

September 09, 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, Road Supervisor William Mindler, Police Officer Joseph Kavanaugh, and Solicitor Chris Hobbs. Reporters: Joan Schwer and Stephanie LaSota; Fire Chief James Koppenhaver. Citizens: Fred Scheibley, John Kohr, and Henry "Butch" Kender. Guests: State Rep. Tim Seip and his Chief of Staff Brian & wife Diane Tobin, and Sgt. Christopher Blugis of the Frackville State Police. Mayor William Allar was absent.

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

Rep. Tim Seip presented Council President Laine Mack Jr. with symbolic checks for two grants that he assisted Tremont Borough in securing. The first was a \$ 25,000 check for the Stream Restoration Project and the second was a \$ 10,000 check for the Restroom building for the swimming pool. Mease and Donmoyer motion that these Minutes reflect the Borough's sincere appreciation for Rep. Seip's assistance in securing this funding for these projects. All in favor.

Sgt. Blugis lead a discussion on Council's concerns about detouring traffic through the Main Street of Tremont when an accident on I-81 causes that road to be closed. Sgt Blugis said that the plan calls for South bound traffic to be detoured off of the Hegins Exit #112 to reconnect with I-81 at the Ravine Exit #104 or the Pine Grove Exit #100 however there is approx. five miles of traffic in the jug handle between Exit #112 and the Tremont Exit #107 that will need to get off I-81 at the Tremont Exit. Since it appears that the problem is aggravated by a delay in a decision to reroute I-81 traffic off at Exit 112 due to a confusion as to who has the authority to make that decision, Rep. Seip's Chief of Staff Brian Tobin, agreed to coordinate another meeting with the County Emergency Management Agency, the PA State Police, and the respective responding Fire Departments to get this issue resolved.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Butch Kender voiced concern over an issue with a property owner denying access for parking by the Fire department vehicles when doing landing assist for the Life Flight helicopters. Mr. Kender and his Mother offered their property if needed for use by the Fire Department to avoid any problems in the future. Mr. Kender also received an update on the Stream Restoration Project that is being funded through a DEP grant.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Tremont Community Organization is requesting permission to host a dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Lewis "Lul" & Ida Griffiths Community Room prior to the Council meeting and in conjunction with the dedication of the Griffiths Community Room. Adams and Donmoyer motion to authorize this Community Room use for the dinner and to delay the start time of the October Council meeting until 7:00 p.m. to allow adequate time for the dedication. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Wiscount and Schaeffer motion to allow the T.C.O. to apply for a Copyright Licensing Agreement in the Borough's name and EIN number for the "Movies in the Park" that they sponsor as these movies are shown on Borough property. Roll call vote.

All in favor.

Due to budgetary constraints, no action was taken on the Tremont Area Baseball Assoc. request for a donation towards the purchase of playground equipment for their Little League Field property.

Schaeffer and Mease motion to allow the Tremont Fire Co. #1 to use the Borough streets to hold their annual Halloween parade on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote. All in favor. Secretary Mack will apply for the PennDOT road closing permit.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS:** Mease and Adams motion to authorize Sec. Mack to purchase 50 ton of road salt under our state contract at a cost of \$ 3,192.00 with half of the order (25 ton) to be delivered to Frailey Twp. who will reimburse the Borough \$ 1,596.00 for their share of the cost. Roll call vote. All in favor.

**PROPERTY:** Donmoyer noted that Wolff Contracting is currently doing the renovations to the community room and he should be finished by the end of the week. Dynamark has completed the installation of the security cameras and they are now in operation. The ARDCO contractors have begun the renovations to the room which will house the Schuylkill Education Council's Computer Lab.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No report available due to Mayor's absence.

**LAW & ORDER:** Chief Conway provided a report for August noting 48 Incidents, and 323 miles on police car. Officer Kavanaugh provided his report noting 32 Incidents and 463 miles on police car.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Roger M. Adams noted that all property owners that are having chimneys constructed for alternative heating sources should have said chimneys constructed as per Borough Ordinance and inspected by our code officer before use to make sure that they are safe.

Chief Koppenhaver noted that the fire department responded to 8 calls in August. He also reviewed a listing of anticipated repairs estimated at approximately \$ 1,450.00 that are needed on the KME prior to it's next inspection.

