

October 12, 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, Chief Michael Conway and Fire Chief James Koppenhaver.. Citizens attending were: Fred Scheibley, Henry Kender, Roger M. Adams, Robert Klauser, and Rachel Bebelheimer. Reporter: Joan Schwer. Guests: Tom Schreffler and Mike Keffer of Light-Heigel & Assoc.

President Mack opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for former Councilman George C. Schaeffer Sr. who passed away on Monday evening.

Griffiths and Donmoyer motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Henry Kender thanked Mindler and Kohr of the Street department for painting the lines on the crosswalks on Spring Street. He asked if they could address the drainage problem on Spruce Street to alleviate some of the flooding of Clay Street and Spring Street properties. Kender requested that DEP be contacted about these flooding events as the rain water has been coming off the mountain since DEP filled in the stripping pits, clear cut the trees, and planted grass.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Dept. of Justice sent a letter to notify us that we were not chosen to receive a COPS grant in this year's round of funding. If monies become available for 2011 we will be notified to reapply for consideration.

Ron Hull of the PUC sent a letter to notify council that he is closing his file on the Railroad Crossing as repairs have been completed by PennDOT.

The Fall Dinner Meeting of the Schuylkill County Borough's Association will be held on Wednesday, October 20th at the Lakeside Ballroom in Ryan Township beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost to attend is \$18.00 per person and RSVP's are requested by tomorrow.

Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to allow the Tremont High School Class of 1961 permission to provide beer and allow a BYOB for the dinner portion of their class reunion to be held next year in the Clay Street Griffiths Community Room contingent on providing a signed Hold Harmless Agreement & Damage Waiver form and providing a Certificate of Liability prior to the event. Roll call vote. All in favor except Donmoyer who votes no.

A thank you letter was read from Rep. Tim Seip for the use of the Griffiths Community Room to hold his Senior workshop on Dealing Effectively with a Healthcare Facility. He stated that a survey of those attending showed that they were very pleased with the information provided and were very thankful of the opportunity to acquire information on such a relevant topic.

No action was taken on Stanley Access Technologies renewal contract for "Labor Only" service to the automatic door opener of the lower level lobby at a cost of \$194.42.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Hobbs requested an Executive session in order to discuss two legal matters. Since no action will be required by Council this session will be held at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: We received notification from PennDOT that our Liquid Fuels allocation for 2011 has been estimated to be \$34,252.35. Fasnacht noted that the Street department will begin picking up bagged leaves every Monday morning throughout the town beginning on October 18th until further notice.

Fasnacht and Griffiths motion to authorize Mindler to purchase road salt for the upcoming winter season. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Fasnacht contacted SCMA concerning their repairs to our streets after opening them for infrastructure repairs and he said that we just need to call them if there is sinkage and they will come back and refill with additional cold patch.

Fisher related a problem that some Clay Street residents experienced with their water after the hydrants were flushed. He called SCMA and provided them with the names and addresses. The water lines were flushed and products were provided to those affected. This problem has been resolved.

PROPERTY: Griffiths noted that the repairs have been completed on the lower level classroom thanks in large part to the last of his brother's monetary contribution paying for the electrical work, the Tremont Community Band for purchasing the ceiling gridwork, the Tremont Community Organization for purchasing the ceiling tiles, Jerry Fasnacht for purchasing the paint for the floor, and Bill Mindler for the use of his scaffolding and coming out on his own time to assist with the ceiling installation. Secretary Mack was instructed to send thank you letters on the Borough's behalf..

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Allar asked that Council authorize Trick or Treat night for Sunday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fasnacht and Griffiths motion to approve this request. Roll call vote. All in favor.

LAW & ORDER: Chief Michael Conway provided a report for August noting 24 Incidents, no Arrests, and no Court Hearings. Officer Joseph Kavanaugh provided a report for August noting 38 Incidents, no arrests, and 1 Court Hearing.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Fire Chief Koppenhaver reported that the fire company had 57 calls for September in large part due to the 54 basements that needed to be pumped on Thursday, September 30th. He stated that nine neighboring fire departments assisted with this flooding event. They were Donaldson Fire Dept., Valley View Fire Dept., Hegins Fire Dept., Sacramento Fire Dept., Muir Fire Dept., Minersville Fire & Rescue, Newtown Fire Dept., Llewellyn Fire Dept., and Joliett Fire Dept. Secretary Mack sent letters of thanks to each assisting department.

