

July 14, 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, Carl Wiscount, Robert Donmoyer, and Roger M. Adams. Also attending: Secretary Cheryl Mack, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Chief Michael Conway, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Councilman George Schaeffer and Mayor William Allar were absent. Also attending were: Reporters: Leslie Richardson, and Tim Christman, and Citizens: Frederick Scheibley, Robert Leffler, William Cochran, Jane Cook, Leroy Knapp Sr., Edward Umbenhauer, and James Umbenhauer. Fire Chief James Koppenhaver entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mease and Adams motion to accept the minutes of the June 09, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Citizens Leffler, Cochran, Cook, and Knapp were in attendance to voice complaints about rainwater runoff and mud that they are experiencing at the rear of their properties due to two sites being cleared for new construction behind them. L. Mack stated that he spoke with the one property owner who stated that he would put in silt fencing and hay bales to help ease this problem. However, Mack also stated that most of the rainwater runoff is coming off the top of the mountain since DEP filled in the stripping pits there. Due to having no available Borough property to add a drop and drainage in this area, Council will look into having Crescent Street (Spring Road) graded to slope into the ditch on the North side.

Jane Cook filed a complaint about a Certified Letter that she received from the Police Department concerning accumulation of junk around her property. She does not consider what is around her property to be junk as everything described in her letter is being used by a family member to fix ATVs or for recycling. President Mack stated that the Police can issue a citation for any violation of the Borough's junk ordinance at which time a property owner can file an appeal. Mack assured Ms. Cook that the Police were acting on a complaint by a neighbor so they must act on it.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mease and Adams motion to accept the letter of resignation that was submitted by Councilman George Schaeffer due to health issues. All in favor. Mease noted that he was grateful for Schaeffer's past years of service to the Borough and requested that the Secretary acknowledge Council's appreciation in a letter to him.

Gene M. Griffiths submitted a letter of interest to fill the Council seat being vacated by Schaeffer's resignation. After confirming with Solicitor Hobbs that the vacancy does not require advertising, Adams and Donmoyer motion to appoint Griffiths to this seat. All in favor. Mr. Griffiths will take the Oath of Office with the Mayor to begin serving immediately, thereafter.

Marie Groody of Sch. Co. Child Development submitted a request to meet with the appropriate representatives of Borough Council to discuss a rental agreement for part time use of a room in the Clay Street building. The Property Committee will provide available dates so that Secretary Mack can coordinate this meeting.

No action was taken on DEP's PA Conservation Grant application notification.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to grant permission to the Tremont Fire Co. #1 to hold their annual craft fair along Main Street on Saturday, August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to post "No Parking" signs at meters from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to allow vendors to unload their wares at their spaces, to allow free parking at the meters until 2:00 p.m. for visitors to the fair, and to block off a space for a Food Vendor trailer on the East side of the railroad tracks at North Crescent Street. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Council will provide space in the lower lobby of the Clay Street building if necessary to have our next tax collector have hours during the week to collect Borough and County taxes.

The Street Committee will review Audrey Wertz's request to have much needed repairs done to Church Street. After some discussion on this matter, Mease and Donmoyer motion to have Mindler secure comparative quotes to have Crescent Street graded as per the earlier discussion, have Church Street and Ferg Street patched and to have rolled curbing put on a section of Clay Street. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Similar to the rainwater runoff complaint discussed earlier in this meeting, as well as a high grass complaint, a letter was received from lower property owners about the Koch property. Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to send a letter to Ms. Koch to have the grass cut and place hay bales along the her property line. Roll call vote. All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs noted that the Cherry Street easement agreement has been finalized with the Kimmels and the Easement has been recorded.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: No additional discussions as action was taken under Communications.

PROPERTY: Donmoyer reported that the materials were ordered for both projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report due to Mayor's absence.

LAW & ORDER: Ed Umbenhauer attended to discuss his recent construction of a deck without getting the proper permits. He stated that he is currently working with the Sch. Co. zoning office to get that permit and he has contacted a certified UCC engineer to inspect the deck to make sure that it meets UCC construction guidelines. Donmoyer related that his concern was that all residents be treated the same as far as permitting goes. It would create problems if we look the other way for one resident and then require another resident to get permits.

