. A. Thompson, property insurance	2,229.00
6927	Staple's, police supplies	190.44
6928	Port Elevator, Inc., state inspection fees	540.00
6929	Schuylkill Medical Center, Police CPR Training	50.00
6930	Sommer's Plumbing & Heating, furnace @ TACC	133.75
6931	American Rock Salt, Frailey salt supply	1,567.86
6932	South Schuylkill Publishing, ad @ Budget Hearing	49.60
6933	PSMA, Mayor assoc. dues	50.00
6934	Higgins Ins., tax collector's bond	98.00
6935	Tremont Postmaster, stamps	44.00
6936	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
6937	Central Penn Paper, supplies	119.85
6938	MetLife, Kavanaugh Life Ins. Premium	191.24
6939	Dustin Wetzel, refund @ dumpster retainer	25.00
6940	Fidler Bros. Const., creek wall repairs	1,490.00
6941	U.S. Postal Service, tax collector envelopes	<u>753.60</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 22,637.16

## PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

377	Tremont Fire Co. #1, insurance reimb.	2,244.00
378	Mars Diesel, repairs to KME	177.04
379	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,074.41

## PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

435	American Rock Salt, road salt delivery	1,555.29
436	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,555.29

## PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	242.68
4950	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,196.36
4951	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	186.20
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	229.41
4960	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (December)	40.00
4961	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>2,153.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,047.95

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1289	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>18.94</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 18.94

## PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

209	Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer	<u>20,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 20,000.00

There being no further business Mease and Adams motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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