RECREATION: Fisher stated that the pump house flooded and the pump motor was under water. He said that everything seems to be okay with the motor but we won't know for sure until next swim season when it is reconnected and put into use.

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

FINANCE: Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to divide the Firemen's Relief Allocation of \$8,727.77 with 80% going to the fire company and 20% going to the ambulance association. Roll call vote. All in favor. Secretary Mack will issue a check for

\$6,982.22 to the Tremont Firemen's Relief Association and \$1,745.55 to the Tremont Ambulance Relief Association.

Fisher and Fasnacht motion to distribute our Municipal Pension allocation of \$13,780.12 to the five full time employees based on months of service with \$2,067.04 deposited into Kavanaugh's MetLife pension account and \$2,928.27 deposited into each of the other employees (Conway, Mindler, Kohr, & Mack) pension accounts. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Our 2010 PURTA Tax Distribution of \$477.25 was received and deposited into our general account.

Fisher and Donmoyer motion to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the Per Capita Tax for 2010 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 no more than \$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: Frank Batz, Adrienne Griffiths, Jenna Himmelberger, Stephanie Koppenhaver, Heather Mack, Kyle Mack, Colin Smith, Kara Spittler, Cody Wiscount, and Dennis Wiscount Jr. Unemployed: Chris Aregood, Audrey Carl, Lindsey Demcher, Wanda Frew, Brittney Herring, Catherine Kennemore, Teri Kennemore, Gloria Koch, Tanya Koch, Michelle Kroh, Nikki Leininger, Robert Mellen, Angie Ruddy, Sarah Salen, Rebecca Schwartz, and Karen Wolff. Disabled: Jeffrey Lucas and Amy Saiauskie. Indigents: Katherine Ellison, Ruth Imschweiller, and Verna Miller. Non-Resident: Neil Hatfield.

Donmoyer noted that he made a comparison of the Borough's monetary reserve fund with last year's balance at the end of September and we are down by approximately \$45,000.00. A preliminary budget meeting has been set for tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: The Department of Labor and Industry issued a Boiler Certificate for the TACC building's heating system.

NEW BUSINESS: Donmoyer and Fisher motion to have Will Salen delete the obsolete virus protection on the Office computer and install a new virus protection at a cost of \$45.00 contingent on Jerry contacting Salen to clarify what has to be done.

Donmoyer and Griffiths motion to enter an Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss two legal matters at the request of Solicitor Hobbs. All in favor.

Fisher and Donmoyer motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:41 pm. All in favor.

RECEIPTS: GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$286.38, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$18.92, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Tremont Library: \$959.00, wage reimb.; Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$873.33, rent (Sept.)and \$208.10, utility reimb.; Road & School: \$2,810.74, delinq. real estate taxes; Tremont Seniors: \$120.00, rent (Oct.); Berkheimer: \$283.30, delinq. per capita; Dumpster Permits: \$200.00; Rep. Seip: \$100.00, rent (September); IU-29: \$920.00, rent (Sept.)and \$39.87, utility reimb.; Real Estate Transfer: \$72.03, taxes; Schuylkill Co.: \$1,895.00, rent (September); Parking Fines: \$10.00; Child Development: \$130.00, rent (Sept.) Volleyball Players: \$24.00, gym rental; Bonnie Kupp: \$375.00, gym rental and \$40.00, classroom rental:

Carolyn Folta: \$1,080.28, R.E taxes and \$93.50, Per Capita taxes: Historical Society: \$600.00, rent (3rd & 4th Qtrs.): Tremont Community Organization: \$69.84, reimb.: PA Liquor Control Board: \$650.00, beverage license: Frailey Twp.: \$3,293.50, Police(June & July): Sch. Co. Court: \$42.43, Vio.of Ord.: Handicapped Signs: \$30.00, renewals:Tremont Township: \$216.00, ambulance w/comp. reimb.: PA Auditor General: \$13,780.12, Municipal Pension allocation and \$8,727.77, Firemen's Relief allocation: NOW Account Interest \$4.42 (Sept.); TOTAL = \$37,953.53

