

March 11, 2008

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., John Mease, Carl Wiscount, Robert Donmoyer, Roger M. Adams, and George Schaeffer. Also attending: Secretary Cheryl Mack, Mayor William Allar, Solicitor Chris Hobbs, Road Supervisor William Mindler and Police Chief Michael Conway. Contractors Scott Stroupbauer of Scott's Trucking and Kevin Rittenbauch of Landis C. Deck & Sons. Reporters Joan Schwer and Stephanie LaSota and citizen Fred Scheibley.

Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2008 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Fred Scheibley suggested that the yellow curb painting which indicates "No Parking" be extended on Spring Street near the Pine Street intersection so that motorists pulling from Pine Street can see oncoming traffic. After some discussion it was agreed that the Law & Order committee should review this request.

Scott Stroupbauer discussed with Council his idea and cost estimate to make repairs to the two sections of creek walls that were washed out during last weeks flooding event. Scott suggested that a pre-cast Redi Block product be used as that product could be extended as needed along the creek walls. Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to have Scott arrange an onsite visit by a representative of the block company to meet with members of Council to discuss these repairs. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Ronald Coleman a representative of the Schuylkill County Election Bureau will be using the Council Meeting room on Wednesday- April 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to have any of the public interested attend to do onsite demonstrations of the electronic voting machines that will be used in the upcoming primary and general elections.

No action was taken on an invitation and parking passes that were received from the Pine Grove Area School District for any three Borough representatives to attend their "Flip The Switch" technology celebration on Tuesday- April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the High School auditorium.

No action was taken on the DCNR's 2008 Community Conservation Partnership Grants Program which is accepting applications until April 25, 2008.

PSAB sent information about the upcoming Spring Legislative Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Hershey from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

No action was taken on the Schuylkill County Commissioners County Demolition Assistance Program as March 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register a property for consideration.

Adams and Donmoyer motion to approve James Scheibley's request to hold an Opening Day Little League parade on May 4<sup>th</sup>, contingent on the Clay Street Road Project not interfering with the parade route. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Adams and Wiscount motion to grant permission to the Tremont Little League Assoc. to use the Clay Street school field from May 1 through August 31 with the following changes to the prior agreements. Instead of having the Little League Association maintain the field and mow the grass, the Borough will continue to do this maintenance. The Little League will need to pay a rental fee of \$ 100 for the season

with one half of this fee, or \$ 50 returned at the end of the agreement term if there is no damage to Borough property. Roll Call vote. All in favor.

Mease and Schaeffer motion to grant permission to Daniel Nagle to construct a cement driveway into the side of his residential property on West Laurel Street as long as he has the work completed prior to the Laurel Street Road project which is expected to be done in early May. Roll call vote. All in favor.

A discussion was held on Beulah Knehr's request on behalf of the Tremont Senior Citizen Group to meet with the property committee concerning the painting of their quarters in the TACC building. President Mack suggested that the property committee meet with the officer's of the Senior Citizen's to learn more about their concerns.

Council tabled any action on Wayne Stump's request to use the Clay Street building for ten weeks to run a YMCA Sponsored Summer Program. The property committee will meet with Mr. Stump to discuss rental fees for this program.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Having been duly advertised, Solicitor Hobb's requested Council to take action to repeal Dumpster Ordinance #2007-04. Mease and Adams motion to repeal Ordinance #2007-04. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to adopt the new Dumpster Ordinance #2008-02 as it has also been duly advertised. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** The bids were opened for the 2008 Road Project with the bid results indicated in the following order... Total Package Bid which includes both options-Option #1 Bid for Curb to Curb on all five roads - Option #2 Bid Lane of Traffic repair on two roads and Curb to Curb on the other three: Pennsy Supply: \$ 315,041.01-\$241,336.78-\$188,979.73; Barletta Contractors: \$315,272.60-\$236,677.60-\$193,484.80; Landis C. Deck & Sons: \$294,861.40-\$224,838.22-\$175,031.77; and Eastern Industries: \$304,770.00-\$230,812.70-\$185,132.50. Mease and Donmoyer motion to award the Option #1 Contract Bid to Landis C. Deck & Sons for \$ 224,838.22 contingent on review of contract compliance with bid. Roll call vote. All in favor. On this same matter, Mease and Adams motion to authorize the Secretary to place an ad in the newspaper to make the affected property owners aware of these repairs in the event that they need to do any repairs to their sidewalks and curbs. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**PROPERTY:** Donmoyer stated that he is getting prices for the paint to paint the foundation of the Clay Street School Building.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Allar publically thanked the Tremont Fire Co. for their assistance with pumping out flooded properties during last weeks heavy rain event.

Mease and Adams motion to postpone any action on the "Proposed" Police Agreement with Frailey Township until a later meeting as per Mayor's suggestion. Roll call vote. All in favor except Donmoyer who voted no as he had reservations on the need to postpone.

Mayor Allar stated that Officer Kavanaugh has asked for permission to attend a Schuylkill County EMT First Responder Training Course from April 8<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. The course will be held in the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Pottsville every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and would cost \$ 190.00. Adams and Schaeffer motion to pay the \$190 Course fee as long as Kavanugh attends all classes on his own time and not when he is on duty. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Conway presented a written report noting 25 incidents, 5 arrests, and 1 court appearance. Officer Kavanaugh presented a written report noting 63 incidents, 1 traffic arrest, 1 district court hearing, and the completion of a training course and certification in the use of a taser X26.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Adams gave report for Chief Koppenhaver. The department responded to 4 calls in February. Adams also questioned whether the firemen would be covered under the Borough's insurance if they respond to direct requests from property owners to do pumping instead of having the property owner go through the call center. This matter will be investigated.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** Wiscount made a motion to purchase sand and gravel to replace same in the swimming pool's filter at a total cost of \$ 495.13. Adams seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. Mease suggested that the Borough review the grant manuals that Rep. Tim Seip and Senator James Rhoades provided to the Borough to see if any grants are available for improvements to the pool.

