

October 14, 2008

Tremont Borough Council met for their Regular Meeting at 7:00 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: Mayor William Allar, Secretary Cheryl Mack, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Chief Michael Conway, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Reporter: Joan Schwer and Fire Chief James Koppenhaver. Citizens: Fred Scheibley, Jonathon Koch, Bonnie Krammes, and Sara McKinsey. Contractor: Tom Dudash.

Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the September 09, 2008 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Bonnie Krammes and Jonathon Koch questioned whether the Police could monitor the loud music and obscenities that are blaring through a PA system throughout their neighborhood many nights a week by a local group of teenagers that are practicing as a rock band. Chief Conway stated that if obscenities are heard at any time or if the music continues after 10:00 p.m. then someone should call the Communications Center and a police officer will be sent to address the situation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Bonnie Kupp submitted a request to rent the auditorium and stage on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to approx. 4:00 p.m. in order to have her students perform a Christmas Dance Recital. The property committee will meet with Ms. Kupp to discuss this matter.

Mease and Schaeffer made a blanket motion to approve all of the following requests for permission to use rooms in the Clay Street building for their various functions: The Tremont Community Band requests use of the auditorium for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in case of inclement weather beginning at 7:00 p.m. in order to hold their annual Christmas Concert. Also the band request use for the Wednesday prior to the concert in order to rehearse. The Tremont Historical Society requests use of the Griffiths Community Room on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a Historical Program featuring Edmund Cook as guest speaker. The Tremont Library Board requests permission to use the cafeteria/community room from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in order to bake the apple dumplings that they took orders for. Roll call vote on motion to approve all requests. All in favor.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to allow Rep. Seip's Chief of Staff Brian Tobin to use the Council meeting room on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. to host a joint meeting with PennDOT, the PA State Police, and the surrounding fire departments to finally get the problem of detouring Southbound Route I-81 traffic through the Borough in the event of road closure due to accidents. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Adams and Wiscount motion to allow the YMCA to use a classroom on Tuesday evenings to run an adult aerobics class to coincide with the youth dance classes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

A notice of Judicial Tax Sale was served to the Borough as one Tremont resident's property is on the list. The sale will be held in the Court House on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Hobbs stated that no action needs to be taken on the suit notice received by certified mail on the appeal of the Pine Grove Area School District against the County Assessment Board in reference to the school's tax appeal of the Family Dollar property. Since the property is in the Borough we are an indispensable party to the suit so we had to receive the information on it, however no action must be taken by the Borough.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Mease noted that SCMA will be flushing the hydrants on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

William Mindler noted that bagged leaves will be picked up on Monday mornings beginning on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Also the second day of ash pick-ups will begin on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ashes will continue to be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the heating season.

**PROPERTY:** Mease agreed to prepare a drawing with all construction details so that contractor bids can be obtained for the construction of the swimming pool restrooms. Mease also suggested that Council consider using some of the Griffith's endowment to renovate one more room in the Clay Street building so that it would be ready to lease out should a lessor be interested. The property committee will begin working on this project.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Trick or Treat night will be Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both officers will be on duty and the fire police will assist. The no parking signs will be posted this Thursday for Sunday night's Halloween parade.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Conway provided a report for September noting 38 Incidents, 15 arrests, 1 court hearing, and 428 miles on police car. Officer Kavanaugh provided his report for September noting 48 Incidents, 12 arrests, 14 parking tickets, and 567 miles on the police car.

Mease noted that there will be a Law & Order Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Fire Chief Koppenhaver noted that the fire department responded to 15 calls in September.

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:** Nothing to Report.

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

**FINANCE:** Secretary Mack noted that the following monies were received from the office of the PA Auditor General: A check for \$ 457.12 was received for our 2008 PURTA Tax allocation and this money will be deposited into our General account; \$ 13,581.17 was electronically transferred into our General account for our 2008 PA Municipal Pension allocation; and \$ 8,646.06 was electronically transferred into our General account for our 2008 Firemen's Relief allocation.

