

January 04, 2010

Tremont Borough Council met for Reorganization 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 William Allar, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Solicitor Christopher Hobbs, Tax Collector Carolyn Folta, and District Magistrate Carol Pankake. Citizens attending were: Evan Graeff, Kelly, Emily, and Allison Fisher, and Pam Hatter. Police Chief Michael Conway and Fire Chief James Koppenhaver entered for the Regular Meeting.

District Magistrate Carol Pankake administered the oath of office to Mayor Allar, newly elected Councilman Fasnacht, Griffiths, and Fisher, and newly elected tax collector Carolyn Folta. Copies of all election certificates and original signed Oaths will be placed on file in the Borough office.

Mayor Allar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then requested nominations for Council President. Griffiths and Fasnacht nominate Laine R. Mack Jr. for President. The Mayor requested a roll call vote. All in favor.

At this time, President Mack takes the gavel for the remainder of the meeting. He opens the floor for nomination to Vice President. Griffiths and Fasnacht nominate Robert Donmoyer for Vice President. Roll call vote. All in favor.

The following actions were taken concerning appointments and reappointments:

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to retain Chris Hobbs as Borough Solicitor. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to retain Cheryl Mack as Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fasnacht and Fisher motion to retain Patton & Lettich as the Borough auditor. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to accept Carolyn Folta as Borough Tax Collector. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Fisher motion to retain the Miners Bank and PLGIT as depositories for Borough funds. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to appoint Laine Mack Jr. as the Borough's Chief Administrative officer. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At the request of Gene Griffiths the appointments of Engineer, Sewage Enforcement officer, and Building Code officer will be postponed until the February meeting to give the new council time to review all applicants. President Mack will also fill the Committee Appointments in February so that each Councilman can review each committees duties to advise him of their interest or area of expertise.

There being no further business, Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to adjourn from the Reorganization Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting convened at 6:46 p.m.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to accept the minutes of the December 08, 2009 Budget Hearing. All in favor.

Fasnacht and Fisher motion to accept the minutes of the December 08, 2009 Regular

Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Evan Graeff noted that he was observing the meeting for one of his college classes and he would need the President's signature to verify his attendance for the professor. Graeff agreed to President Mack's suggestion that he waits until after the meeting so that Secretary Mack can prepare an acknowledgement on Borough letterhead for him to sign.

COMMUNICATIONS: An invitation was read from Russell Redding of the PA Dept. of Agriculture on behalf of Gov. Rendall, inviting all public and elected officials to the annual PA Farm Show Luncheon on Thursday, January 14th in the Farm Show Complex beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Rep. Tim Seip sent an invitation for all elected officials to attend a Transportation Hearing that he is sponsoring on Wednesday, January 13th at the Sacramento Fire House beginning at 10:00 a.m. He will have officials of PennDOT there to discuss concerns of our local road improvement needs.

Donmoyer and Fisher motion to contact Dave Roberts of the U.S. Census for additional information concerning his request to have the Borough provide space for a Questionnaire Assistance Center for 15 hours a week from February 26, 2010 through April 19, 2010. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Jan Harmon of the U.S. Census submitted a request to again use the Griffiths Community Room on several occasions for testing of Census Takers. She would alternate the testing in afternoons and evenings. Griffiths and Fisher motion to allow this usage. All in favor.

On the advice of Gerry Fasnacht, no action was taken on the Potts & Monger Sanitation Service Contract on the dumpster that they placed at our Borough Garage keeping the monthly fee at \$ 60.00 until Fasnacht can contact other waste haulers to inquire what their monthly fee would be for the same size dumpster.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs requested an executive session to discuss a legal matter. Since no action will be required of Council as a result of this executive session it was agreed to hold it near the end of this meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: The Borough was copied on a response by Wes Westenhoefer of the Reading, Northern, & Blue Mountain Railroad Co. to PennDOT Engineer, Ahmed Lasludji's e-mail that was read at last month's meeting concerning the Main Street railroad crossing repairs. Mr. Westenhoefer stated that he was disappointed in the e-mail as his recollection of the meeting was that PennDOT agreed to make all repairs as necessary and RBM&N RR would review their share of the cost of the project for consideration of reimbursement to PennDOT.

Mindler announced once again that citizens should not throw the snow that they are clearing from their sidewalks back out onto the roads after the plow goes through.

PROPERTY: Donmoyer made a motion that the Borough purchase two motion activated electric (110 volt) hand dryers to place in two of the public restrooms at a cost of \$ 227.40 per unit. The Borough could then monitor whether these units can save on the cost of the paper supplies being used and if the savings are significant then perhaps they could be purchased for all of the public restrooms in both buildings. Fasnacht seconds this motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

As the result of a complaint from the County and the Magistrate about the condition

of the rear doors at the TACC building being very drafty and a possible security issue Donmoyer got a price quote of \$ 2,425.00 from Jim Lucas Contractor to replace the one door that is in the worst condition. Mindler stated that he will look to see if he could replace the door instead of hiring a contractor. Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to replace the door at the TACC building at a cost not to exceed \$ 3,000.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Allar reported that the meters are again being enforced.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for December noting 20 Incidents, no Court Hearings, and 256 miles put on police vehicles.

No report was provided by Officer Kavanaugh for December.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Koppenhaver noted that the Fire department responded to 8 calls in December. He also stated that Council was interested in the number of responses that the department makes with the KME up to I- 81. In 2009 the company had a total of 75 calls and 22 of them were to I-81 which represents about 30%.

RECREATION: Griffiths stated that he had nothing to report.

