

November 09, 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, Solicitor Christopher Hobbs, and Chief Michael Conway. Citizens attending were: Denise Krammes, Fred Scheibley, Henry Kender, Roger M. Adams, and Richard Stewart. Reporter: Joan Schwer.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Denise Krammes inquired as to the status of the complaint that she filed concerning the abandoned vehicle parked in front of her home. Mayor Allar stated that the vehicle was tagged by the Police and our ordinance states that it cannot be towed for 10 days after tagging and it must be towed by a certified salvor. Chief Conway is awaiting a response from Trail Towing as they are the only salvor towing company in the area. He also stated that the 10 days will be up tomorrow.

Henry Kender asked whether DEP was contacted about the flooding issues that were created when DEP filled in the stripping pits, clear cut the trees, and planted grass above the Borough line in Frailey Twp. Pres. Mack stated that he promises to make those phone calls as soon as the Budget is finalized.

COMMUNICATIONS: Griffiths and Fisher motion to lease the gym to Bonnie Kupp on Sunday, December 12th for \$100.00 for her Christmas dance recital. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to allow the Tremont Community Band to use the gym on Saturday, December 18th for their annual Christmas concert with Sunday, December 19th as a raindate. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Deb Kocher, the teacher of the Child Development Class was granted approval to hold a Socialization Class for students and their fathers on Wednesday, December 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to grant permission to the Tremont Community Organization to use the Robert "Pete" Wiscount Veteran's Park for this Sunday, November 14th to hold their annual Veteran's Day Service and again on Saturday, November 27th to hold the Community Tree Lighting. Also to use the gymnasium for Saturday, November 27th for the Children's Christmas party which follows the tree lighting and the Griffiths Community room for five days beginning on Tuesday, November 30th to make opera fudge for their annual fundraiser. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to accept the contract proposal that we received from Antz Energy for renewal of the maintenance contract for service to the HVAC units and air conditioners at a cost of \$1,435.00 for 2011. Roll call vote. All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs recommended a few changes to the wording on the Short Term Rental Agreement that was prepared by Secretary Mack.

Secretary Mack will amend the agreement to reflect these changes.

Solicitor Hobbs requested an Executive session in order to discuss personnel and legal matters. Since no action will be required by Council this session will be held at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: Fasnacht stated that he called and left a message for Pat Cualfield of SCMA and he did not call him back. President Mack stated that he received a call from Mr. Caulfield and they discussed the sinkage of the areas around their manholes and where they had street opening repairs. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss permanent repairs which cannot be made until next Spring but immediate problem areas will be filled with cold patch.

PROPERTY: Griffiths noted that Jillian Mullen of the Schuylkill County Education Council will be coming here tomorrow to see what equipment they have that needs to be removed since they will not be opening a site at this location due to cuts in budgetary funding. Mindler will attend this meeting as well as Secretary Mack. Griffiths would like volunteers to assist him with the painting of the floor in this computer room once SCEC removes all of their contents.

Griffiths stated that he successfully removed all of the paint that was on the blackboard in the band room so the renovations of that room are now completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Fisher and Griffiths motion to accept Chief Conway's proposal that due to the Borough's limited funding he will waive the 2010 uniform allowance of \$400.00 contingent on it being rolled over and added to the 2011 uniform allowance. Roll call vote. All in favor.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for October noting 30 incidents, 2 criminal complaints, and 2 court appearances.

Chairman Donmoyer scheduled a Law & Order meeting for Thursday, November 18th beginning at 10:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Roger M. Adams reported that the fire company had 4 calls for October. The KME was just in the shop for inspection and minor repairs.

RECREATION: No action or decision was made on purchasing a baby swing for the Clay Street playground before December 31st of this year to take advantage of the \$10.00 gift certificate from the company which will expire at the end of this year.

Fisher informed Council of the new law that requires public pools of 300 linear feet or bigger being made handicapped accessible. He feels that our pool will require one cement ramp with two railings. We have until September of 2012 to be in compliance so we have time to review what improvements need to be made.

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

FINANCE: Griffiths and Fisher motion to advertise the 2011 "Proposed" Budget for the Ten Day Public Review and the December 14, 2010 Budget Hearing. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fisher and Griffiths motion to place these ads in the Citizen Standard. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to file an appeal of the assessment reduction granted for 233 West Laurel Street by the Tax Assessment office. Roll call vote. All in favor. Secretary Mack asked Solicitor Hobbs what the process of this appeal involves.

Solicitor Hobbs stated that the Borough will have to hire an appraiser to do their own appraisal of the property and then they will need legal representation at the appeal hearings. There is no guarantee that this appeal would be successful. Since the cost to go forward with this appeal could far exceed any additional tax revenues should we be successful Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to rescind their prior motion and not proceed with any appeal. Roll call vote. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Donmoyer and Fasnacht motion to purchase the additional \$10,000 life insurance policy for Chief Conway to satisfy the new contract. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Donmoyer and Fisher motion have MetLife turn the ownership of both the pension account and the life insurance policy over to Officer Kavanaugh to do with as he pleases. Roll call vote. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Mack will contact the Prothonotary's office to get more information on the "certified" letter that the Borough received concerning Marnikas & Falkowski versus Tremont Borough and an unspecified amount of money from that case being held for over five years which will soon be turned over to the State.

