

March 10, 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, George Schaeffer, and Roger M. Adams. Also attending: Mayor William Allar, Secretary Cheryl Mack, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Officer Joseph Kavanaugh, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Reporters: Joan Schwer, Leslie Richardson, and Tim Christman, Fire Chief James Koppenhaver. Citizen: Frederick Scheibley.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Schaeffer and Adams motion to grant the use of the Griffiths Community Room to the Tremont Community Organization on Good Friday, April 10, 2009 for their pizza sale. All in favor.

An invitation to attend a Grant Writing Seminar on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Griffiths Community Room from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and sponsored by Rep. Tim Seip was read.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to have Secretary Mack attend the PSATS Grant Writing Seminar to be held in the Ag Center of Pottsville on Thursday, March 12 from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$ 60.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

An announcement was read from Barb Augustine of the U.S. Census to inform interested applicants that another test will be given on Wednesday, March 11 beginning at 10:30 am. Attendees must bring two forms of identification with them such as passport, driver's license, social security card, or birth certificate, in order to take the test.

A letter was read from Tax Collector Richard Kintzel to notify Council that he will fulfill his current term until December 31, 2009 but will not seek reelection to this position.

No action was taken on Bill DelGesso's faxed request to meet with Council to discuss the CDBG and HOME provisions of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) sent an announcement of their Open Application Period for all project types of their Heritage Area Grants Program. This application period will close on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

No action was taken on NEPA's traffic signal conversion grant program that they are funding on a 50/50 match with participating municipalities.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs noted that Ordinance #2009-3 for LGUDA Debt has been duly advertised so Council could take action on it. After confirmation by Solicitor Hobbs that the adoption of this Ordinance will not legally mandate that Council enter into the agreement with Municipal Energy Managers, Mease and Donmoyer motion to enact Ordinance 2009-03. Roll call vote. All in favor except Adams who voted no.

On this same matter, Solicitor Hobbs discussed the financing options that the

participating banks provided on their bids. The bid requirements were for a \$ 112,200.00 loan for a twenty (20) year term. The four banks that participated and their proposals are as follows: Miners Bank: A fixed rate of 5.40% with a cumulative savings of \$ 107,698.43 over 20 yrs.; Gratz National Bank: A fixed rate of 4.000% the first five years and a variable rate based on the Prime for the remaining fifteen years of term but with a 6.00% Cap and with a cumulative savings of \$ 112,296.43 over 20 yrs.if the 6.00% Cap is used after five years; Fulton Bank: a variable rate beginning at 4.850% for ten years and a 6.00% Cap but requires Full Depository Relationship; and Mid Penn Bank: a variable rate beginning at 4.900% for five years and a Historical Average above the Cap rate of 6.00%. Based on Concord Public Financial's recommendation that the Gratz National Bank proposal will save the Borough more than Miners Bank's 20 year fixed rate even if the Gratz Bank implements the 6.00% Cap from the sixth through the twentieth year of term, Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to accept the Gratz National Bank's proposal. Roll call vote. All in favor except Adams who voted no.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Mindler stated that they are starting to fill potholes with cold patch.

**PROPERTY:** Donmoyer announced that his committee reviewed all bids and awarded the Swimming Pool Restroom Construction Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Superior 3 Construction Co. The bid awarded was for option two the tin rolled shed roof.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Allar acknowledged Officer Kavanaugh's response to an incident perpetrated by an individual under the influence which occurred on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Corner Bar that had the potential for serious injury to himself and others. Kavanaugh subdued the individual and then transported him to the hospital for treatment of his self-inflicted injuries. President Mack also thanked Officer Kavanaugh of a job well done.

Mayor Allar reminded residents that with the warmer weather upon us, they must clean their yards of accumulated dog feces as he will refer all odor complaints from neighbors to our Health Officer.

**LAW & ORDER:** Mease noted that he will set up another Law & Order meeting in the near future.

Chief Conway provided a report for February noting 39 Incidents, 4 Arrests, and 448 miles on the Police cars.

Officer Kavanaugh's report for February noted 45 Incidents, 12 Arrests, 1 Court Hearing, and 498 miles on the Police cars.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Adams noted that he has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 21 for the Public Health & Safety Committee and representatives of the Tremont Fire Co. #1 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Pres. Mack announced a meeting to be held this Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Indiantown Gap in building #8-80 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and sponsored by Rep. Tim Holden for Federal Grant Funding available to volunteer fire departments. Mack stated that he was planning to attend but he wanted to make sure that the Fire Department was aware of the meeting as well so that they could send representatives to the meeting.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** Donmoyer noted that we have had no response to our ad for lifeguards so we need to actively pursue getting lifeguards for the upcoming

operations at our pool in order for it to open.

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

**FINANCE:** Mease noted that he had Secretary Mack call DEP to see when we can expect to receive the Grant Reimbursement on the Stream Cleanout Grant that Sec. Mack closed out in January and we should receive the check by the end of March.

