

April 08, 2008

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, Roger M. Adams, and George Schaeffer. Also attending: Secretary Cheryl Mack, Mayor William Allar, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Chief Michael Conway, Officer Joseph Kavanaugh. Reporter Stephanie LaSota and citizens Fred Scheibley, Gail Graver, LaDawn Schaeffer, George Schaeffer Jr., and Shelly Buffington.

Donmoyer and Schaeffer motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2008 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** LaDawn Schaeffer questioned Council and the Mayor if the Police are allowed to reveal the names of those persons who filed a complaint to the individuals that the citizens make a complaint about. Mrs. Schaeffer's son George, on behalf of several families of Clay Street, talked to Chief Conway about whether it is legal for lawn tractors to be driven on Borough streets as there are several kids riding up and down Clay Street at all times of the day and evenings causing noise disturbances and a dangerous situation for motorists. George's name was provided to the perpetrators which Mrs. Schaeffer does not feel is right.

Gail Graver asked Council if they were aware that the TriValley Pharmacy was closing their Tremont location on April 25th. L. Mack and Mease stated that they have opened a dialogue with the owner of the pharmacy to see how the Borough can assist him to keep the pharmacy in town.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board sent notification of their current amount of funding of \$259,585.00 that is available for distribution to eligible County Municipalities to develop "affordable housing efforts" within their communities. On this same matter, Judy Graver of Endless Mountain Community Grant Services submitted a request that Council authorize her to apply for a \$ 5,000.00 grant from the Sch. Co. Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board to put with her Home Program Account to upgrade eligible Borough senior citizen's residence. This authorization also requires a Resolution to be passed. Mease and Schaeffer motion to authorize the grant application and enact Resolution #2008-01 to show the Borough's support of this grant funding. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Adams and Donmoyer motion to accept P.P. & L's offer of one free recycling kit for compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). All in favor.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Due to Solicitor Hobb's absence and as per his request, Mease motioned that Council approve a settlement to James and Sharon Kimmel of an amount not to exceed \$ 3,500.00 to be held in Escrow subject to the signing of a Mutual Release and the recording of an Easement Agreement in order to settle a legal matter. Schaeffer seconded this motion. Donmoyer asked for a clarification as to the easement agreements of the other Cherry Alley property owners and was assured that they would also be signed. Roll call vote. All in favor.

On this same matter, Mease and Wiscount motion to authorize our surveyor from Light-Heigel to prepare the easement descriptions for the other Cherry Alley property owners' agreements. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** PennDOT sent notification that our 2008 Liquid Fuels allocation of \$ 36,654.95 would be deposited into our PLGIT Highway Aid account on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

J. Mease asked that our minutes reflect that the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority was notified of the upcoming road project and the need for the authority to make any necessary repairs to their utility lines or to repair or replace the risers on the streets that are being repaved.

**PROPERTY:** Adams and Donmoyer motion to purchase a 6" x 16" bronze plaque with ½" raised lettering as quoted by E.T. Trophy Shop at a cost of \$ 435.00 for placement in the Lewis "Lul" & Ida Griffiths Community Room to designate it as same. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer reported on his discussion with Bonnie Kupp concerning her request to lease the gymnasium on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for her dance school's annual recital. Ms. Kupp is willing to use the gym in it's current state of construction if Council approves. Donmoyer and Adams motion to lease the gym to Bonnie Kupp for this recital. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** At the Mayor's suggestion, Adams and Donmoyer motion to purchase a bullet proof safety vest for Chief Conway. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mayor Allar discussed a Bike Rodeo that is being planned by Florence Monger and the U.C.C. Church for Sunday- May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. He suggested that the location for this rodeo be held on the parking area of the Clay Street School building as it would be safer than in the church parking lot on Spring Street. Schaeffer and Adams motion to allow the use of the Borough property for this Bike Rodeo. Roll call vote. All in favor.