The Borough was served notice by the PA House of Representatives that pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rep. Seip's lease they are exercising their right to terminate said lease effective November 30, 2010.

Volunteers are needed to assist with erecting the Holiday Lights on Saturday, November 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Fasnacht announced that the Borough workers will add a second day for ash pickups. Covered ash containers will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to enter an Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss a personnel matter at the request of Solicitor Hobbs. All in favor.

Griffiths and Fisher motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:10 pm. All in favor.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$180.97, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$18.91, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$400.00, rent (Oct. & Nov.)and \$1,615.25, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (Oct..)and \$225.34, utility reimb.; Road & School: \$790.87, delinq. real estate taxes; Tremont Seniors: \$120.00, rent (Nov..); Berkheimer: \$11.60, delinq. per capita; Dumpster Permits: \$75.00; Rep. Seip: \$100.00, rent (Oct.); IU-29: \$920.00, rent (Oct.)and \$13.89, utility reimb.; Real Estate Transfer: \$63.70, taxes; Schuylkill Co.: \$1,895.00, rent (Oct.); Child Development: \$130.00, rent (Oct.) Bonnie Kupp: \$375.00, gym rental (Oct.) and \$4.62, utilities; Carolyn Folta: \$638.48, R.E taxes and \$16.50, Per Capita taxes; Tremont Community Organization: \$798.05, reimb.: Frailey Twp.: \$1,771.35, Police(August), \$99.00, reimb. @ pipe, and \$288.00, ambulance w/comp reimb.: Porter Twp.: \$96.00, ambulance w/comp reimb.; Handicapped Signs: \$40.00, renewals: PURTA: \$477.25, annual tax allocation; Tremont Community Band: \$500.00, reimb.: Behm's Restaurant: \$50.00, health license; Brandy Wolff: \$50.00, community room rental; N. Central Highway Safety: \$120.20, reimb NOW Account Interest \$4.80 (Oct.);

TOTAL = \$12,763.11

PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT: EIT: \$10,041.14; LST: \$402.77; Interest: \$ 2.18
(Oct.); TOTAL = \$10,446.09

PAYROLL: \$12,959.16: Transferred from General Account (Oct.); NOW Account
Interest: \$.34 (Oct.); TOTAL = \$12,959.50

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$.36 (Oct.) TOTAL = \$.36

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$1.40 (Oct.) TOTAL = \$1.40

M & T BANK STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.77 (Oct.);
TOTAL = \$.77

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts:\$292.00(Oct.), vending machines;
TOTAL = \$292.00

EXPENDITURES: Fasnacht and Donmoyer motion to approve the payment of the
following expenditures: General Fund: \$23,054.12; Fire Dept. Fund: \$299.21; Payroll
Fund: \$4,238.08; Swimming Pool Fund: \$65.98; Highway Aid Fund: \$3,616.34;
PLGIT General Account: \$20,000.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
7229	Outdoor Fun Store, swings @ Poplar St. playground	378.05
7230	Rachel Bebelheimer, handicap sign removal reimb. fee	35.00
7231	Wanda Salen, dumpster retainer fee	25.00
7232	Pribilla's, supplies	33.57
7233	Berkheimer, services	255.71
7234	SMA, utilities	358.57
7235	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	1,568.86
7236	Frontier Tele. Co., services	226.43
7237	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
7238	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
7239	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
7240	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
7241	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
7242	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	308.85
7243	Law Office of Chris Hobbs, Solicitor fees	16.67
7244	H. A. Thompson, treasurer's bond	281.00
7245	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
7246	PIRMA, 2011 liability insurance renewal	8,481.50
7247	Central Penn Paper, supplies	14.20
7248	Voided check	.00
7249	Staples, copier toner & supplies	143.90

7250	B & S Auto Parts, repairs @ police car	30.38
7251	PA Dept. of L & I, elevator license	36.00
7252	Will Salen anti-virus software & installation	45.00
7253	PSAB, Borough News renewals	90.00
7254	PSAB, membership renewal fee	212.00
7255	MetLife, life ins. Renewals @ Conway, Mindler, & Kohr	997.61
7256	Victor E. Muncy, door knob @master lock assembly	165.00
7257	SWIF, work comp audit premium	1,438.00
7258	James Koppenhaver, fire chief allocation	500.00
7259	Carisa's Cleaning Service, janitor fees	500.00
7260	American Rock Salt Co., Frailey Twp. road salt	1,636.34
7261	Capital Blue Cross, monthly	1,311.79
7262	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>688.04</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 23,054.12

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

394	VCLF, truck loan	<u>299.21</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 299.21

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

463	M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,000.00
464	American Rock Salt Co., road salt	<u>1,616.34</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,616.34

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	175.97
5254	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	1,687.00
EFT	PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	182.07
5255	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	421.62
5263	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (November)	24.00
5264	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>1,747.42</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,238.08

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1336	PA Dept. of Agriculture, chemical license	35.00
1337	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	5.14
1338	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>25.84</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 65.98

PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT:

215 Transfer to General Checking Account	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 20,000.00

There being no further business Fasnacht and Fisher motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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