

June 8, 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: Melissa Kimmel, Jessica Carl & son, and Roger M. Adams. Reporter: Joan Schwer.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2010 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Melissa Kimmel and Jessica Carl voiced concern about several incidents that are occurring at the Poplar Street playground that is making it unsafe for young children to play there. Older boys are setting off fireworks, children are being bullied, vulgar language is used and lewd acts are happening there. When these things occur there are no police officers on duty. Mayor Allar and President Mack suggested that the woman file a formal complaint if they know who the violators are. The Mayor will speak with the police and have one of them contact Mrs. Carl to get information on the choking incident involving her son. Donmoyer suggested that Children & Youth be contacted concerning the young children that are out unsupervised late at night.

Roger M. Adams asked when the bags of garbage that were left on the front porch of the "meth lab" house are going to be removed as they are starting to stink up the neighborhood. Mayor Allar stated that they were left there for a reason but he can now see that they are removed. On another matter, Adams noted that the Tremont Police were stopping 4-wheelers (atvs) over the Memorial Day weekend and he questioned whether that was fair since a Borough Council member is allowed to ride his 4-wheeler all over Tremont. Gerald Fasnacht responded that since he is the council member being referenced, he admitted that he pulls a trailer with his 4-wheeler to transport a lawn mower to do volunteer grass cutting for the Borough and the Catholic Church. A lengthy discussion ensued on the matter. Chief Conway entered the meeting near the conclusion of the discussion and admitted that he never witnessed Fasnacht riding his 4-wheeler but the law is the law and it can make the ordinance more difficult to enforce. Fasnacht stated he will pay any citations that are issued but he will continue to use his 4-wheeler to transport his lawn mower to the sites where he cuts the grass.

COMMUNICATIONS: Paul Wagner requested permission to use the ballfield on Tuesday, June 22 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm to conduct Mine Safety Training. Donmoyer and Fisher motion to grant this request. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to approve the purchase of the supplies that are needed to repair the swings at the Poplar Street park, as priced by Dave Haring. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Due to not having an appropriate place to place it, Council took no action on Lewis Moyer's offer to donate a large indoor electronic basketball game to the Borough for

one of our municipal buildings. Secretary Mack spoke with Lewis on this matter and he approved that the offer could be extended to the Senior Nutrition Center for their social activities room. Mack will speak with Bill George, the center's director on this matter.

Schuylkill County Planning & Zoning sent a letter to request that a representative from each municipality attend a Watershed Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting to be held in Court room #1 at the Sch. Co. Courthouse on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm. The scope of study developed for the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan will be presented.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: As a follow up to his complaints last month about the dust from Cherry Street, Walter Salen provided a copy of a newspaper article concerning the use of liquid magnesium chloride on unpaved roads to control dust and erosion. Since the Borough does not have the sprayer equipment attachment for the borough truck to spread this material, Mindler will continue to spread the calcium chloride powder to achieve the same result.

PROPERTY: Griffiths asked if the blocked drain on the lower level of the Clay Street building could be cameraed by Roto Rooter to find the blockage so that if it is necessary to jackhammer any of the cement floor to make repairs this can be accomplished before the IU-29 Preschool resumes classes on June 29th. Mindler will look into this matter.

Fasnacht will get prices to either trim the limbs or remove the tree at the Poplar Street playground for discussion at the next meeting.

Charles Huntzinger requested that Council inspect two sections of the Swatara Creek wall that fell into the stream channel along Maple Street (behind the Veteran's Memorial Park). Fasnacht stated that he is aware of the one section closest to the Union Street bridge and that section should not be fixed until after the bridge repairs are completed as that section where the wall is down will be a good place for the contractors to get their equipment into the creek to get under the bridge when making the repairs. Pres. Mack stated that Council will look into this matter for further discussion.

Due to safety concerns, Fasnacht stated that the cement barriers near the footbridge on Goodspring Street will be removed to prevent any further bulging of the creek walls from their weight only after the guard railing is welded back together where it is rusted through.

Secretary Mack noted that she was notified today that the elevator is not working. Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to authorize Sec. Mack to contact the Port Elevator Co. to schedule repairs. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Allar publically thanked Chief Conway for the many hours of investigation and the outstanding job he did in assisting the Pine Grove Police Department with the recent "Meth Lab" raid in the Borough.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for May noting 32 Incidents, 2 Court Hearings, and 3 Arrests. Officer Joseph Kavanaugh's report for May noted 29 Incidents, 2 Court Hearings, and no Arrests.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Roger Adams noted that the fire department had 11 calls for May. Adams also asked for Council's permission for the Tremont Fire Co. #1 to participate in three upcoming parades with the truck. These are June 12th in

Wiconisco, June 26th in McAdoo, and August 2nd in Frackville. Griffiths and Fisher motion to grant permission. All in favor.

Health Officer Lewis Moyer noted that he did three inspections in May and the complete reports were provided to Secretary Mack.

Fisher noted that he is still trying to organize a meeting between his Public Health & Safety committee and the fire company. L. Mack stated that he will call Bill Hanley to see if we could have the grant information available for this meeting.

Donmoyer asked if Council thought that the Family Dollar owner should be contacted concerning the poor condition of their Spring Street sidewalk. Since Council agreed, Donmoyer stated that he will talk to the store manager about this matter.

