

April 13, 2010

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., Robert Donmoyer, Gene Griffiths, Gerald Fasnacht, and Scott Fisher. Also attending: Secretary Cheryl Mack, Mayor Bill Allar, Chief Michael Conway, Road Supervisor William Mindler, and Solicitor Christopher Hobbs. Citizens attending were: Frederick Scheibley, and Kelly, Emily, & Allison Fisher. Reporter: Joan Schwer. Martin Hoover entered at 7:15 pm.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the March 09, 2010 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to allow Bonnie Kupp to rent the gym on two separate occasions at a cost of \$100 for each use. The first date is May 29th from 8:00 am to 4 pm to hold a fundraising competition for her students, after which she presents them with awards. The second date is on Thursday, June 3rd from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for her students to perform in their Spring Recital. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to allow the Tremont Community Band to use the gym to perform their annual Memorial Concert on Saturday, May 29th from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm .Roll call vote. All in favor. The band will also be performing at the Borough's Memorial Day service sponsored by the T.C.O. at the Robert "Pete" Wiscount Veteran's Memorial Park on Sunday, May 30th.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to allow Rep. Tim Seip to use the Griffiths Community Room on Thursday, September 2nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to host an "Older & Wiser" seminar for senior residents of his Legislative District. Roll call vote. All in favor. Areas of discussion for Senior Citizens will be Protection thru Power of Attorney and Living Wills, Dealing Effectively with a Health Care Facility, Understanding retirement benefits, Learning about Last Wills and Living Trusts, Predatory Lending and Older Adults, and the Department of Aging on Long Term Care.

Correspondence was read from Frackville Mayor Kim Phillips requesting fire police on two separate occasions. This request was given to John Kohr of the the Tremont Fire company for their revue.

No action was taken on the correspondence from the Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board as the Borough does not have any projects eligible for the grant funding that they are offering.

Donmoyer and Fisher motion to grant permission to Fritz Spokas of the U.S. Census to use the Borough meeting room on short notice for periods of approximately 1 ½ hours to train additional enumerators as the need arises. All in favor.

Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to allow the Tremont American Legion Auxiliary to rent the gymnasium for \$ 100.00 on Saturday, June 26th for a Chinese Auction fundraiser. Roll call vote. All in favor.

An invitation to all elected officials was read from Sen. David Argall to attend a

summit on addressing specific flooding issues in local communities. This question and answer session will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Pottsville DEP headquarters. Borough council will try to have someone attend on the Borough's behalf.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs requested a brief executive session to discuss a legal matter. Since no action will be required it was agreed to wait until all other agenda items are completed before going into the executive session.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: The street department will only pick up ashes once a week, on Mondays beginning on April 19th.

PROPERTY: Jillian Mullen of the Schuylkill Community Education Council responded to the Borough's proposed lease agreement. She stated that her board would be willing to pay all utilities and the approximate annual \$ 4,700.00 cost of the T1 internet required for operation of the site for one year until it is determined whether there is enough interest in this area for these training classes. If successful, a rental lease can be entered into at that time. After some discussion, Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to offer a six month trial period to the SCEC before renegotiating a rental agreement. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Council discussed the State inspectors requested repairs to the TACC building's boiler that is required prior to issuing the Certificate of Operation. Several price quotes will be obtained for these repairs to determine whether the anticipated costs will require advertising for sealed bids.

The Tremont Community Organization has volunteered to pay all costs associated with replacing the sidewalk in front of the Robert "Pete" Wiscount Veteran's Memorial Park on East Main Street if Council authorizes the Borough workers to remove the old sidewalk and assist with framing and pouring the new one prior to their scheduled Memorial Day Service. Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to approve this request. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer reminded Council that the floor in the magistrate's office still needs to be replaced. Also, Bill will replace the last old style door as soon as his schedule allows.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for March noting 14 Incidents, 1 hearing, and no arrests. Officer Joseph Kavanaugh's report for March noted 34 Incidents, 1 Court Hearing, and 3 arrests.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Fisher stated that he will be contacting the Fire Department to see why several members quit last month.

RECREATION: Chairman Fisher reported that he spoke with all three of last seasons lifeguards and they are planning to come back for this swim season. He also had Secretary Mack order all the chemicals and the paint for the pool. When the paint arrives he will be looking for volunteers to assist with the painting. Secretary Mack noted that the IU students will be coming this Thursday to paint the bath house and parts of the foundation at the front of the building. Secretary Mack will order pizzas for the student work crews lunch and pay for it with petty cash.

Fisher also noted that he spoke with Wayne Stump of the YMCA concerning the monies owed for use of the gymnasium. Mr. Stump promised to remit payment. Fisher will follow up on this if we do not receive a check in the next few days.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Donmoyer and Fisher motion to accept the report as

prepared by C. Mack. Roll call vote. All in favor.

FINANCE: Fisher and Donmoyer motion to authorize Secretary Mack to transfer \$14,750.00 (the equivalent of one mill of taxes as budgeted) from our General Account into the Fire Department's account. Roll call vote. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: L. Mack stated that he attended the Little Cardinals meeting and they have approved and signed the agreement for use of the ballfield. The agreement needs to be signed by the Little League Association and then it will be returned to the Borough. On this same matter, a discussion was held on adopting or amending an ordinance to designate No Parking on one side of Cherry Street, School Street, and Athletic Alley.

NEW BUSINESS: J. Fasnacht made a public acknowledgement of Marlin Hoff's generosity. Mr. Hoff paid to have the tree stump on the North side of the Clay Street building carved with a Tremont logo. Borough Council was unanimous in their appreciation of this gift.

