

July 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, Road Supervisor William Mindler, and Solicitor Christopher Hobbs. Chief Michael Conway was absent. Citizens attending were: Fred Scheibley and Junior Harner. Reporter: Joan Schwer. Guest: Bob Kearns of Municipal Energy Managers.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to accept the minutes of the June 08, 2010 Regular Meeting and the June 28, 2010 Special Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Junior Harner filed a complaint about his neighbor's property. Mayor Allar stated that when the high grass complaint was reviewed it was determined by our Health Officer to be compliant with our ordinance. We will have the Health Officer do another follow-up on this property to make sure that it is still in compliance.

COMMUNICATIONS: Fasnacht and Fisher motion to grant permission to Tremont Fire Co. #1 to hold their annual craft fair along the Borough's Main Street on Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, to allow free parking at the meters during the event, to designate "No Parking" from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm so that the vendors can unload at their sites, and to reserve a parking space on the East side of North Crescent Street for a food vendor to park his food wagon. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to allow Bill Evans the PGA Middle School girls basketball coach to use the Clay Street gym for practices under the following conditions: A \$100.00 damage retainer is paid which will be returned at the end of the lease if no damages occur, a \$ 25.00 per night usage fee is paid, and lessee agrees to reimburse for utilities. Roll call vote. All in favor.

An invitation was read from Sen. David Argall notifying Council of a program on innovative ways in which municipalities can sustain themselves in these difficult times that he is sponsoring on Thursday, July 29th in the Tamaqua Community Center beginning at 6:30 pm. Any member planning to attend should RSVP by July 23rd.

No action was taken on the letter received from the Schuylkill County Firefighters Convention Committee soliciting for paid advertising in their convention booklet.

Charles Huntzinger, the President of the Tremont Community Organization sent a letter to notify Council that his organization had to declare on their application for a 501C-3 designation from the IRS as to who would be the beneficiary of their remaining funds and assets if the organization should ever disbanded. At a meeting of the TCO it was agreed that these assets and money would be turned over to Tremont Borough if the group ever disbanded. On this same matter, Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to adopt Tremont Borough Resolution #2010-2 to require the set up of a separate TCO Maintenance account as a depository for these TCO funds with the money to be used to maintain and repair any and all Borough properties that were purchased or built by the TCO. Roll call vote. All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs stated that he has drafted a "Proposed Curfew Ordinance" and will have it ready for Council's review so that Council can take action to advertise it at the August meeting.

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 business on the agenda is completed before going into this executive session.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: Robert Kearns of Municipal Energy Managers gave Council an update as to how PP&L is holding up finalizing the sale of the street lights to Tremont Borough. He said that since the completion of this same agreement with eleven other municipalities PP&L is now changing their requirements before agreeing to finalize the turnovers for Tremont Borough and eight other municipalities. Kearns stated that they have provided everything that PP&L required of them so the next step may be to have all nine municipalities join MEM in filing a Combined Complaint to the PUC to get this process finalized. Another option would be to have the Borough withhold paying PPL for the maintenance fees that are still included on our street light utility bill as it will be a year in August since MEM has been doing the maintenance of our street lighting as per the agreement. We are paying for a service to PP&L that they are no longer providing.

PROPERTY: Griffiths discussed a quote that he received from B& D Construction to install electrical service to the lower level classroom of the Clay Street building and also to install a baseboard heating unit. Just to have the electric installed the quote is \$3,440.00 and to do both the electric and the heat the quote is \$4,200.00. After a brief discussion on this matter, Griffiths and Fisher motion to contact two other contractors to request competitive quotes for the same work and provide all three quotes at the August meeting before Council takes any action. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths made a request for volunteers to help him in getting the band room on the lower level of the Clay Street building cleaned up and prepared for painting.