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

FINANCE: C. Mack stated that she received from PA Auditor General Jack Wagner the audit report that was completed on the Liquid Fuels accounts for the two years ending on December 31, 2008 with no discrepancies found.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to authorize C. Mack to turn all of the financial records of 2009 over to Patton & Lettich for the annual audit to be performed. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Fasnacht asked if the Borough is going after the one property in the Borough that is not up to code shouldn't we be going after all of them. Mayor Allar and President Mack explained that due to the cost to the Borough associated with building inspections and legal fees we cannot go after every property at the same time. The worst violators will be dealt with first.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Leahy of Diakon is planning to apply for a grant for consideration of funding to place a Farmer's Market in the Borough for the summer months. In this regard, Secretary Mack asked for permission to provide a letter of support for grant consideration on the Borough's behalf. Fisher and Fasnacht motion to allow Mack to submit this letter to Diakon. All in favor.

President Mack requested volunteers to assist the Borough workers with taking down the Christmas street lights on Wednesday, January 6th weather. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the Borough office at 9:00 a.m.

At 7:41 p.m. Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to enter into the Executive Session that the Solicitor requested earlier in the meeting. All in favor. Griffiths and Fisher motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. All in favor.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 93.42 Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 58.63, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$ 400.00, rent (Dec. & Jan.) and \$ 1,125.00, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33,

rent (Dec.); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (Dec.) and \$ 106.73, utilities (Nov.); Road & School: \$ 2,961.76, delinq. R. E. taxes; Rep. Tim Seip: \$ 100.00, rent (Jan.); Richard Kintzel: \$ 466.75, real estate taxes and \$ 44.00, Per Capita taxes; Schuylkill County: \$ 1,895.00, rent (Dec.); Bonnie Kupp: \$ 375.00, rent @ gym (Dec.), \$ 100.00, rent gym @ recital; \$ 120.00, rent @ classroom & \$ 13.00, utility reimb.; Handicap Signs: \$ 100.00, application & \$ 10.00, renewal fees; Berkheimer: \$ 77.22, delinq. Per capita; Sch. Co. Child Development: \$ 130.00, rent (Dec.); Tremont Senior Citizens: \$ 120.00, rent (Dec.); Historical Society: \$ 100.00, rent (Dec.); Real Estate Transfers: \$ 556.15, taxes; Dumpster Permits: \$ 50.00, fees; Frailey Twp.: \$ 1,495.00, reimb.; Parking Fines: \$ 10.00, collections; Alan Roeder: \$ 150.00, rent gym @ soccer; PLGIT General: \$ 20,000.00, transfer; NOW Account Interest \$ 6.60 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 32,457.59

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$ 4,993.94; LST: \$ 1,529.59; PA STATE POLICE FINES: \$ 671.43; PLGIT Interest: \$ 7.35 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 7,202.31

PAYROLL: \$ 16,668.89: Transferred from General Account (December); NOW Account Interest: \$.82 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 16,669.71

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 1.48 (December) TOTAL = \$ 1.48

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 5.23 (December) TOTAL = \$ 5.23

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.02, (December) TOTAL = \$.02

M & T STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.86 (December);

TOTAL = \$.86

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$.01, (December);

TOTAL = \$.01

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 289.00 (December);

TOTAL = \$ 289.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$.71 (December)

TOTAL = \$.71

EXPENDITURES: Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to authorize Secretary Mack to pay all of the expenditures for January: Roll call vote. All in favor. The expenditures paid are: General Fund: \$ 18,979.41; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 4,809.72; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,670.21; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 190.33 Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,000.00; PLGIT General Account: \$ 25,000.00;

EFT Yahoo, website fee 13.94

6942 David Barry, refund @ dumpster retainer 25.00

6943	Pribilla's, supplies	81.45
6944	Berkheimer, services	99.03
6945	Voided Check	.00
6946	SMA, utilities	358.97
6947	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	4,280.20
6948	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	499.19
6949	Frontier Tele. Co., services	207.41
6950	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6951	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6952	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6953	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6954	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6955	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	589.44
6956	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	2,433.30
6957	SWIF, work comp. inst. & audit premium	2,424.00
6958	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
6959	B & S Auto, highway supplies	88.13
6960	South Schuylkill Publishing, ads @ Meeting dates & Tax Ord.	156.40
6961	Gall's, Police Uniforms (Conway)	328.86
6962	Peifer's Fire Protection, extinguisher maintenance	123.68
6963	Werner Lumber Co., doors @ TACC & supplies	790.37
6964	Home Depot, calcium @ roads	50.91
6965	PSAB, municipal yearbook listing	40.00
6966	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
6967	NASASP, membership renewal	39.00
6968	Capital Blue Cross, monthly premium	<u>2,587.42</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 18,979.41

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

380	Mars Diesel, repairs to KME	4,156.35
381	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,809.72

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

437	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	226.92
4969	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,169.86
4970	HAB-LST, Quarterly tax report @ 4 th Qtr.	68.60
4971	PA UC Fund, Quarterly tax report @ 4 th Qtr.	30.19

4972	HAB-EIT, Quarterly tax report @ 4 th Qtr.	507.68
4973	PSAB UC Plan, Quarterly tax report @ 4 th Qtr.	56.16
4974	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	186.20
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	232.56
4985	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (January)	48.00
4986	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>2,144.04</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,670.21

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1290	Miller's, concessions @ vending machines	185.07
1291	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>5.26</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 190.33

PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

210	Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer	<u>25,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00

There being no further business Griffiths and Fisher motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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