Adams and Schaeffer motion to authorize the Tremont Fire Department to participate in the Llewellyn Parade on 9/28/08 and the Donaldson Parade on 10/04/08. All in favor.

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

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

**FINANCE:** Secretary Mack provided lock-in oil bids from eight suppliers for Council's review and stated that one other local supplier would be providing a bid on Wednesday. Upon review of bids, Mease and Adams motion to authorize Secretary Mack to lock in 5,500 gallons with the lowest bidder after receiving this final bid. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to participate in P.P.&L.'s prepayment options on the six accounts that qualify to be invested by P.P.&L. at 6% interest. The Borough would advance pay \$ 1,074.42 for the remainder of 2008 and all of 2009 and then be credited a total of \$ 1,246.44 for 2010 and 2011 for a total earnings of \$ 172.02. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mease and Wiscount motion to defer reimbursing M.& T. Bank Loan Account the

\$ 24,000.00 from our Liquid Fuels (Highway Aid) account which is ½ of the April 1, 2008 loan payment paid directly from loan account. This payment will be added to the loan payment that the Borough will need to pay next April as the loan account has now been depleted since the contractor was paid for this year's major road project. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mease and Donmoyer motion to authorize Sec. Mack to transfer \$ 35,000 from the PLGIT savings account to the General Checking account Roll call vote. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

RECEIPTS:GENERAL ACCOUNT: District Magistrate Carol Pankake: \$ 131.55, Vio. @ Ordinances and \$ 42.40, Vio. @ Veh. Code; Senior Citizens: \$120.00, Rent (August); Tremont Library: \$ 200.00, rent (September); Diakon Lutheran Social Services: \$ 873.33, rent (August) and \$ 192.22, utility reimb.; Richard Kintzel: \$ 1,487.97, Real Estate taxes and \$ 143.00, Per Capita; Sch.County Court: \$ 46.90; Vio, @ Ordinances; Dumpster Permits: \$ 100.00; Sch. County:\$ 1,895.00, rent (September); IU-29: \$ 920.00, rent (August) and \$ 11.51 reimb. @ PPL utilities; Parking Fines: \$ 10.00; Road & School: \$1,881.48, delinq. R. E. taxes; Frailey Twp.: \$ 1,294.80; Berkheimer: \$ 327.63, collections; SCMA: \$ 1,500.00, street opening permits; Real Estate Transfer: \$ 456.68, taxes; PIRMA: \$ 110.25, reimb.; Jeffrey Graver: \$ 1,789.56, restitution; Community Room Rental: \$ 25.00; NOW Account Interest \$ 5.73 (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 13,565.01

PLGIT: EIT: \$ 16,400.90; LST/OPT: \$ 3,204.10 ; Interest: \$ 299.48, (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 19,904.48

PAYROLL: \$ 17,300.56: Transferred from General Account (August); NOW Account Interest: \$ 1.03 (August);

TOTAL = \$ 17,301.59

PLGIT FIRE DEPT. FUND: Interest: \$ 38.15 (August)  
TOTAL = \$ 38.15

PLGIT HIGHWAY AID FUND: Interest: \$ 59.23 (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 59.23

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

STREET RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT: Interest: \$ 4.24 (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 4.24

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

SWIMMING POOL FUND: Cash Receipts: \$ 2,802.50 (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 2,802.50

CLAY STREET BUILDING FUND: Interest: \$ 93.17 (August);  
TOTAL = \$ 93.17

POOL BUILDING GRANT ACCOUNT: Grant Funds: \$ 10,000.00

EXPENDITURES: Schaeffer and Adams motion to approve payment of the following expenditures. Roll call vote. All in favor. General Fund: \$ 33,865.06; Fire Dept. Fund: \$ 1,365.12; Payroll Fund: \$ 5,377.69; Swimming Pool Fund: \$ 832.26; PLGIT Clay Street Building Account: \$ 11,630.29; PGIT General Account: \$ 35,000.00;