The Police Department has provided a list of all residents and businesses that currently have dumpsters on their properties. The Police have notified each of them about the Dumpster permit requirement and will follow up on this matter after the grace period has passed that these property owners were given to either have the dumpster removed or a permit secured.

Chief Conway received a request from resident Gene Perkins Jr. to post no parking signs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on both sides of West Main Street from Pine Street to Miner Street and possibly from Pine Street to Hotel Street for the Ride for Autism that he is hosting on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. L. Mack suggested that due to the restaurant on the block from Pine Street to Hotel Street that it's parking remain open and the lot at the TACC building on Pine Street be used for the overflow parking needed. Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to post these no parking signs from Pine Street to Miner Street and allow the use of the TACC building lot for the overflow parking. All in favor.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Conway presented a written report for March noting 14 incidents, 3 arrests, and no court appearance. His report also noted that he was off shift that month for 9 vacation days, 2 holidays, and 2 police training classes. Officer Kavanaugh presented a written report noting 43 incidents, 20 arrests, and no court hearings. Officer Kavanaugh also completed the 2 police training classes.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Adams gave report for Chief Kopenhagen. The department responded to 17 calls in March. Eleven of those calls were for pumping homes during last months heavy rain event. Adams also discussed the issue of the fire

siren on the hill needing major repairs. It needs a new deck and a new electrical service and is currently not working at all, however the other siren is working. Council did not take any action on this issue until a cost of repairs could be determined and possibly grant monies applied for to cover these repairs.

RECREATION & EDUCATION: Wiscount noted that the pool slide was ordered from the manufacturer and we should receive it in approximately three or four weeks. Wiscount placed in the form of a motion the request to purchase paint at an estimated cost of \$ 1,500.00 to repaint the pool and all of the chemicals and supplies to operate the pool for the season at an estimated cost of \$ 700.00. Donmoyer seconded this motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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

FINANCE: The 2007 Audit has been completed by Norm Lettich of Patton & Lettich Accountants with no abnormalities found. This audit information has been duly published in the Press Herald within ten days of receiving the report as required. Each Councilman is being provided a copy of the audit and copies will be held on file in the Borough office for public review.

OLD BUSINESS: Mease noted that Scott Stroupauer has completed the repairs to the damaged creek walls using the pre-cast block.

NEW BUSINESS: Mease and Schaeffer motion to purchase ten (10) of the Quandel cement blocks for placement along a section of the Goodspring Creek to alleviate the flooding risks in that area. Roll call vote. All in favor.

RECEIPTS:GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 22.62, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 110.46, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$80.00, Rent (Mar.); Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (Apr.); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (Mar); Richard Kintzel: \$ 14,557.47, Real Estate taxes and \$ 607.60, Per Capita; Sch. County Court: \$ 60.04, Vio, @ Ordinances; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 559.42, taxes; Berkheimer: \$ 27.50, delinquent Per Capita; PEMA: \$ 59.51, Ivan reimb.; Jeff Graver: \$ 50.00, restitution; Parking Meters: \$ 175.00, collections; Dumpster Permit: \$ 50.00; NOW Account Interest \$ 3.95 (Mar);

TOTAL = \$ 17,436.90

PLGIT: EIT: \$ 17,548.70; EMS/OPT: \$ 1,632.48; Interest: \$ 164.95, (Mar);

TOTAL = \$ 19,346.13

PAYROLL: \$ 15,215.74: Transferred from General Account (Mar.); NOW Account Interest: \$ .98 (Mar.);

TOTAL = \$ 15,216.72

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 22.97 (Mar.);

TOTAL = \$ 22.97

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest:\$ 19.28 (Mar.);

TOTAL = \$ 19.28

LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 43.97, (Mar);  
TOTAL \$ 43.97

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 468.40 (Mar);  
TOTAL = \$ 468.40

POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .07, (Mar.);  
TOTAL = \$ .07

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 102.00 (Mar.);  
TOTAL = \$ 102.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 124.45 (Mar);  
TOTAL = \$ 124.45