Since Martin Hoover entered the meeting late he was allowed to voice his concerns at this time. Mr. Hoover requested that Council again look into several concerns that he has about the Sharpshooter property. Mr. Hoover claims that people are entering the vacant structure late at night and partying. He stated that the Borough police are not on duty when these parties are occurring. Mr. Hoover said that he wants to purchase the property but the County Tax office told him they need a copy of the letter that the Borough received from Rachel Lucas' attorney. Solicitor Hobbs explained to Mr. Hoover that neither the Borough nor the County tax office can sell the property as it is in the delinquent tax system. The Tax Office must allow a specific amount of time for any of the property owners to pay all of the delinquent taxes before it can be included in the upset sheriff's sale. Mr. Hoover also complained about the "No Parking" not being enforced on one side of Union Street as posted. Cars are parking on both sides of the street creating a bottleneck. L. Mack stated that the prior mayor eased up on the parking restriction due to the bridge being closed. Mayor Allar will review this complaint and possibly have the police notify the residents that the "No Parking" will be enforced.

President L. Mack discussed whether it would behoove some Council representatives to attend a school board meeting to discuss whether some small community projects, such as painting the fence at the TACC building could be done by students needing to complete their required community service project hours. He also stated that Council should look into having a Junior Council representative. He will review this matter for further discussion.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$227.92 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$55.13, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$200.00, rent (April), and \$1,027.00, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (March); Road & School: \$324.73, delinq. Real estate taxes; Bonnie Kupp: \$375.00, rent @ gym (March), and \$20.00, rent @ classroom; Sch. Co. Child Dev.: \$130.00, rent (March); Real Estate Transfers: \$308.70, taxes; Sch. Volleyball: \$75.00, gym rent; Tremont Seniors: \$120.00, rent (March); Berkheimer: \$92.28, delinq. Per capita; EMC Insurance: \$2,643.87, insurance claim (police car); Behr Paints: \$80.00, rebate; Carolyn Folta: \$21,685.31, real estate taxes & \$823.20, Per Capita taxes; Frailey Twp.:

\$1,544.05, reimb. @ Police & \$1,557.40, reimb. @ road salt; Dumpster Permits: \$50.00; NOW Account Interest \$ 5.13 (March);

TOTAL = \$ 32,218.05

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 12,007.59; LST: \$ 3,125.12; PLGIT Interest: \$ 1.02 (March);

TOTAL = \$ 15,133.73

PAYROLL: \$ 17,397.90: Transferred from General Account (March); NOW Account Interest: \$ 1.06 (March);

TOTAL = \$ 17,398.96

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$.12 (March)

TOTAL = \$.12

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Penn DOT: \$34,274.92, annual liquid fuels allocation; Interest: \$3.41 (March)

TOTAL = \$34,278.33

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.01, (March);

TOTAL = \$.01

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.85 (March);

TOTAL = \$.85

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$.00, (March);

TOTAL = \$.00

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$.00 (March);

TOTAL = \$.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$.21 (March)

TOTAL = \$.21

EXPENDITURES: Donmoyer and Fisher motion to approve the payment of the following expenditures: Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 24,160.70; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 3,272.32; Payroll Fund: \$ 9,197.43; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 92.81; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,113.83; Clay St. Bldg. Fund: -0-; PLGIT General Account: -0-

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
7025	Sch. Co. Boroughs Assoc., membership dues	25.00
7026	William W. Lowe, Arbitrator's fee	600.00
7027	Horning's Amish Furniture, deposit on swing set	1,000.00
7028	Gerald Fasnacht, reimb. @ tree removal fee	150.00
7029	Pribilla's, supplies	78.03
7030	Berkheimer, services	326.68
7031	Capital Blue Cross, monthly premium	2,587.42
7032	SMA, utilities	358.97

7033	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,364.17
7034	Direct Energy, utilities @ January & February	4,834.41
7035	Frontier Tele. Co., services	198.76
7036	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
7037	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
7038	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
7039	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
7040	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
7041	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	352.56
7042	SWIF, work comp. inst.	2,426.00
7043	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
7044	South Schuylkill Publishing, ad @ audit results	130.00
7045	Gall's, police uniforms (Kavanaugh)	122.00
7046	B & S Auto Parts, battery @ lawn mower	26.75
7047	H. A. Thompson, property insurance (3 rd inst.)	2,224.00
7048	PSAB, membership fee	25.00
7049	PA Boro Council Assoc. (PBCA) , membership fee	25.00
7050	Patterson Block Co., pavers @ planters	475.05
7051	Ken's Tire, tire @ police car	165.66
7052	Home Depot, paint @ bathhouse	79.00
7053	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
7054	Sage, accounting software renewal fee	599.99
7055	Voided Check	.00
7056	Direct Energy, utilities @ March	<u>1,209.60</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 24,160.70

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

384	Mars Diesel, repairs @ KME	2,618.95
385	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,272.32

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

448	M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,000.00
449	Eastern Industries, cold patch	<u>113.83</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,113.83

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	218.66
5043	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,039.78
5044	PSAB U/C Plan, 1 st Qtr. Tax return	712.30
5045	PA UC Fund, 1 st Qtr. Tax return	36.60
5046	HAB-EIT, 1 st Qtr Tax return	471.67

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5047	HAB-LST, 1 st Qtr Tax return	58.80
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	259.52
5057	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (April)	48.00
5058	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax	2,371.80
5059	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	281.08
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	265.73
5069	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>2,433.49</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 9,197.43

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1295	Miller's , concessions	81.73
1296	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	5.14
1297	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>5.94</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 92.81

There being no further business Griffiths and Fisher motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