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

**FINANCE:** John Mease related that ARDCO is looking into whether there is enough money left in the grant to make a change order to the second phase of building renovations to include replacing the electrical wiring, lighting, and ceiling in the gymnasium at a cost of \$ 6,679.00. Mease made a motion that the Borough assume the cost of what the grant won't cover to make these repairs. Wiscount made a second to this motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** L. Mack also thanked the Fire Co for helping to pump homes. He also thanked Borough Supervisor Mindler for coming out during the night to pump two properties. Mack noted that the Borough's trash pump should have more lengths of discharge hose as they currently only have a 10 foot section. Schaeffer will get prices to purchase more hose for action at a later meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mease discussed a proposal that he worked up to place cement blocks along the East side of the Goodspring Street Creek to raise the height of the wall by approximately 18" to 20" to minimize the flooding risk for the Spring Street property owners. The estimated cost to complete this project would be approximately \$ 5,460.00. Mack stated that he had Mindler transome the area where the construction is proposed and he feels that the Borough will be creating a flood risk to the properties on the opposite side of creek as their wall would be lower by 17". Council took no action on this matter until a full review can be made of this issue.

At Solicitor Hobbs' suggestion, Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to enter into an Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Adams and Wiscount motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

**RECEIPTS:GENERAL ACCOUNT:** District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 241.33, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 156.17, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$80.00, Rent (Feb.); Road & School: \$ 222.58, delq. R.E. Taxes; Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (Mar.); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (Feb); Sch. County Court: \$ 85.04, Vio, @ Ordinances; Bonnie Kupp: \$ 600.00, Rent (Feb & Mar.); Real Estate Transfer:

\$ 4,279.17, taxes; Handicap Signs: \$ 20.00, renewal fees; Jeffrey Graver \$ 50.00, damage reimb.; County of Schuylkill: \$ 3,790.00, rent (FEB. & Mar.) Richard Kintzel: \$ 20.00, Per Capita taxes; Berkheimer: \$ 5.50, delinquent Per Capita; Reilley Twp: \$ 818.00, W/C Reimb.; PEMA: \$ 2,975.75, Ivan reimb.; Council Life Ins.: \$ 51.54, reimb: NOW Account Interest \$ 4.14 (Feb);

TOTAL = \$ 14,472.55

PLGIT: EIT: \$ 10,706.56; EMS/OPT: \$ 493.50; Interest: \$ 204.19, (Feb);

TOTAL = \$ 11,404.25

PAYROLL: \$ 15,666.60: Transferred from General Account (Feb.); NOW Account Interest: \$ .74 (Feb.);

TOTAL = \$ 15,667.34

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 27.71 (Feb.);

TOTAL = \$ 27.71

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest:\$ 23.54 (Feb.);

TOTAL = \$ 23.54

LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 52.91, (Feb);

TOTAL \$ 52.91

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: :Interest: \$ 494.00 (Feb);

TOTAL = \$ 494.00

POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .08, (Feb.);

TOTAL = \$ .08

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 330.00 (Feb.);

TOTAL = \$ 330.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 139.01 (Feb);

TOTAL = \$ 139.01

EXPENDITURES: Adams and Donmoyer motion to approve payment of the following expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 13,451.79; Highway Aid: \$ 1,794.18; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 821.55; Payroll Fund: \$ 4,758.52; Swimming Pool Fund:\$ 109.72; PLGIT General Account Fund: \$ 10,000.00: PLGIT Landfill Account Fund: \$ 9,420.00;

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	12.94
6281	Pribilla's, supplies	112.71
6282	Berkheimer, services	230.91
6283	Capital Blue Cross, monthly	1,034.09

6284	SMA, utilities	358.57
6285	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,259.79
6286	P.P. & L. Co., Clay St. School	2,302.14
6287	Frontier Tele. Co., services	271.48
6288	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6289	Harleysville Life Ins., council premium	8.59
6290	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6291	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6292	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6293	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	762.67
6294	B. & S. Auto Parts, repairs	65.86
6295	Pottsville Republican, ad @ Dumpster Ord.	101.60
6296	MetLife, C. Mack annual premiums	450.80
6297	Minersville Safe Dep. Bank, Box rental fee	28.00
6298	American Rock Salt, Frailey's delivery	1,290.72
6299	Thyssen-Krupp, elevator repairs	272.00
6300	PA Dept. of Labor & Industry, boiler license	44.00
6301	Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees	450.00
6302	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	2,241.71
6303	County of Schuylkill, law library Ord. filing fee	5.00
6259	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	<u>60.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 13,451.79

## HIGHWAY AID:

418	American Rock Salt Co., Borough delivery road salt	\$ 1,267.79
419	Pennsy Supply, cold patch	112.47
420	Pottsville Republican, ad @ 2008 Road Project bids	<u>413.92</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,794.18

## FIRE DEPT FUND:

342	Mars Diesel, repairs @ KME	168.18
343	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
-	TOTAL	\$ 821.55

## PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	228.24
4503	Minersville Safe Deposit Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,204.38
4509	Minersville Safe Deposit Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,080.18
4510	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (Jan.)	40.00
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	<u>205.72</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,758.52

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1196	Miller's Dist., concessions	98.79
1197	P. P. L. Co, electric @ pool	<u>10.93</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 109.72

## PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT:

195	Tremont Borough General Checking Account, transfer	<u>10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

## PLGIT LANDFILL ACCOUNT:

101	Paxton Precast, blocks for Creek Walls	<u>9,420.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 9,420.00

There being no further business Mease and Donmoyer motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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