Donmoyer reported two incidents where the third floor lights were on at night when the building was not in use. After some discussion it was determined that the second floor switch near the exit door was being activated for this lighting by someone leaving the building and believing that the switch turned off the second floor lights. A sign will be posted near this switch to prevent further errors.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor noted that the Sharpshooters property has now been boarded up. The Rules & Regulations, as approved by the Law and Order Committee have been posted at the two playgrounds and at the park.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for June noting 41 Incidents, 3 Arrests, and no Court Hearings. No report was provided by Officer Joseph Kavanaugh.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

RECREATION: 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: Secretary Mack noted that she received the renewal quote from Capital Blue Cross. The current rate is \$2,587.42 per month and the renewal rate is \$2,977.19, an increase of approximately 15%. Since the renewal date is September 1, 2010, no

action will be taken until the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Secretary Mack reminded Council that the Department of Labor & Industry is awaiting our reply to the repairs being completed on the TACC boiler as they required before we will receive a Certificate of Operation. Fisher was able to have one repair quote which was provided by Fisher & Son Plumbing (no relation to Councilman Fisher). Fasnacht stated that he will contact Cory Fasnacht, his nephew to see if he wants to provide a competitive quote for these repairs. Mindler will review the required repairs to determine if he can make the repairs himself instead of hiring a plumber.

B.J. Giangulio and Scott Miles of H.A. Thompson provided Council with two dates that they are available to meet with interested representatives of Council to begin the process of developing an employee handbook which will provide better controls for workmens compensation rates. They are available to meet on Tuesday, July 20th at any time during the afternoon or on Friday, July 23 at 9:00 am. After some discussion it was agreed to set up this meeting for Tuesday, July 20th at 1:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Mack asked for permission to turn the Borough held pensions of former Policemen Charles Carter and Vincent McDonald over to these annuitants to get them out of the Borough's account. Sec. Mack stated that the state auditor Kevin Sponenberg questioned as to why we still are holding these accounts. Both he and Bob Roth of MetLife stated that they know of no legal reason that would prevent the Borough from turning these accounts over to the annuitants. Donmoyer and Fisher motion to turn these accounts over to Carter and McDonald. Roll call vote. All in favor. On this same matter, Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to close out the PLGIT Police Pension account and pay all future pension allocations from our general account as was suggested by State Auditor Sponenberg. All in favor.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to authorize Mindler to purchase paint for the crosswalks in the Borough. All in favor.

Fisher and Donmoyer motion to allow Mindler to purchase new blades for the Exmark lawnmower at a cost of \$48.00. All in favor.

A discussion was held on Bruce's Tree Services quote of \$300.00 to take down the dead tree in the Poplar Street park. Fasnacht will get another contractor to provide a quote to take down the same tree. Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to accept the lowest quote of these two to have this dead tree removed. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer related that Lewis Kohr brought a situation of a liability concern to his attention in that there are several tree stumps along the area of the ballfield where the sports teams practice. Mindler said that he will remove these stumps.

Donmoyer suggested that in view of the recent vandalism at the gazebo during darkness a motion detector light fixture should be installed which will come on as soon as movement is detected. Council agreed so pricing will be obtained for action at our next meeting.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$227.95, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$149.52, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$200.00, rent (July), and \$1,031.50, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (June) and \$418.93, utility reimb.; Road & School: \$2,137.12, delinq. Real estate

taxes; Bonnie Kupp:\$160.00, rent @ classroom , rent gym @recital, \$100.00, & \$11.67 utility reimb.; Tremont Seniors: \$120.00, rent (June); Berkheimer: \$244.77, delinq. Per capita; Carolyn Folta: \$3,483.00, real estate taxes & \$255.00, Per Capita taxes; Dumpster Permits: \$150.00; Rep. Seip: \$100.00, rent (July); IU-29: \$920.00, rent (June) and \$115.41 utility reimb.; Real Estate Transfer: \$937.07, taxes; Schuylkill Co.:\$1,895.00, rent (July); Family Dollar: \$50.00, health license; Police Accident Reports: \$15.00, fees; Parking Fines: \$5.00; Parking Meters: \$318.10, collections; NOW Account Interest \$23.63 (June);