Schaeffer and Donmoyer motion to authorize Secretary Mack to divide the \$ 13,581.17 equally in order to deposit \$ 2,716.24 into each of the full time Borough employees accounts. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Adams and Wiscount motion divide the Firemen's Relief monies with 80% going to the Fire Department and 20% going to the ambulance. Roll call vote. All in favor. Secretary Mack will issue a check for \$ 6,916.85 to the Tremont Firemen's Relief Assoc. and a check for \$ 1,729.21 to the Tremont Ambulance Firemen's Relief

Association.

Schaeffer and Mease motion to authorize Secretary Mack to transfer monies as needed from our PLGIT savings account to our General checking account to cover all payrolls and expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the Per Capita Tax for 2008 and to adopt the following guidelines: To exonerate full time students; residents in the armed services stationed outside of the Borough; and residents with a yearly income of \$ 3,500.00 or if they show extenuating circumstances. Roll call vote. All in favor. The following were exonerated by this motion: Full time Students: Erin J.L. Kintzel, Dennis Wiscount, Kara Spittler, Amanda Mack, Heather Mack, Shelley Wasser, Sheila Wasser, and Sara Wertz. Unemployed: Katherine Elison and Jeffrey Lucas. Housewives: Audrey J. Carl, Rebecca L. Schwartz, Carol A. Fessler, and Kelly Fisher.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The duly advertised bids for both the stream restoration project and the dump truck were opened immediately after the beginning of the meeting.

The bids received for the stream restoration project were as follows: Waters Edge Inc. \$ 18,750.00; Maurer Excavating \$ 14,770.00; Landis C. Deck & Sons \$ 13,696.20; Dudash Pipeline Co. \$ 22,822.00; Eastern PA Demolition \$ 8,635.00; Tom Brennan \$ 16,800.00; Wexcon, Inc. \$ 24,675.00; Gleim Environmental \$ 13,500.00; Platchko Building & Remodeling \$ 12,791.00; Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc. \$ 5,800.00; and Schuylkill Paving \$ 37,100.00. Since there is such a difference between the high and low bid, Donmoyer and Adams motion to authorize the property committee to review the three lowest bids (Aungst, Inc., Eastern PA Demolition, and Platchko) for compliance to the bid requirements and to award to the lowest bidder that fully complies. Roll call vote.

Only two bidders participated for the dump truck. Ruddy's Used Cars offered a used 2005 GMC Dump truck that met all advertised specifications for \$ 18,500.00. Whiteside Chevrolet of St. Clairsville, OH offered a new 2009 CHEV dump truck for a cost of \$ 31,945.00. Schaeffer and Wiscount motion to purchase the used truck from Ruddy's if Mindler attests to it's condition and performance after taking it for a test drive. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council took no action on the contract options offered by Stanley Doors for four different service agreements to provide maintenance to the automatic door closure on the lower level lobby door. The property committee will review all options for action at next months meeting.

**RECEIPTS:GENERAL ACCOUNT:** District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 178.37, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 32.00, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$120.00, Rent (September); Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (October); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (September) and \$ 218.26, utility reimb.; Richard Kintzel: \$ 847.84, Real Estate taxes and \$ 71.50, Per Capita; Sch.County Court: \$ 21.90; Vio, @ Ordinances; Sch. County:\$ 1,895.00, rent (October); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (September) and \$ 10.92 reimb. @ PPL utilities; Parking Fines:\$ 5.00; Road & School: \$ 821.71, delinq. R. E. taxes; Frailey Twp.: \$ 1,327.95; Berkheimer: \$ 140.22, collections; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 223.34, taxes; PA Liquor Control Board: \$ 600.00, license fees;

PA Municipal Pension Fund: \$ 13,581.17, 2008 allocation; PA Firemen's Relief: \$ 8,646.06, 2008 allocation; Bonnie Kupp: \$ 375.00, rent (September); Tremont Community Organization: \$ 594.46, reimb.; Lewis Moyer: \$ 210.00, health license fees @ various area businesses; Handicap Sign: \$ 10.00, fee; NOW Account Interest \$ 12.21 (September); TOTAL = \$ 31,936.24

PLGIT EIT: \$ 12,397.16; LST/OPT: \$ 1,060.24 ; Interest: \$ 263.19, (September); TOTAL = \$ 13,720.59