EXPENDITURES: Donmoyer and Wiscount motion to approve payment of the following expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 17,442.16; Highway Aid: -0-; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 653.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 6,279.21; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 161.37; PLGIT General Account Fund: -0-; PLGIT Landfill Account Fund: \$ 9,610.00;

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| EFT  | Yahoo, website fee                              | 12.94    |
| 6305 | Capital Blue Cross, monthly                     | 1,034.09 |
| 6306 | SMA, utilities                                  | 358.57   |
| 6307 | P.P. & L. Co., utilities                        | 3,987.40 |
| 6308 | Frontier Tele. Co., services                    | 261.24   |
| 6309 | Tremont Library, internet fees                  | 20.00    |
| 6310 | Harleysville Life Ins., council premium         | 8.59     |
| 6311 | Potts & Monger, garbage removal                 | 60.00    |
| 6312 | Mid Penn Bank, loan                             | 873.21   |
| 6313 | SMA, sewer utilities                            | 90.00    |
| 6314 | Ehrlich, monthly service fee                    | 105.00   |
| 6315 | Kreiser's Fuel, monthly                         | 387.03   |
| 6316 | Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees               | 724.62   |
| 6317 | Thyssen-Krupp, elevator repairs                 | 2,242.50 |
| 6318 | H.A. Thompson, property insurance installment   | 2,061.00 |
| 6319 | Ken's Tires, tires @ police car                 | 328.00   |
| 6320 | Central Penn Paper, supplies                    | 104.25   |
| 6321 | Sch. Co. Treasurer, real estate tax bills       | 122.08   |
| 6322 | Patton & Lettich, auditor fees                  | 1,800.00 |
| 6323 | Werner Lumber Co., repairs                      | 26.56    |
| 6324 | Home Depot Credit, supplies                     | 202.00   |
| 6325 | Sommer's Plumbing & Heating, repairs @ TACC     | 315.00   |
| 6326 | Pottsville Republican, notice @ 2008b Road Work | 170.10   |

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| 6327 | Berkheimer, services                              | 585.58       |
| 6328 | James Quandel & Sons, cement @ creek wall repairs | 985.00       |
| 6329 | Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees         | 450.00       |
| 6330 | Fehr Supply, supplies                             | 82.15        |
| 6331 | Tremont Postmaster, stamps                        | <u>45.25</u> |
|      | TOTAL   | \$ 17,442.16 |

FIRE DEPT FUND:

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| 344 | VCLF, truck loan | <u>653.37</u> |
|     | TOTAL            | \$ 653.37     |

PAYROLL FUND:

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| EFT  | PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax                      | 224.02        |
| 4517 | Minersville Safe Deposit Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit | 2,222.40      |
| 4518 | Powell, Rogers, & Speaks, wage attachment                  | 287.00        |
| 4525 | HAB-EIT, 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr, Earned Income Tax            | 409.24        |
| 4526 | PA UC Fund, 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Employee Withholdings  | 24.04         |
| 4527 | HAB-LST, 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Local Services Tax        | 58.80         |
| 4528 | PSAB U/C Plan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Unemployment Comp      | 565.74        |
| 4529 | FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (Apr.)                | 40.00         |
| 4530 | Minersville Safe Deposit Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit | 2,224.36      |
| EFT  | PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax                      | <u>223.61</u> |
|      | TOTAL  | \$ 6,279.21   |

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

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| 1198 | Miller's Dist., concessions            | 90.44        |
| 1199 | P. P. L. Co, electric @ pool           | 10.93        |
| 1200 | Scott Fisher, chemical applicator test | <u>60.00</u> |
|      | TOTAL                                  | \$ 161.37    |

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT:

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| 102 | Paxton Precast, blocks for Creek Walls                 | 810.00          |
| 103 | Scott Strouphauer, Contractor fee (Creek Wall Repairs) | <u>8,800.00</u> |
|     | TOTAL  | \$ 9,610.00     |

There being no further business Adams and Wiscount motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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