Pres. Mack announced that our audit has been completed by Patton & Lettich and the audit reports are available for public review. Secretary Mack will also place an ad of our audit as required by Borough Code.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Secretary Mack provided Council with the Tremont Borough Open Records Resolution #2009-01 which assures the Borough's compliance of Act 3 of 2008, outlines the Borough's open records policy, appoints Secretary Mack as the Open Records Officer and sets all fees including fees for copies and/or certification of records. Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to adopt Resolution #2009-01. Roll call vote all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Donmoyer discussed a request made by the Tremont Library Board that the Borough pay half the cost of upgrading the electric utility service required for the Library's new computer server and also pay a pro-rated share of the cost of the new server which is \$ 550 per computer used by the Police Department. Donmoyer stated that he will get more information on this matter for detailed discussion at the workshop and action if required at the next meeting.

Mease announced that the Sch. Co. Child Development Agency is very interested in placing a Head Start Program in our building if there are enough eligible students enrolled. Interested parents of three to five year olds should call the enrollment officer, Lori Spotts at 385-3986 extension 223 to see if they qualify.

**RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT:** District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 86.93 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 37.62, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$240.00, Rent (February & March); Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (March); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (February), and \$ 248.16, utility reimb.; Sch. County: \$ 1,895.00, rent (March); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (February),and \$ 263.56 utility reimb. Road & School:\$ 384.73, delinq. R. E. taxes; Bonnie Kupp: \$ 375.00, rent and \$ 7.04, utility reimb.; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 102.90, taxes; Clerk of Courts: \$ 21.90, Vio @ Ordinances; Handicap Signs: \$ 20.00, renewal fees; Berkheimer: \$ 55.00, delinq. Per capita; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (March); Parking Fines: \$ 10.00; Sch. Co.Municipal Auth: \$ 1,500.00, street opening permits; North Central Highway Safety: \$ 118.05, reimbursement; Now account interest \$ 4.33 (February);

TOTAL = \$ 7,463.55

**PLGIT ACCOUNT:** EIT: \$ 10,807.47; LST/OPT: \$ 1,163.85; PLGIT Interest: \$ 35.11, (February);

TOTAL = \$ 12,006.43

PAYROLL: \$ 14,274.60: Transferred from General Account (February); NOW  
Account Interest: \$ .94 (February);  
TOTAL = \$ 14,275.54

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 9.18 (February)  
TOTAL = \$ 9.18

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 24.40 (February);  
TOTAL = \$ 24.40

LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .12, (February);  
TOTAL \$ .12

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 1.28 (February);  
TOTAL = \$ 1.28

POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .03, (February);  
TOTAL = \$ .03

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ .00 (February);  
TOTAL = \$ .00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 19.17 (February);  
TOTAL = \$ 19.17

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .00  
TOTAL = \$ .00

EXPENDITURES: Donmoyer and Mease motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 17,658.12; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 653.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 4,990.41; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 49.46; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ -0-; Highway Aid Fund: \$ -0-; PLGIT General Account: \$ 15,000.00;

EFT Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6633 Pribilla's. supplies	69.76
6634 Berkheimer, services	313.18
6635 Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,879.10
6636 SMA, utilities	358.57
6637 P.P. & L. Co., utilities	4,632.94
6638 Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6639 Frontier Tele. Co., services	262.77
6640 Harleysville Life Ins., council premium	8.59
6641 Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6642 Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21

6643	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6644	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6645	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	346.87
6646	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	383.33
6647	State Workers Ins. Fund, w/c premium inst.	2,795.00
6648	Schuylkill County Treasurer, Per Capita Tax bills	199.04
6649	Sommer's Plumbing, maintenance TACC Boiler	130.26
6650	Morgan's Service Station, repairs Police Bronco	212.49
6651	MetLife, C. Mack annual policy renewal fee	450.80
6652	Miners Bank, safe deposit box rental fee	28.00
6653	Schuylkill County Treasurer, Real Estate tax bills	121.92
6654	Lewis T. Moyer, Health officer fees	50.00
6655	Central Penn Paper, hand towels & garbage bags	70.40
6656	Patton & Lettich, auditor fees	1,900.00
6657	Rileigh's Outdoor Décor, replacement bulbs (Holiday Lights)	415.83
6658	Thompson West, police manual	106.00
6659	Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees	500.00
6660	PSATS, Grant Writing Seminar Tuition	60.00
6661	Antonio Randazzo, dumpster permit retainer	25.00
6662	Void	.00
6663	Carisa's Cleaning, reimb @ vacuum cleaner purchased at Sears	<u>176.12</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 17,658.12

## PLGT FIRE DEPT FUND:

363	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 653.37

## PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

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

## PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	215.59
4733	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,094.36
4734	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	186.20
4742	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (March)	40.00
4743	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,228.44
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	<u>225.82</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,990.41

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1252	Miller's Dist., concessions		30.98
1253	P.P. & L. Co., utilities		<u>18.48</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 49.46

## PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

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

## PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

204	Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer		<u>15,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00

There being no further business Adams and Donmoyer motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

