

September 08, 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, Roger M. Adams and Gerald Fasnacht. Also attending: Mayor William Allar, Secretary Cheryl Mack, Police Officer Joseph Kavanaugh, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Road Supervisor William Mindler, was absent. Also attending were: Reporters: Joan Schwer, and Tim Christman, and Citizens: Frederick Scheibley, Sally Kintzel, Philip & Jane Kintzel, and Dale Marks. Fire Chief James Koppenhaver and James Kintzel and Emery Herb of the "Little Cardinals" organization entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Dale Marks asked why the "No Parking" is not being enforced along the stone wall on School Street. He stated that when cars are parked along said wall during the "Little Cardinal" football practices the property owners cannot enter or exit their garages with vehicles. Mayor Allar stated that he will have the police patrol this area for violators.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Kintzel & Steele families submitted another letter of complaint about the undeveloped Graver-Koch property behind their properties causing water run-off damage to their properties. President Mack said that Council is looking into the possibility of having two other property owners that got ownership of Spruce Street when it was abandoned by the Borough at said property owner's request to see if they would each give the Borough an easement to put a line through their property where Spruce Street once was located. A meeting will be arranged between all property owners involved in this matter to try to resolve this ongoing complaint.

Adams and Griffiths motion to enact Resolution #2009-05 for Earned Income Tax Collection which designates Laine Mack Jr. as the voting member and John Mease and Bob Donmoyer as the First and Second alternates who will attend upcoming meetings held by the Schuylkill County Commissioners. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to allow the U.S. Census Bureau to use the Griffiths Community Room during the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup> to hold training classes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roll call vote. All in favor.

An invitation was received from the Schuylkill County Borough's Association for the Fall Dinner Meeting to be held at the McAdoo VFW on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Griffiths and Fasnacht and their spouses plan to attend.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Of the three contractors that spoke with Bill Mindler about our anticipated repair project for both Ferg and Church Streets, only two chose to participate. Landis Deck & Sons bid was \$ 5,699.40 and Tropp Contracting bid was \$ 2,450.00. Kauffman Paving did not present a bid. Mindler asked that an allowance be made on each bid for a small section of rolled curbing for West Line

Street that was not included on either bid quote. Since Tropp Contracting was the lowest bidder, Mease motioned that the award be given to Tropp Contracting with the final cost not to exceed \$ 3,000.00 with the addition of the rolled curbing for West Line Street. Adams made a second to this motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer noted that some of the new sidewalks on Crescent Street that were put in last year under the HUD Grant Project seem to be breaking up and he thinks the contractor should be notified to see if there is any type of warranty on them. Pres. Mack stated that he would have Mindler look into this matter when he returns from vacation.

Griffiths noted that Mindler did a good job widening a small section of Cherry Street.

**PROPERTY:** Donmoyer also stated that Jim Lucas has completed the installation of the new exterior steel door to the Library/Police station entrance of the TACC building and he did a really good job on it. This project completes all of the previously scheduled projects being funded through the Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Griffiths endowment and since there is still a small balance of funding remaining in the account, Donmoyer will schedule a meeting with his property committee to see how best to spend it.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Allar noted that he contacted the Fire Department to see if they would inspect the two buses filled with used tires that was brought to his attention at last month's meeting to see if this type of tire storage creates a fire hazard. He is awaiting their report. The Mayor also noted that he received junk/abandoned vehicle ordinances from several other municipalities for the Law & Order committee to review so that Council can enact an Ordinance to adequately address this situation. Mayor Allar requested that the Finance Committee add an expenditure of \$ 45.00 per month for the Police Department to cover the cost of adding JNET service to the mobile computers when working on next year's budget. The Mayor and the Police will take any information that the public can provide to assist the PA State Police in investigating the robbery at Kreiser's Quik Stop service station last week. Mayor Allar asked for a brief Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Since no action is required by Council at this time, it was agreed to have this Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting prior to adjourning.

**LAW & ORDER:** No report was provided by Chief Conway for August.

Kavanaugh's report for August noted 33 Incidents, 7 Arrests, 4 Court Hearings, and 411 miles on the police cars.

Chairman Mease will schedule a meeting of his Law & Order committee and the Mayor to choose which ordinance will best address the junk and abandoned vehicles located on private property.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Koppenhaver noted that the Fire department responded to 4 calls in August. Adams announced that the Fire department will host their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. Secretary Mack will obtain approval from PennDOT to close down the section of Main Street (SR 209) used as the parade route.

Health officer Lewis Moyer provided the Borough with a passing inspection report for the Corner Bar which is required prior to licensing renewal.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** Griffiths noted that the pool closed for the season and Carl Wiscount and Scott Fisher took care of draining the pool and disconnecting the pump and motor to store for the winter months.

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

**FINANCE:** Mease and Donmoyer motion to authorize the lease with Child Development, Inc. for rental of Classroom #16 in the Clay Street School Building for two days per month at a cost of \$ 65.00 per day. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to approve the By-Laws of the Central Schuylkill Council of Government (COG). All in favor.

Fasnacht and Griffiths motion to adopt Ordinance #2009-04 to Establish the Central Schuylkill COG and listing Tremont Borough as a charter member. Roll call vote. All in favor. The \$ 100.00 annual membership fee has been included on this month's expenditures and will be paid at the meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Secretary Mack provided Council with a listing of available lock-in oil pricing for the upcoming season. The pricing is as follows: Aabbots Oil = \$2.199, Barto's Oil = \$2.35, Emil Rarick Oil = \$1.99, and Jack Rich Oil = \$2.459. Morgan Oil, Quality Heating Oil, Agway Oil, and Shuey & Hoffman Oil were contacted but chose not to participate this year. After much discussion on this matter and noting that today's price of oil is \$2.19, Mease and Griffiths motion to lock-in 5,000 gallons of oil with Emil Rarick Oil at a cost of \$1.99. Roll call vote. All in favor.

