

December 14, 2010

Tremont Borough Council met for their Regular Meeting immediately following the Budget Hearing beginning at 6:37 p.m.

In addition to the listed attendees for the Budget Hearing the following attended for the Regular meeting: Police Chief Michael Conway, Fire Chief James Koppenhaver, Atty. Eric Brown, Marty Sowers of Light-Heigel & Assoc., Christina Barnhart, and Devon Matter.

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

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Griffiths and Fisher motion to allow the Diakon Senior Center to use the gym on February 16, 2011 for a Dance to be attended by their members. All in favor.

Fisher and Griffiths motion to allow the confirmation classes of St. John's Lutheran and St. Peter's Reformed churches to use the gym for one day over the Christmas break to play basketball or volleyball as long as the day chosen does not conflict with other scheduled usage. All in favor. Since Secretary Mack will be on vacation that week, she will provide their instructor, Florence Monger with Griffiths' and Fisher's contact information to gain access to the building.

Charles Huntzinger sent a letter requesting an update on his request to have cost estimates for repairs to the Goodspring Street Bridge be provided to Congressman Holden so that if any funding opportunities become available he can contact us. Secretary Mack will contact the engineer for approval to open the cost estimate that he prepared prior to sending it to the Congressman. President Mack stated that the cost estimate for repairs to the four sections of our creek walls that were damaged in the flooding event of September 30<sup>th</sup> should also be included in the mailing as we need to seek funding to make these repairs to alleviate the danger of additional flood damages. Donmoyer and Fisher motion to have Secretary Mack submit the repair cost estimates for both the Goodspring Creek Bridge and the damaged creek walls to Congressman Holden. All in favor.

A discussion was held on the packet received from Wire Teleview Corporation explaining their renewal fee increase for basic cable to \$51.95. The increase was approximately 8% since last year's rate was \$47.75. Representatives of Wire Teleview will attend next month's meeting to explain this issue and answer any concerns that Council may have on this matter.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Hobbs stated that Atty. Eric Brown is attending to discuss a legal matter so Council needs to go into an Executive Session. Since no action will be required by Council this session will be held at the end of the meeting.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Mindler was instructed to speak with Jim Scheibley of SCMA to inquire as to when the manhole cover will be repaired on East Main Street.

**PROPERTY:** Mindler noted that Peifer's Fire Protection serviced all of the Borough's fire extinguishers. Four of our extinguishers are outdated and need to be replaced. Mindler replaced two of them immediately and two more will be replaced

at a later date due to the cost and our current budgetary constraints. Next year three more extinguishers will be outdated. Once they are replaced we will be good for several years.

Griffiths discussed a request by Judy Graver the grant coordinator for East Mountain Services to rent a portion of the Borough Lounge to interview clients. She will pay \$100.00 per month. Griffiths made a motion to accept this offer. The motion was seconded by Donmoyer. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Allar reminded residents that their sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours of the storm or they will be cited as per the Borough Ordinance. Also, when clearing their snow they should not be placing it on a neighbor's property.

When a Snow Emergency is declared all vehicles on the designated snow emergency roads must be moved or they will be towed at the owners expense and the owners will be cited. The designated Snow Emergency roads are: Main Street, Clay Street, Laurel Street, Spring Street, North Street, and East Line Street (from Union Street to Ferg Street). South Crescent Street will also be added and posted as a snow emergency street because it is used heavily by vehicles to access our Borough due to the Union Street bridge closure.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Michael Conway provided a report for November noting 34 incidents, 3 arrests, and 2 court appearances.

Chairman Donmoyer discussed the Law & Order meeting that was held since last meeting. Chief Conway was authorized to purchase flares and gloves. The committee agreed to have Secretary Mack send letters to the surrounding townships to see if they would be interested in forming a regional police department. If there is enough interest a meeting will be coordinated with all interested municipalities to garner more information on this matter.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Fire Chief Koppenhaver reported that the fire company had 7 calls for November. Fisher thanked the fire department for assisting with the incident at the Methodist church on Clay Street when the can and glass top stove exploded injuring some of the volunteers that were using the kitchen to prepare food.

**RECREATION:** Griffiths will contact Mark Hindman concerning his request to use the gym for the Biddy Basketball program that he is coaching. Donmoyer stated that since Russell Frantz never got back to him about leasing the gym for the high school sports weight training program he assumes that he will not be leasing it so those nights will be available to Mr. Hindman.

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

**FINANCE:** Donmoyer stated that we must watch our spending from now until March when our tax monies start coming in as our balance in reserve is getting lower every month. No unnecessary spending can be undertaken whatsoever.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Secretary Mack stated that she called the Prothonotary's office concerning the certified letter that we received last month about the monies they are holding and learned that the money does not belong to the Borough. The attorney for the defendants in the case put \$100 up as collateral. The Borough does not have to do

anything about this matter as they have nothing to lose.

NEW BUSINESS: President Mack stated that the information about our Snow Emergency Streets will be posted on the cable company’s public service channel by the secretary so that all residents are aware of what streets are designated and also that the Police department will be actively enforcing the ordinance. To further assist residents as to when a Snow Emergency is declared the traffic light will be placed on flashing.

Fire Chief Koppenhaver asked if the Borough could provide him with a letter of recommendation to support a job application that he is going to be interviewed for. President Mack stated that he should stop into the Borough office with all pertinent information and this letter will be provided.

