

## SPECIAL MEETING

June 28, 2010

Tremont Borough Council met in a duly advertised Special session at 6:30 p.m. in the Clay Street School Building.

Council members attending were: Laine Mack Jr., Robert Donmoyer, Gene Griffiths, Gerald Fasnacht, and Scott Fisher. Also attending: Secretary Cheryl Mack and Mayor Bill Allar.

President Mack called the meeting to order.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Fasnacht and Fisher motion to give approval to Paul Wagner to use the ballfield on the following dates for additional Mine Safety Training classes as long as such usage does not conflict with other scheduled usage of the ballfield as agreed to in our agreement with the Little Cardinals and the Tremont Area Baseball Assoc. These dates are: July 20<sup>th</sup> & August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on both dates, and August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. All in favor of the motion.

Stanley Access Technologies provided a comparison of costs associated with our recent service repair invoice if such service would be required without the benefit of the labor only contract. The repair invoice of \$ 582.42 would have cost \$950.00 without the benefit of the labor only contract, so the savings of \$ 367.58 is considerably more than the \$188.75 annual cost of the contract. At renewal, Stanley will provide a cost quote for a "Parts & Labor" contract for Council's consideration which will alleviate any concerns about replacing parts on routine maintenance calls that the serviceman deems as necessary.

Rep. Tim Seip sent a letter requesting a response from each municipality as to their level of interest in a Shared Municipal Services Workshop which he will organize and sponsor if there is enough interest. Donmoyer and Fisher motion to have the secretary respond as to our high level of interest in this matter. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to allow the U.S. Census to use the Griffiths Community room on the following dates for additional training classes. The week of July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 4<sup>th</sup> & August 5<sup>th</sup>. The times for all classes would be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All in favor.

A discussion was held concerning a rumor that a Laurel Street property owner is planning to place a shed to the rear of his property on an unopened section of Poplar Street. Neighbors are concerned that if this shed is placed there then they will no longer have access to the rear of their properties via this section of Poplar Street. Fasnacht said that he will speak with the property owner to make him aware that the shed cannot be placed on Borough owned property. On the matter of this section of Poplar Street, Donmoyer and Fisher motion to have our street department order and erect a "No Outlet" sign to deter vehicles from using it and getting stuck. All in favor.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Mindler picked up a supply of calcium chloride powder and pellets as was discussed at our last meeting and applied a coating of it on Cherry Street to limit the dust and erosion.

President Mack spoke with Ronald Hull of the P.U.C. concerning the needed repairs to the railroad crossing. Mr. Hull informed him that repairs should be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held about some temporary repairs that PennDOT is currently making at the crossing. President Mack stated that he will call Mr. Hull again on Wednesday to discuss this matter to see if the Reading, Northern, & Blue Mountain Railroad will be repairing the crossing.

**PROPERTY:** Griffiths and Fisher motion to have Secretary Mack call Dynamark to come to service camera #4 which has been setting off the alarm and blacking out of focus and to reposition Camera # 6 so that the new playground equipment is in its view. Roll call vote. All in favor.

After a brief discussion it was decided to get a price quote to hook up the electric service and install electric heat to the final classroom in the Clay Street building for review at the next meeting.

Griffiths reported that he spoke with the repairman from Port Elevator Co. and a discussion was held on

service contracts that are available for purchase. Griffiths asked that more information be provided for discussion at our July meeting as Council needs to keep the elevator in working condition in order to maintain public handicap access to the building.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to allow Mayor Allar prepare an amendment to our Curfew Ordinance so that it will be more of a deterrent to violators. The age limit will be 17 years and under. Fines will be \$ 50.00 for the first offense, \$ 100.00 for the second offense, and a third time offender will go to Juvenile Court. These fines will be addressed in an accompanying Resolution upon our Solicitor's approval.

Mayor Allar stated that he has finally gotten the approval to board up the vacant Sharpshooters property so he and the Borough workers will do that within the next few days.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chairman Donmoyer will hold a meeting of his committee next week to assist the Mayor with the Amended Curfew Ordinance.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Health Officer Lewis Moyer provided a sample copy of a complaint form that he would like permission to begin using whereby the complainant would have to make the complaint in writing and sign it before he begins his investigation. Council approved Moyer's request.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** Fisher stated that the pool is open and all operations are going very well. Donmoyer questioned whether the lifeguards could be paid with monies from the pool account so that Council has a better grasp of the profits generated by the pool operations. Griffiths and Fisher indicated that the well pump is very old and is getting greased everyday to get it through this season but it may need to be replaced for next season. Also there are some areas in the pool that are deteriorating so they would prefer that any profits from the pool operations be held in reserve for future repairs. The Borough has always paid the lifeguards from our general fund, even when the Pine Grove Area School District owned the pool and a group of volunteers oversaw the operations of it.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to allow the YMCA to use the gym on Tuesdays during the summer months for an additional night for volleyball in order to expand the program. All in favor. This approval for Tuesday evenings is given only until the Kupp lease for the Tuesday night dance classes begins in September.

C. Mack stated that the YMCA never stopped into the Borough office to pick up their receipts for the volleyball and aerobics programs that was turned into the office a month ago. Mack will call Wayne Stump of the YMCA to discuss this issue as some of the receipts are checks made payable to the YMCA and the payers would like to reconcile them on their accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The following quotes were received for our Workmen's Comp Insurance which needs to be renewed by July 1, 2010, therefore requiring this Special Meeting. SWIF's renewal premium is \$ 26,066.00 of which a down payment of \$ 6,832.00 is required prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. EMC provided a quote of \$19,927.00 of which a down payment of \$ 4,981.00 is due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Seltzer Insurance provided an AmeriHealth quote of \$ 20,430.00 (or \$ 19,680.00 if the Heart & Lung Coverage remains with EMC) of which a down payment of \$ 4,533.21 is due. Seltzer will charge an additional monthly premium to enter into a contract for services to assist with drafting an "Employee's Handbook" and administering all claims on the Borough's behalf. EMC will provide these services free of any additional charges. Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to place the workmens compensation coverage with EMC Insurance at a total annual cost of \$ 19,927.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Griffiths and Fisher motion to adjourn from this Special meeting at 9:20 pm. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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