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| EFT  | Yahoo, website fee                                 | 12.94            |
| 6452 | Pribilla's. supplies                               | 92.21            |
| 6453 | Berkheimer, services                               | 373.51           |
| 6454 | Capital Blue Cross, monthly                        | 1,275.08         |
| 6455 | SMA, utilities                                     | 358.57           |
| 6456 | P.P. & L. Co., utilities                           | 5,349.77         |
| 6457 | Frontier Tele. Co., services                       | 246.93           |
| 6458 | Tremont Library, internet fees                     | 20.00            |
| 6459 | Harleysville Life Ins., council premium            | 8.59             |
| 6460 | Potts & Monger, garbage removal                    | 60.00            |
| 6461 | Mid Penn Bank, loan                                | 873.21           |
| 6462 | SMA, sewer utilities                               | 90.00            |
| 6463 | Ehrlich, monthly service fee & vegetation contract | 105.00           |
| 6464 | Kreiser's Fuel, monthly                            | 543.64           |
| 6465 | Atty. Chris Hobbs, solicitor fees                  | 124.90           |
| 6466 | Biros Utilities, porta potty @ park                | 70.00            |
| 6467 | Sch. Co. Boroughs Assoc., membership renewal fee   | 25.00            |
| 6468 | B & S Auto, repairs                                | 4.21             |
| 6469 | ANTZ Energy System, maintenance @ HVAC units       | 1,390.00         |
| 6470 | Lewis T. Moyer, health officer fees                | 25.00            |
| 6471 | State Workers Ins. Fund, w/c premium inst.         | 2,360.00         |
| 6472 | Carisa's Cleaning Service, custodian fees          | 500.00           |
| 6473 | H. A. Thompson, audit premium adj.                 | 712.00           |
| 6474 | Morgan Oil, Inc., lock-in fuel contract            | <u>19,244.50</u> |
|      | TOTAL  | \$ 33,865.06     |

## PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND:

|     |                                    |               |
|-----|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 349 | VCLF, truck loan                   | 653.37        |
| 350 | Glick Fire Equip. Co., KME repairs | <u>715.75</u> |
|     | TOTAL                              | \$ 1,369.12   |

## PAYROLL FUND:

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|------|--|---------------|
| EFT  | PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax                      | 232.91        |
| 4628 | Miners Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit                   | 2,167.68      |
| 4634 | FOP Black Diamond Lodge, Police Dues (July)                | 40.00         |
| 4635 | Minersville Safe Deposit Bank, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit | 2,072.36      |
| EFT  | PA Dept of Revenue, State Payroll Tax                      | 205.15        |
| 4636 | HAB-LST, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. tax report                   | 58.80         |
| 4637 | PSAB U/C Plan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. tax report             | 103.92        |
| 4638 | PA UC Fund, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. tax report                | 27.74         |
| 4639 | HAB-EIT, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. tax report                   | <u>469.13</u> |
|      | TOTAL  | \$ 5,377.69   |

## SWIMMING POOL FUND:

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|------|--|---------------|
| 1231 | Pribilla's, supplies                     | 1.89          |
| 1232 | Frontier, telephone                      | 28.03         |
| 1233 | Voided Check                             | -0-           |
| 1234 | Pottsville Environmental, water testing  | 63.00         |
| 1235 | Miller's Dist., concessions              | 87.10         |
| 1236 | P. P. L. Co, electric @ pool             | 412.24        |
| 1237 | Eric Myers, certification reimb.         | 120.00        |
| 1238 | Michael Neidlinger, certification reimb. | <u>120.00</u> |
|      | TOTAL                                    | \$ 832.26     |

## PLGIT CLAY STREET SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT:

|     |   |               |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 106 | Allen Wolff General Contractor, Contractor fees   | 2,400.00      |
| 107 | Dynamark Securities, Security system              | 5,426.25      |
| 108 | Allen Wolff General Contractor, Contractor fees   | 2,779.00      |
| 109 | Carl Wiscount, reimb @ paint & supplies           | 230.04        |
| 110 | Blinds-to-Show, vertical blinds @ gym & cafeteria | <u>795.00</u> |
|     | TOTAL   | \$ 11,630.29  |

## PLGIT GENERAL FUND:

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| 198 | Tremont Borough General Checking, transfer | <u>\$ 35,000.00</u> |
|     | TOTAL                                      | \$ 35,000.00        |

There being no further business Adams and Wiscount motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

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