Chief Conway provided a report for June noting 52 Incidents and 6 Arrests.

No report was provided by Officer Kavanaugh who is on vacation.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Koppenhaver noted that the Fire department responded to 4 calls in June. A discussion was held on the repairs that are needed on the valve to tank the pump on the KME. An estimate will be provided at the next meeting.

RECREATION & EDUCATION: Wiscount noted that the operations at the pool are running smoothly despite the weather we are having. A bicycle rack has been installed to eliminate having the bikes laying around the pool property. Wiscount publically thanked the Tremont Community Organization for donating four new basketball rims and nets to be placed at the Poplar Street court and the court behind the Clay Street school building. On this same matter C. Mack stated that the TCO purchased yellow paint to paint the backboards.

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 Donmoyer motion to execute updated Power of Attorney Forms on behalf of PSAB through TALX Employer Services so that the Borough can continue to pay a reduced PA/UC rate on our Quarterly Employee Tax Returns. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Secretary Mack stated that she received the September 1st renewal information for the Borough's health insurance with Blue Cross and for the first time since 2000 when she became Borough Treasurer the rate was lowered by approximately 10%. Our current premium is \$ 2,879.10 and effective on renewal it will drop to \$ 2,587.42.

OLD BUSINESS: Judy Graver is requesting permission from the Borough to request a drawdown of \$ 2,500.00 which is 50% of the County's share of the Home Grant. Council agreed that as Grant coordinator she can request these drawdowns as needed without any action from them. Also, the check of \$ 4,000.00 made payable to Ms. Graver from the HUD portion of the Home Program Grant was approved for her administrative fee.

Donmoyer inquired what the status of the Borough's contract with MEM is as he noticed that they were working on the street lights. L. Mack stated that MEM was notified by PP&L to stop work until the agreement is finalized. Any changes or additional costs to the loan agreement due to this delay will fall on MEM and not the Borough. Mease stated that the savings that MEM promised the Borough is not a reduction of the current monthly bill but a promise that for the next twenty-five years our utility bills will not exceed what we are currently paying.

Adams asked when SCMA will be coming in to make repairs to our streets. Donmoyer stated that he just talked to Gary Zerbe about this issue and he will talk to Dave Holley about it. Donmoyer added that if he doesn't have a response in a couple of days, he will give Mr. Holley a call.

Mease questioned the status of the Reading, Northern, & Blue Mountain Railroads' promised permanent repairs to the Main Street crossing. After some discussion on this matter, Mease noted that he will make a telephone call to the company to see when these repairs will take place.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Mack reported that Dynamark Securities installed the two additional cameras, however both of them malfunctioned, so we are awaiting two new replacement cameras that Dynamark will replace at no additional cost to the Borough. Council chose to table a decision to enter into the Preventive Maintenance Agreement as presented by Dynamark at a cost of \$ 149.00 plus the additional cost of parts and labor until they can review what the agreement would actually cover.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to accept the Articles of Agreement with the Central Schuylkill Council of Governments (or Central Schuylkill COG) and submit the \$ 100 initial membership fee to become a part of that organization. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to purchase a new weedwacker for the Borough as the current one needs costly repairs. Roll call vote. All in favor.

L. Mack noted that the Little Cardinals will be coming to the Borough office to sign the field use agreement and provide their insurance certificate. At that time they will be

asked if they need that goal post that is lying down on the field. If so, they must erect it upright, if they aren't going to use it the Borough workers will remove it as it impedes them when cutting the grass.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 91.51 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 137.83, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (July); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (June) and \$ 186.81, utility reimb.; Sch. County:\$ 1,895.00, rent (July); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (June); Road & School: \$ 2,105.14, delinq. R. E. taxes; Bonnie Kupp: \$ 100.00, gym rental @ recital, and \$ 6.00, utility reimb. Real Estate Transfer: \$ 303.80, taxes; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (July); Richard Kintzel: \$ 2,771.46, real estate taxes and \$ 160.00, Per Capita taxes and \$307.06, reimb @ tax check paid to Borough by mortgagee; Senior Citizens: \$ 120.00, rent (June); Police Accident Reports: \$ 15.00; Frailey Twp: \$ 1,646.80, reimb.; Robt. Vesay: \$ 505.00, purchase @ 1970 Ford Dump; Jeff Seiger: \$ 1,025.00, purchase 1987 Chev Dump Tk.; Keystone Potato Co.: \$ 1,000.02, purchase 1986 Ford Tk @ salt spreader; NOW Account Interest \$ 9.20 (June);

