

January 13, 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 Officer Joseph Kavanaugh, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Reporters: Joan Schwer, and Tim Christman, Fire Hydrant Inspector Tom Schwarz, and Fire Chief James Koppenhaver. Citizens: Frederick Scheibley, and Rahn & Tammy Erdman. Councilman George Schaeffer and Mayor William Allar were absent.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adams and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the December 09, 2008 Budget Hearing and the December 09, 2008 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Tammy Erdman spoke on behalf of the Tremont Fire Co. and requested approval for the use of the ballfield on Friday night, October 23rd for set-up, and all day Saturday, October 24th to host a Family Pumpkin Festival. Activities being considered are a pumpkin carving contest, a petting zoo, a rock climbing wall, a DJ, and food stands. Donmoyer and Mease motion to grant permission to the Fire Co. to use the ballfield on these dates. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: PSAB sent notification of their Robert C. Edwards Foundation scholarships that are available to high school seniors. Applications for consideration of the one \$ 1,000.00 scholarship for our district are available in the Borough office.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to make application for membership to the PA One Call System as required by PA Act 287 of 1974 as amended by Act 121 of 2008. All in favor.

Secretary Mack noted that informational packets were received from the following for consideration of services: Alfred Benesch, Lehigh Engineering, and Dave Erb Contracting for Engineering Services; and Powell, Rodgers, & Speaks for Delinquent Tax Collecting Services. No action was taken as Council does not want to make any changes at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs asked to go into a brief Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. He agreed to wait until prior to the end of the meeting to enter this session.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: It was announced that the Holiday Lights will be taken down on Saturday morning, January 17th by the volunteers and Bill Mindler. C. Mack noted that the Reading & Blue Mountain Railroad filled the potholes along the Main Street tracks with cold patch. John Mease showed the unopened letter that the Secretary sent to the Reading, Northern, & Blue Mountain Railroad by "Certified" mail which was returned because they refused to sign for it. If they do not make the permanent repairs needed in the Spring when the State opens the asphalt plants. Mease recommends that we file a formal complaint with the Public Utility Commission.

PROPERTY: Donmoyer and Mease motion to reject the two previously submitted bids for the pool house construction project due to the bids exceeding the budgeted funding, to make some changes to the original project design, and to readvertise the

amended project for Contractor bids with a Pre-Bid Contractor Meeting date included in the ad. Roll call vote. All in favor. Secretary Mack will send letters to the two Contractors that provided bids.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Conway provided a report for December noting 36 Incidents, 1 arrest, and 322 miles on the Police cars.

Officer Kavanaugh's report for December noted 41 Incidents , no arrests or Court Hearings, and 437 miles on the Police cars.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Adams read a letter from the Tremont Fire Co. # 1 to inform Council that James Koppenhaver was nominated to again serve as their Fire Chief. Adams and Donmoyer motion to appoint James Koppenhaver as the Fire Chief for 2009. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Adams noted that the radio on the KME had a new microphone installed and is now fixed. Koppenhaver presented a quote, not to exceed \$ 3,100.00 from KME Apparatus to repair the MIV valve on the KME. Council will review estimate for the next meeting.

Koppenhaver noted that the department had 7 calls for December.

Tom Schwarz informed Council of the new regulations and reportings under the PPC Program for fire hydrants beginning in 2010. Mr. Schwarz also announced that he has declined the Fire Company's nomination to remain as fire hydrant inspector. Donmoyer asked if another inspector will be nominated and Koppenhaver stated that they will know after their next meeting. President Mack thanked Mr. Schwarz for his service to the Borough in this position.

RECREATION & EDUCATION: Wiscount and Donmoyer motion to advertise for Lifeguards for the upcoming swim season. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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

FINANCE: Norm Lettich provided a quote of not to exceed \$ 1,900.00 to do the Borough's annual audit. Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to authorize Secretary Mack to turn all of the Borough's 2008 Financial records over to Patton & Lettich, CPAS for this audit. Roll call vote. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: At the request for clarification from Betty Huntzinger of the Tremont Library Board, Secretary Mack was authorized to send a letter to the Library and provide them with a priority listing of Borough Representatives that they could contact for any emergencies that may occur at the Library when the Borough Office is closed. The approved listing is #1 William Mindler (Maintenance), #2 Laine Mack Jr. (Council President), and #3 Robert Donmoyer (Property Chairman).

In regard to the recent flooding emergency that did occur at the Library, Donmoyer publically acknowledged his gratitude to William Wiscount for assisting with the clean-up. Mr. Wiscount drove to his home in Minersville to get his own shop vacuum and returned to assist with the clean-up. Secretary Mack was instructed to send a Thank you letter to him.

NEW BUSINESS: A brief discussion was held on the New Open Records law. No action was taken until Secretary Mack can obtain more information from PSAB.

President Mack announced that Rep. Tim Seip now has his Tremont office open every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm., here in our Municipal building.