Fisher and Donmoyer motion to enter an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to address a legal issue. All in favor.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to leave the Executive session at 9:22 p.m. All in favor.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$179.31, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$18.92, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$200.00, rent (Nov.)and \$1,074.25, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (Nov.)and \$206.01, utility reimb.; Road & School: \$234.41, delinq. real estate taxes; Dumpster Permits: \$50.00; IU-29: \$920.00, rent (Nov.)and \$35.83, utility reimb.; Schuylkill Co.:\$1,895.00, rent (Nov.); Child Development: \$130.00, rent (Nov.) Bonnie Kupp: \$375.00, gym rental (Nov.) and \$40.00, room rent: Carolyn Folta: \$352.38, R.E taxes and \$60.50, Per Capita taxes: Frailey Twp.: \$2,885.07, Police(Sept. & Oct.); Reilly Twp.: \$551.00, ambulance w/comp reimb.; Handicapped Signs: \$10.00, renewals: YMCA: \$321.00, rent & \$32.69, utility reimb.; Parking Meters: \$314.86, collections; Election Bureau: \$80.00, poll rental fee; Home Depot: \$10.02, refund; SCMA: \$1,500.00, street opening permits; NOW Account Interest \$2.60 (Nov.); TOTAL = \$12,352.18

PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT: EIT: \$7,337.00; LST: \$669.29; Interest: \$ 1.82 (Nov.); TOTAL = \$8,008.11

PAYROLL: \$12,765.51: Transferred from General Account (Nov.); NOW Account Interest: \$ .35 (Nov.); TOTAL = \$12,765.86

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ .35 (Nov.) TOTAL = \$.35

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$1.37 (Nov.) TOTAL = \$1.37

M & T BANK STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .58 (Nov.); TOTAL = \$ .58

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$.00(Nov.), none received TOTAL = \$.00

EXPENDITURES: Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to approve the payment of the following expenditures: General Fund: \$16,610.85; Fire Dept. Fund: \$2,950.30; Payroll Fund: \$4,384.98; Swimming Pool Fund: \$110.20; Highway Aid Fund: \$2,248.90; PLGIT General Account: \$20,000.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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| EFT  | Yahoo, website fee                             | 13.94           |
| 7263 | Philip Kintzel, dumpster retainer              | 25.00           |
| 7264 | MetLife, Policy app @ Conway                   | 443.61          |
| 7265 | Berkheimer, services                           | 270.67          |
| 7266 | SMA, utilities                                 | 358.57          |
| 7267 | P.P. & L. Co., utilities                       | 1,802.14        |
| 7268 | Frontier Tele. Co., services                   | 222.28          |
| 7269 | Tremont Library, internet fees                 | 20.00           |
| 7270 | Potts & Monger, garbage removal                | 60.00           |
| 7271 | Mid Penn Bank, loan                            | 873.21          |
| 7272 | SMA, sewer utilities                           | 90.00           |
| 7273 | Ehrlich, monthly service fee                   | 105.00          |
| 7274 | Kreiser's Fuel, monthly                        | 396.00          |
| 7275 | Law Office of Chris Hobbs, Solicitor fees      | 141.58          |
| 7276 | H. A. Thompson, work comp                      | 4,980.98        |
| 7277 | M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.                  | 2,114.50        |
| 7278 | Central Penn Paper, janitores                  | 92.91           |
| 7279 | P.M. Assoc., elevator inspection               | 60.00           |
| 7280 | B & S Auto Parts, repairs                      | 7.69            |
| 7281 | Morgan's Service Station, repairs @ police car | 455.38          |
| 7282 | Citizen Standard, advertising                  | 60.00           |
| 7283 | Carisa's Cleaning Service, janitor fees        | 500.00          |
| 7284 | P.P.&L., holiday lighting                      | 140.85          |
| 7285 | Capital Blue Cross, monthly                    | 1,276.83        |
| 7286 | Direct Energy, utilities                       | <u>2,099.71</u> |
|      | TOTAL  | \$ 16,610.85    |

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

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| 395 | Mar's Diesel, repairs @ KME          | 1,122.30        |
| 396 | Tremont Fire Co. #1, insurance reimb | <u>1,828.00</u> |
|     | TOTAL                                | \$ 2,950.30     |

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

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| 465 | Morgan's Service, repairs to F-350 Dump Tk. | 248.90          |
| 466 | M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.                | <u>2,000.00</u> |
|     | TOTAL                                       | \$ 2,248.90     |

## PAYROLL FUND:

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| EFT  | PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax          | 213.09          |
| 5281 | Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit        | 1,886.58        |
| EFT  | PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax          | 187.55          |
| 5282 | AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)   | 281.08          |
| 5291 | FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (December) | 24.00           |
| EFT  | Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit        | <u>1,792.68</u> |
|      | TOTAL   | \$ 4,384.98     |

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

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| 1339 | Miller's, concessions    | 81.51        |
| 1340 | P.P. & L. Co., utilities | 5.14         |
| 1341 | Direct Energy, utilities | <u>23.55</u> |
|      | TOTAL                    | \$ 110.20    |

## PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT:

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| 216 | Transfer to General Checking Account | <u>20,000.00</u> |
|     |                                      | \$ 20,000.00     |

There being no further business Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