PLGIT ACCOUNT: EIT: \$4,842.37; LST: \$0.00; Transfer in from Clay St. Bldg. Account: \$.26: Interest: \$ 2.75 (Sept.); TOTAL = \$4,845.38

PAYROLL: \$27,400.36: Transferred from General Account (Sept.); NOW Account Interest: \$.65 (Sept.); TOTAL = \$27,401.01

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$.41 (Sept.) TOTAL = \$.41

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$1.57 (Sept.) TOTAL = \$1.57

M & T BANK STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$.83 (Sept.); TOTAL = \$.83

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts:\$67.25(Sept.), vending machines; TOTAL = \$67.25

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$.03 (Sept.) TOTAL = \$.03

EXPENDITURES: Fasnacht and Fisher motion to approve the payment of the following expenditures: General Fund: \$37,756.62; Fire Dept. Fund: \$782.16; Payroll Fund: \$5,038.19; Swimming Pool Fund: \$8.59; Highway Aid Fund: \$2,119.95; Clay St. Bldg. Fund: \$.23,transfer to General Acct. (Account Closed); PLGIT General Account: \$15,000.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EFT	Yahoo, website fee	13.94
7197	Janet Groff, dumpster retainer fee	25.00
7198	Werner's, ceiling tiles & supplies	866.38
7199	James Linsey, dumpster retainer fee	25.00
7200	Pribilla's, supplies	82.57
7201	Berkheimer, services	112.88
7202	SMA, utilities	358.57
7203	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	1,536.96
7204	Frontier Tele. Co., services	229.44

7205	Tremont Library, internet fees	20.00
7206	Potts & Monger, garbage removal	60.00
7207	Mid Penn Bank, loan	873.21
7208	SMA, sewer utilities	90.00
7209	Lewis T. Moyer, Health Officer fees	25.00
7210	Ehrlich, monthly service fee	105.00
7211	Kreiser's Fuel, monthly	381.26
7212	Law Office of Chris Hobbs, Solicitor fees	25.00
7213	H. A. Thompson, w/comp installment	4,980.98
7214	M & T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,114.50
7215	Morgan's Service Station, vehicle repairs	182.48
7216	Tremont Postmaster, stamps	48.25
7217	Sommer's Plumbing, boiler maintenance @TACC	90.00
7218	Central Penn Paper, supplies	64.83
7219	Antz Energy Systems, maintenance @ air conditioners	1,435.00
7220	Carisa's Cleaning Service, janitor fees	500.00
7221	Tremont Firemen's Relief Assoc., fire company allocation	6,982.22
7222	Tremont Ambulance Firemen's Relief, ambulance allocation	1,745.55
7223	MetLife, Kavanaugh pension allocation	2,067.04
7224	MetLife, Conway pension allocation	2,928.27
7225	MetLife, Kohr pension allocation	2,928.27
7226	MetLife, Mindler pension allocation	2,928.27
7227	MetLife, Mack pension allocation	2,928.27
7228	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>1,002.48</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 37,756.62

PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

392	Glick Fire Equipment, repairs @KME tk.	128.79
393	VCLF, truck loan	<u>653.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 782.16

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND:

461	M& T Bank, monthly loan pmt.	2,000.00
462	Jeck's Service Center, repairs	<u>119.95</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,119.95

PAYROLL FUND:

EFT	PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	249.21
5223	PSAB U/C Plan. 3 rd Quarter tax return	183.70
5224	HAB-EIT, 3 rd Quarter tax return	520.70
5225	HAB-LST, 3 rd Quarter tax return	58.80

5226	PA UC Fund, 3 rd Quarter tax return	41.34
5235	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	1,798.88
EFT	PA Dept. of Revenue, State Payroll Tax	187.40
5236	FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (October)	24.00
5237	AFLAC, employee premiums (payroll deductions)	281.08
5245	Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit	<u>1,693.08</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,038.19

SWIMMING POOL FUND:

1334	P.P. & L. Co., utilities	5.56
1335	Direct Energy, utilities	<u>3.03</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 8.59

PLGIT CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND:

EFT	Transfer to PLGIT General Account	<u>.23</u>
	TOTAL	\$.23

PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT:

214	Transfer to General Checking Account	<u>15,000.00</u>
		\$ 15,000.00

There being no further business Griffiths and Fasnacht motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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