Donmoyer announced that the Property committee had a meeting with Wayne Stump of the YMCA concerning leasing the lower level classroom as a permanent site for Y activities in our Borough. Mr. Stump will try to get the funding needed to renovate the facility and must budget for the leasing expenses.

Donmoyer also noted that the upper level classroom will be completely renovated when the flooring is finished and will then be available for rent. Secretary Mack will place an ad for interested Lessor's for this space.

President Mack announced that all property owners who are assisting their neighbors with snow removal must be mindful of their other neighbors when piling the snow. Mack states that every year he receives phone calls of complaints from the property owners that are the recipients of these snowpiles. Mindler also asked that snow piles are not placed on the storm drains.

Adams and Wiscount motion to enter into an Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss a legal matter with Solicitor Hobbs. All in favor.

Adams and Donmoyer motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. All in favor.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 272.56 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 46.06, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$120.00, Rent (December); Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (January); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (December), \$ 35.00, reimb. @ room sign, and \$ 173.26, utility reimb.; Richard Kintzel: \$ 455.33, Real Estate taxes and \$ 16.50, Per Capita; Sch. County: \$ 1,895.00, rent (January); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (December), \$ 103.82 reimb. @ PPL utilities; Road & School: \$ 2,172.99, delinq. R. E. taxes; Frailey Twp.: \$ 3,168.75, reimb. @ Police services (October & November); Bonnie Kupp: \$ 100.00, rent @ Dance Recital, and \$ 9.39, reim. @ util.; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 303.80, taxes; Clerk of Courts: \$ 1,270.40; Handicap Signs: \$ 50.00, renewal fees; T.C.O.: \$ 525.00, reimb. @ mixer; Historical Society: \$ 300.00, rent (1st Qtr. 2009) Kid's Klub: \$ 50.00, rent (Community Room); Parking Meters: \$ 323.30, collections; PLGIT: \$ 788.00, reimb.; Now Account Interest \$ 9.36 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 14,181.85

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 7,936.31; LST/OPT: \$ 1,165.98; State Police Fines: \$ 772.38; Interest: \$ 86.69, (December);

TOTAL = \$ 9,961.36

PAYROLL: \$ 14,747.42: Transferred from General Account (December); NOW Account Interest: \$.91 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 14,748.33

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 18.66 (December)

TOTAL = \$ 18.66

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 42.26 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 42.26

LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.20, (December);

TOTAL \$.20

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.70 (December);

TOTAL = \$.70

POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$.05, (December);

TOTAL = \$.05

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 522.14 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 522.14

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 44.37 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 44.37

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 24.96 (4th Quarter)

TOTAL = \$ 24.96

EXPENDITURES: Mease and Wiscount motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 17,052.18; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 683.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,261.78; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 129.76; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 415.00; PLGIT General Account: \$ 20,000.00;

EFT Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6577 Pribilla's. supplies	37.73
6578 Berkheimer, services	172.56
6579 Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,879.10
6580 SMA, utilities	358.57
6581 P.P. & L. Co., utilities	4,355.81
6582 P.P. & L. Co., Holiday lighting	574.74
6583 Frontier Tele. Co., services	240.75
6584 Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6585 Harleysville Life Ins., council premium	8.59
6586 Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6587 Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6588 SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6589 Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6590 Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	291.78
6591 Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	2,624.98
6592 Central Penn Paper, supplies	80.45
6593 H. A. Thompson, Prop. Ins.	190.00
6594 B & S Auto, repairs	32.05
6595 Staples, police shredder	159.99
6596 South Sch. Publishing, ad for 2009 Meeting dates	84.80
6597 State Workers Ins. Fund, w/c premium inst.	2,795.00

6598	PBCA, membership renewal	25.00
6599	NASASP, membership renewal	39.00
6600	PSAB, yearbook & listing	40.00
6601	Peifer's Fire Protection, fire extinguisher maintenance	221.63
6602	Light-Heigel & Assoc., surveyor fees	177.50
6603	Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees	<u>500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 17,052.18

PLGT FIRE DEPT FUND:

358	Mar's Diesel, repairs @ truck	30.00
359	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 683.37

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	194.84
4698	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	1,989.02
4699	HAB-LST, 4 th Quarter tax report	68.60
4700	PSAB U/C Plan, 4 th Quarter tax report	.96
4701	HAB-EIT, 4 th Quarter tax report	460.31
4702	PA UC Fund, Quarter tax report	27.35
4709	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (January)	40.00
4710	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,251.62
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	<u>229.08</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,261.78

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1247	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	18.53
1248	Miller's Dist., concessions	<u>111.23</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 129.76

PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

117	Bashore's Restaurant Equip., door mat	210.80
118	B & D Contracting, electrical repairs	415.00
119	Keystone Steam Clean, stage curtain cleaning	<u>600.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,225.80

PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

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

There being no further business Adams and Donmoyer motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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