James Kintzel of the Little Cardinals Association spoke on behalf of his organization and the Tremont Little League to present an outline of anticipated improvements that they would like to make at the Clay Street ballfield if an agreement can be reached concerning it's usage by both groups. Their first improvement will be to remove some of the pine trees at the west end of the field and the tree stumps at the south and east ends of the field. They will erect a four foot high chain link fence with two eight foot gates for emergency vehicles to access the field as a life flight landing site. Griffiths asked if the field will be available for use by residents of the Borough as he does not ever want any child from Tremont to be denied access to the field for play, even if they are not associated with the sports organizations making the field improvements. Kintzel assured Griffiths that a pedestrian gate will remain unlocked at all times and the field will be accessible to the public. The reasoning for enclosing the field with a fence is to prevent any further vandalism done to the field by vehicles during the night. Kintzel asked for approval for the Little Cardinals to place portable generators on the field to provide lighting until the end of practice at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Tentative approval was given until it is determined whether these generators cause too much noise disturbance for residents that live around the field. Borough Council wants to maintain control of the field with this agreement and not have either sports group be able to prevent other groups from using the field. Representatives of both organizations will attend the October 6<sup>th</sup> Borough Council workshop meeting to discuss the agreement and future plans for upgrades.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to enter into an Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. All in favor. Adams and Donmoyer motion to leave the Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

**RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT:** District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 123.33 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 19.37, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent

(September); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (August) and \$ 573.62, utilities (May, June, & July); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (August) and \$ 89.76, utilities (May, June, & July); Road & School: \$ 828.30, delinq. R. E. taxes; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 313.60, taxes; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (September); Richard Kintzel: \$ 585.22, real estate taxes and \$ 38.50, Per Capita taxes; Senior Citizens: \$ 120.00, rent (August); Frailey Twp: \$ 1,760.45, reimb; Berkheimer: \$ 385.00, collections; Tremont Historical Society: \$ 300.00, rent @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Qrt.; Tremont Community Band: \$ 600.00, annual rent; Jodi Reed: \$ 50.00, damage reimbursement; Parking Fines: \$ 25.00, collections; Schuylkill County: \$ 3,790.00, rent (July & August); Dumpster Permits: \$ 125.00, fees; YMCA: \$ 377.00, rent; PA Liquor Control Board: \$ 850.00, license revenue; George Schaeffer: \$ 50.00, Community room rent; Misc. Revenue: \$ 40.00, tax verification; NOW Account Interest \$ 2.54 (August);

TOTAL = \$ 13,140.02

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 16,611.04; LST: \$ 3,650.96; PLGIT Interest: \$ 41.52 (August); TOTAL = \$ 20,303.52

PAYROLL: \$ 17,849.56: Transferred from General Account (August); NOW Account Interest: \$ .68 (August); TOTAL = \$ 17,850.24

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 5.96 (August) TOTAL = \$ 5.96

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 16.85 (August); TOTAL = \$ 16.85

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .05, (August); TOTAL = \$ .05

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .85 (August); TOTAL = \$ .85

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .01, (August); TOTAL = \$ .01

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 1,352.50 (August); TOTAL = \$ 1,352.50

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 3.80 (August) TOTAL = \$ 3.80

EXPENDITURES: Adams and Donmoyer motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 24,465.32; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 1,650.29; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,504.33; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 1,301.01; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 1,037.50; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,000.00; PLGIT General Account: \$ 20,000.00;

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
6815	Mary Ellen Haring, dumpster retainer	25.00
6816	Richard Kintzel, reimb. @ tax certification	40.00
6817	Richard Kintzel, dumpster retainer	25.00

6818	Cassandra Fritz, dumpster retainer	25.00
6819	Pribilla's, supplies	77.71
6820	Berkheimer, services	813.77
6821	Capital Blue Cross, insurance	2,587.42
6822	SMA, utilities	358.57
6823	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,846.65
6824	Frontier Tele. Co., services	222.14
6825	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6826	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6827	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6828	Schuylkill County Borough's Assoc., dues	25.00
6829	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6830	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6831	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	553.56
6832	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	58.29
6833	SWIF, work comp. inst.	2,388.00
6834	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
6835	Sherwin-Williams, curbing paint	87.95
6836	Morgan's Service Station, dump trk. inspect. & repairs	57.95
6837	Newswanger's Lawn & Garden, blade @ weedwacker	40.09
6838	Carisa's Cleaning Service, reimb. @ vacuum cleaner	60.56
6839	Chicago Mounts, police supplies	346.01
6840	Central Schuylkill COG, membership dues	100.00
6841	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
6842	Emil Rarick Fuel Delivery, lock-in @ 5,000 gal. fuel oil	<u>9,950.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 24,465.32

## PLGT FIRE DEPT FUND:

372	Glick Fire Equip. Co., repairs to KME	996.92
373	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,650.29

## PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

431	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	245.51
4872	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,152.46
4873	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	186.20
4879	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (September)	40.00
4880	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	1,988.36

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	204.34
4881	HAB-LST, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Report	68.60
4882	PA Unemp. Comp Fund, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Report	28.27
4883	PSAB U/C Plan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Report	111.36
4884	HAB-EIT, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Report	<u>479.23</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,504.33

PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

134	James Lucas General Contractor, TACC. bldg. door	<u>1,037.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,037.50

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1278	Pottsville Environmental, water tests	63.00
1279	Frontier Tele. Co., services	29.66
1280	DEW Electric, inspection	383.65
1281	West End Electric, repairs @ pool pump	377.12
1282	Miller's, concessions	62.83
1283	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>384.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,301.01

PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

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

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