TOTAL = \$ 14,478.96

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 3,396.00; State Police Fines \$ 675.19; PLGIT Interest: \$ 37.31 (June);

TOTAL = \$ 4,108.50

PAYROLL: \$ 16,378.41: Transferred from General Account (June); NOW Account Interest: \$.85 (June);

TOTAL = \$ 16,379.26

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 6.91 (June)

TOTAL = \$ 6.91

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 18.07 (June);

TOTAL = \$ 18.07

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

TOTAL \$.05

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.83 (June);

TOTAL = \$.83

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

TOTAL = \$.01

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 3,124.50 (June);

TOTAL = \$ 3,124.50

548 PLGIT CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 5.91 (June);
TOTAL = \$ 5.91

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 24.69 (2nd Quarter)
TOTAL = \$ 24.69

EXPENDITURES: Mease and Adams motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 23,713.63; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 2,439.14; Payroll Fund: \$ 4,998.56; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 1,468.62; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 5,414.50; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,000.00; PLGIT General Account: \$ -0-; Pool Bath House Grant Account: \$ 83.32

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6756	Robin Harley, James & Sharon Kimmel, property easement	3,500.00
6757	Deirdra Dunleavy, subpoena	5.00
6758	Beth Barry, subpoena	5.00
6759	Sch. Co. Treasurer, Kimmel easement agreement	10.00
6760	Recorder of Deeds, Kimmel easement	44.50
6761	Pribilla's, supplies	54.14
6762	Berkheimer, services	173.14
6763	Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,879.10
6764	SMA, utilities	358.57
6765	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,879.05
6766	Frontier Tele. Co., services	209.74
6767	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6768	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6769	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6770	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6771	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6772	Ehrlich, vegetation management fee (Goodspring Creek)	446.00
6773	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	618.32
6774	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	649.84
6775	SWIF, work comp inst.	2,388.00
6776	Staples, police monitor & toner	246.38
6777	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
6778	Witmer Public Safety, road flares @ police	909.91
6779	Lowe's, highway supplies	48.88
6780	Ronald & Mary Aungst, fire insurance retainer	2,000.00
6781	Assoc. of Mayors, membership renewal fee	55.00
6782	Mayer & Kehler, air conditioner @ police	299.00
6783	B & S Auto Parts, police repairs	55.64
6784	Lewis T. Moyer, health officer fees	25.00
6785	Petty Cash, allocation	125.00
6786	Morgan's Service Station, police repairs	244.69
6787	Gall's Inc., body armor @ police (Conway)	716.63

6788	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
6789	Newswanger's Lawn & Garden, weedwacker @ highway	299.95
6790	Ehrlich, vegetation management (Swatara Creek)	322.00
6791	Kimberly A. Miller, court stenographer fee	<u>368.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 23,713.63

PLGT FIRE DEPT FUND:

368	Tremont Fire Co. #1, reimb @ repairs to KME	1,785.77
369	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,439.14

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

428	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	218.46
4799	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	279.30
4800	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,017.66
4812	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (June)	40.00
4813	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,197.78
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	<u>245.36</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,998.56

PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

128	Dynamark Securities, cameras (down payment)	467.50
129	James M. Lucas Contractor, down payment @ TACC repairs	1,037.50
130	Allen Wolff Contracting, down payment @ Clay St. bldg.	2,625.00
131	West End Electric, pool pump motor	<u>1,284.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,414.50

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1264	Miller's Dist., concessions	218.15
1265	Pribilla's, paint supplies	113.13
1266	Tri County Pools, chemicals	650.00
1267	Pottsville Environmental, water tests	42.00
1268	Frontier Tele. Co., services	37.07
1269	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>408.27</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,468.62

PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

No Expenditures			<u>-0-</u>
	TOTAL	\$	-0-

POOL BATH HOUSE GRANT ACCOUNT:

004 DCED, return of interest on Grant Close-out Report			<u>83.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$	83.32

There being no further business Adams and Donmoyer motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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