RECREATION: Fisher noted that the pool is ready for opening. The three lifeguards from last year will return and Kerry Kintzel will be used as an alternate lifeguard when needed. Griffiths suggested that in lieu of cancellations, the Griffiths Community Room be offered for use for the private swim parties when the weather is not suitable outdoors at poolside. Council agreed that this should be offered when booking the private swim parties.

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 stated that she did not transfer the \$60,000.00 from the Miners Bank checking account into our PLGIT General Savings account as approved at last month's meeting as she learned that the Miners Bank is currently offering a .30% interest rate compared to .09% by PLGIT. She also got a .18% rate from PSECU and .20% from INVEST.

Donmoyer stated that we are waiting for one other workmen's comp insurance quote prior to our July 1st renewal date. Donmoyer and Fisher motion to authorize Secretary Mack to advertise a Special Meeting for later this month if necessary to make a decision on which company we renew our coverage with. Roll call vote. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to have Secretary Mack send a thank you letter to the Tremont Community Organization for preparing and setting up the food table for last month's COG meeting that Borough Council hosted. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$332.00, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$155.84, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$200.00, rent (June), and \$1,049.75, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (May); Road & School: \$1,505.67, delinq. Real estate taxes; Bonnie Kupp: \$375.00, rent @ gym (May), \$120.00, rent @ classroom & \$17.26 utility reimb.; Sch. Co. Child Dev.: \$130.00, rent (May); YMCA: \$235.00, rent & \$42.40, utility reimb; Tremont Seniors: \$240.00, rent (April & May); Berkheimer: \$269.00, delinq. Per capita; Carolyn Folta: \$20,558.41, real estate taxes & \$363.40, Per Capita taxes; Frailey Twp.: \$1,322.70, reimb. @ Police; Dumpster Permits: \$100.00; Rep. Seip: \$100.00, rent (June); Tremont Community Band: \$600.00, annual rent (7/01/10-6/30/11); IU-29: \$920.00, rent (May) and \$257.08 utility reimb.; Schuylkill Co.: \$1,895.00, rent

(June); Brennan Keip Post 384 VFW: \$50.00, health license & \$90.00, amusement tax; Sch. Co. Elections: \$80.00, rent; Police Accident Reports: \$15.00, fees; Parking Fines: \$45.00; NOW Account Interest \$22.13 (May);

TOTAL = \$31,963.97

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$12,395.12; LST: \$1,392.37; PLGIT ; Transfer in @ Landfill Account: \$145.73; Interest: \$.63 (May);

TOTAL = \$13,933.85

PAYROLL: \$15,846.50: Transferred from General Account (May); NOW Account Interest: \$.51 (May);

TOTAL = \$15,847.01

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$.48 (May)

TOTAL = \$.48

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$1.63 (May) TOTAL = \$1.63

PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Account CLOSED 5/17/10

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

TOTAL = \$.85

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

TOTAL = \$.00

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: -0- (May);

TOTAL = \$.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$.13 (May)

TOTAL = \$.13

EXPENDITURES: Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to approve the payment of the following expenditures: Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 14,321.03; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 653.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,359.03; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 3,113.49; Highway Aid Fund: \$ 2,477.44; Clay St. Bldg. Fund: \$ 1,111.09; PLGIT General Account: -0-

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
7083	Gene Perkins, dumpster retainer	25.00
7084	Pribilla's, supplies	145.11
7085	Berkheimer, services	350.79
7086	Capital Blue Cross, monthly premium	2,587.42
7087	SMA, utilities	358.57
7088	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	1,647.93

7089	Frontier Tele. Co., services	243.09
7090	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
7091	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
7092	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
7093	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
7094	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
7095	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	487.91
7096	Law Office of Chris Hobbs, Solicitor fees	333.31
7097	H.A. Thompson, property insurance inst.	2,224.00
7098	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
7099	B & S Auto Parts, repairs	58.86
7100	Morgan Service Station, police car repairs	86.61
7101	Pryce Parker, CPR recertification @police chief	25.00
7102	P.M. Assoc., elevator inspection	60.00
7103	Lewis T. Moyer, health officer fees	125.00
7104	Central Penn Paper, paper supplies	104.40
7105	Carisa's Cleaning, monthly fee	500.00
7106	PLCM, membership renewal	65.00
7107	Stanley Access Technologies, automatic door repairs	582.42
7108	Tara Fath, dumpster retainer	25.00
7109	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>1,008.96</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 14,321.03

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

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

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

451	U.S. Municipal, no parking signs	400.61
452	M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,000.00
453	U.S. Municipal, speed limit signs	<u>76.83</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,477.44

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	244.08
5103	HAB-DLT, wage attachment	54.88
5104	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	281.08
5105	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,176.74
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	266.29
5119	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,287.96
5120	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (June)	<u>48.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,359.03

PLGIT CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND:

139	Fisher & Sons Plumbing, down payment on water heater	392.50
140	Lowe's, flooring for Magistrate's office & hallway (TACC)	<u>718.59</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,111.09

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1300	WalMart, pool concessions & supplies	208.28
1301	Carl Wiscount, soda & water @ pool concessions	62.81
1302	Miller's, pool concessions	822.85
1303	Pribilla's, supplies	27.65
1304	Pryce Parker, CPR recertification @ lifeguards	50.00
1305	Tri County Pools, pool paint & chemicals	1,875.50
1306	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	8.70
1307	Frontier, telephone	39.40
1308	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>18.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,113.49

There being no further business Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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