TOTAL = \$13,942.00

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$7,097.39; LST: \$1,360.75; PA State Police Fines: \$757.39; Interest: \$.97 (June);

TOTAL = \$9,216.50

PAYROLL: \$18,106.73: Transferred from General Account (June); NOW Account Interest: \$.64 (June);

TOTAL = \$18,107.37

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$.39 (June)

TOTAL = \$.39

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$1.36 (June) TOTAL = \$1.36

M & T BANK STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.83 (June);
TOTAL = \$.83

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

TOTAL = \$.00

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts:\$3,080.50(June);

TOTAL = \$3,080.50

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$.09 (June)

TOTAL = \$.09

EXPENDITURES: Griffiths and Fisher motion to approve the payment of the following expenditures: Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 17,232.53; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 653.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 6,316.45; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 820.03; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,220.76; Clay St. Bldg. Fund: \$ 392.50; PLGIT Police Pension Account: \$34.32; PLGIT General Account: -0-

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
7110	Lawrence Reiner, dumpster retainer	25.00
7111	Pribilla's, supplies	59.89
7112	Berkheimer, services	135.57

7113	Capital Blue Cross, monthly premium	2,587.42
7114	SMA, utilities	384.57
7115	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	1,565.95
7116	Frontier Tele. Co., services	235.53
7117	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
7118	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
7119	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
7120	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
7121	Ehrlich, monthly service fee & vegetation mngmt.contract	551.00
7122	Petty Cash	100.00
7123	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	623.13
7124	Law Office of Chris Hobbs, Solicitor fees	200.00
7125	H.A. Thompson, workcomp insurance downpmt.	4,984.06
7126	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
7127	Morgan Service Station, police car inspection	25.00
7128	Staples, copier & misc. supplies	670.07
7129	Lewis T. Moyer, health officer fees	50.00
7130	South Sch. Publishing. Ad @ special meeting	29.80
7131	Dynamark Security, camera repairs	55.00
7132	YIS/Cowden, police calibrations	13.00
7133	Assoc. of Mayors, membership renewal	55.00
7134	SORG/Roto Rooter, service call to unblock drain	285.00
7135	Newswanger's Lawn & Garden, weedwhacker line	23.70
7136	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
7137	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>902.19</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 17,232.53

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

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

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

454	U.S. Municipal, no outlet sign	55.66
455	Kiefer's Mill, road calcium	165.10
456	M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,220.76

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	274.24
5132	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,342.22
5133	HAB-EIT, 2 nd Qtr. Earned Income Taxes	553.84
5134	HAB-LST, 2 nd Qtr. Local Services Taxes	68.60
5135	PSAB U/C Plan, 2 nd Qtr Employer UC Taxes	126.19

5136	PA UC Plan, 2 nd Qtr. Employee UC taxes	41.69
5137	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	281.08
5151	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (July)	48.00
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	269.49
5152	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>2,311.10</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 6,316.45

PLGIT CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND:

141	Fisher & Sons Plumbing, balance due @ water heater	<u>392.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 392.50

PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND:

EFT	Transfer to PLGIT General Account	<u>34.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 34.32

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1309	WalMart, pool concessions & supplies	77.05
1310	WalMart, pool concessions & supplies	34.34
1311	Tremont Community Org., share @ vending machine proceeds	70.00
1312	Pribilla's, supplies	10.95
1313	Victor E. Muncy, keys @ pool	20.00
1314	Miller's, pool concessions	155.09
1315	Pottsville Environmental, water tests	84.00
1316	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	74.47
1317	WalMart, pool concessions & supplies	64.44
1318	Direct Energy, utilities	202.55
1319	Frontier Telephone	<u>27.14</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 820.03

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to enter an Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss a legal matter at the request of Solicitor Hobbs. All in favor.

Fisher and Fasnacht motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:28 pm. All in favor.

There being no further business Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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