PAYROLL: \$ 15,359.72: Transferred from General Account (September); NOW Account Interest: \$ 1.50 (September); TOTAL = \$ 15,361.22

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 35.50 (September) TOTAL = \$ 35.50

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 59.37 (September); TOTAL = \$ 59.37

LANDFILL ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ .27, (September); TOTAL \$ .27

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 4.10 (September); TOTAL = \$ 4.10

POLICE PENSION FUND: Interest: \$ .05, (September); TOTAL = \$ .05

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 280.00 (September); TOTAL = \$ 280.00

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 81.71 (September); TOTAL = \$ 81.71

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 9.59 (September) TOTAL = \$ 9.59

EXPENDITURES: Mease and Schaeffer motion to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. Donmoyer and Mease motion to amend this motion to withhold the reimbursement request of the Tremont Fire Co. #1 for \$ 2,854.00 for the Borough's share of their vehicle insurance until the fire company can present a breakdown to show how they came to that amount as their policy shows a premium of \$ 1,461.00 for the vehicles. Roll call vote. All in favor. With this change the following expenditures were approved for payment: General Fund: \$ 49,702.38;

Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 653.37; Payroll Fund: \$ 6,705.75; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 180.21;  
 PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 1,980.00; PLGIT General Account:  
 \$ 41,532.48; PLGIT Police Pension Fund: \$ 5,432.48

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	12.94
6475	Pribilla's. supplies	106.12
6476	Berkheimer, services	294.18
6477	Capital Blue Cross, monthly	1,275.08
6478	SMA, utilities	358.57
6479	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	2,689.77
6480	Frontier Tele. Co., services	262.55
6481	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
6482	Harleysville Life Ins., council premium	8.59
6483	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
6484	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
6485	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
6486	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
6487	Ehrlich, vegetation mngmt (in streams @ grant)	2,452.50
6488	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	654.26
6489	Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees	99.93
6490	Staples, office supplies	373.61
6491	State Workers Ins. Fund, w/c premium inst.	2,795.00
6492	Ken's Tire Co., police car tires	454.00
6493	Morgan's Service, inspection @ police car	60.14
6494	Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees	500.00
6495	Central Penn Paper, supplies	67.75
6496	Fromm Electric, fluorescent bulbs	14.46
6497	PSAB, membership renewal	193.00
6498	Pottsville Republican, ad @ stream restoration bids	208.96
6499	Pottsville Republican, ad @ dump truck bids	199.20
6500	Lowe's, supplies	111.78
6501	MetLife, Mindler pension	2,716.24
6502	MetLife, Kohr pension	2,716.24
6503	MetLife, Mack pension	2,716.24
6504	Tremont Postmaster, stamps	42.00
6505	Randall Bain, dumpster permit retainer	25.00
6506	Tremont Firemen's Relief Assoc, distribution	6,916.85
6507	Tremont Ambulance Firemen's Relief, distribution	1,729.21
6508	Ruddy's Used Cars, 2005 GMC Dump Tk.	<u>18,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 49,702.38

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

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

## PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	196.79
4647	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	1,992.22
4654	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	2,096.24
4655	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (October)	40.00
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	208.13
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	194.27
4661	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>1,978.10</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 6,705.75

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1239	Frontier, telephone	4.64
1240	Miller's Dist., concessions	99.23
1241	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	<u>76.34</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 180.21

## PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

111	Shade's Signs, overhead room signs	420.00
112	J. B. Electric, electric meters	<u>1,560.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,980.00

## PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

199	Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer	35,000.00
EFT	To PLGIT Police Pension Acct.	5,432.48
EFT	To PLGIT Clay St. Bldg. Acct. (Frailey Twp.)	500.00
EFT	To PLGIT Clay St. Bldg. Acct. (T.C.O. Grant Money)	200.00
EFT	To PLGIT Clay St. Bldg. Acct. (Tremont Twp.)	100.00
EFT	To PLGIT Clay St. Bldg. Acct. (Reilly Twp. )	<u>300.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 41,532.48

## PLGIT POLICE PENSION FUND ACCOUNT:

128	MetLife, Conway pension	2,716.24
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	TOTAL	\$ 5,432.48

There being no further business Adams and Wiscount motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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