

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2024**

***CALL TO ORDER:***

President Ochs called the meeting of the Tremont Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tremont Borough Building.

***ATTENDANCE:***

**Council:** President William Ochs, Vice-President Brian Eisenacher, Council Members: James Scheibley, Melody Strickler and Roger Adams.

**Also attending:** Mayor Gerald Fasnacht, Solicitor Shane Hobbs, Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas and Engineer John Poff

*\* See attached sheet for a list of Citizens who were in attendance.*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, approving the November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT:***

*Attorney Shane Hobbs*

- Still working on the 5 problem properties through the Court of Common Pleas

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

*Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:*

- The Mayor thanked all of the Volunteers for their time and dedication and for everything they do.
- He thanked Rodney and Amy Updegrave, personally, for the Haunted House Benefit they put together every year.
- The Mayor also commented on the how good the Christmas Lights looked throughout the Borough.

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- Scheibley is requesting that the following streets be added to the Liquid Fuels Map:
  - Green St
  - Hazel St
  - Hand
  - Cherry Alley (from Pine to Washington)
  - School St (from Pine to Washington)
- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher for Solicitor Hobbs to do everything necessary in order to get Green St, Hazel St, Hand St., Cherry Alley (from Pine to Washington) and School St (from Pine to Washington) adopted as legal public streets and added to the Liquid Fuels Map. All in favor; Motion passed.

***PROPERTY:***

- Scheibley recommends that we get Marty Sowers working on the most recent burned properties, 312 and 314 E. Main Street.
- We received two Heating Oil Bids:
  1. Tevis Energy @ 3.299 per gallon
  2. Country Side Propane / Mountain View Fuel @ 3.179 per gallon
    - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Adams accepting the bid submitted by Country Side Propane / Mountain View Fuel for 4,000 gallons of heating oil @ \$3.179 per gallon. All in favor; Motion passed.
- No Bids were received for HVAC Services. This was tabled until next month.
- Scheibley reported that the spring broke on the borough garage door.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

• **FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

- Chief Eisenacher reported that the Fire Company responded to 23 calls in November:

QRS	10	Vehicle Fire	2	Brush Fire	1
Chief’s Request	1	AFA	3	Medical Assist	1
MVA	2	Structure Fire	2	I.M.T. Response Incident Management Team	1

- Tremont Fire Company is requesting \$1400.00 be paid to Bucks County Community College for training.
  - Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, approving \$1400.00 be paid to Bucks County Community College for training for the Fire Company. All in Favor; Motion passes.
- Chief Eisenacher reported that the Fire Company was awarded a Grant for thermal imaging cameras in the amount of \$21,000.00.
- SCMA is requesting the remaining balance of \$560.26 be paid for the hydrant by the Corner Bar.
  - Council feels that is an issue between the trucking company and SCMA. The borough is not covering that cost.
  - Council would like a meeting with SCMA to discuss all of the issues they have with SCMA.
- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, to lift the Burn Ban for Tremont Borough. Motion passed 4-1, with Eisenacher voting No.

• **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- Calls for October 2024 – 39 BLS, 74 ALS, 43 Missed ALS: Total of 156 calls.
- Calls for November 2024 – 42 BLS, 55 ALS, 43 Missed ALS: Total of 140 calls.

• **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- No Report

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

John Poff – December 2024:

• **FEMA BRIC –DTA GRANT**

We attended a virtual meeting between the Borough and the FEMA DTA Group on November 4, 2024. The next scheduled meeting between the Borough and FEMA DTA will occur virtually on November 18th at 3:00 PM. FEMA is looking for guidance from the Borough on whether or not the Borough wants to file a Scoping Grant Application or a Phased Project Application.

• **DCED Grant from Commonwealth Financing Agency**

On December 19, 2023, Tremont Borough has received a \$ 300,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Agency through the Department of Community and Economic Development, please note, the grant application was for \$ 375,000.00. Therefore, the Borough will have to provide a 15 % match (\$ 56,250.00) plus the funding shortfall of \$ 18,750.00. This grant will provide funding to do the stormwater collection and conveyance projects as outlined in the Army Corp Study as well as replacing the storm pipe under Route 25, LHAI has finally received the mapping/CAD files from the Army Corp flood study. We will utilize this information to create base mapping and ultimately construction drawings and bid documents for the storm sewer project. Please note, all funds must be spent by September 30, 2026.

• **Borough Playground**

Keith Heigel is coordinating the next step in the process with DCNR. The grant will have to be managed through the new Grants Customer Service Portal. Grantees are encouraged to submit a Partial Payment Request for 50% of the grant award through the Grants Portal Payment Link. All partial payments must be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account.

We have submitted the construction plans to DCNR for final review. Upon DCNR approval, we will put the project out to bid this December; with construction occurring in the spring of 2025. Please note, all funds must be spent by December 30, 2025.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Treasurer Report for November 2024 :

Account	Type	Name	Memo/Description	Income	Expense
<b>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note A Obligation Loan		2,446.56
	Check	BUREAU VERITAS NATIONAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION SERVICES INC	Elevator Inspection		400.00
	Expense	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Collection		170.00
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38
	Check	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	Paint for Clay St Bldg		389.56
	Check	H.A. THOMSON CO.	Treasurer Bond		299.00
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Road & School Taxes	1,130.48	
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		44.52
	Check	LAW OFFICE OF SHANE HOBBS	Solicitor Services		2,450.00
	Deposit	INSURANCE COMPANY PAYMENT	Claim for Hydrant at Pine & Main	11,879.39	
	Expense	SCMA	Insurance Payment for Hydrant at Pine & Main		11,879.39
	Expense	AMAZON	General building, Office & Garage supplie		717.31
	Refund	AMAZON	Refund for Order not received	261.44	
	Expense	TREMONT MINI MART	Law n Care Equipment Fuel		110.00
	Expense	TEVIS ENERGY	Heating Oil - TACC Bldg		966.41
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription		328.60
	Check	MAIN STREAM INDUSTRIES INC	Street Signs		375.00
	Check	AMBP	2025 Mayor Membership Dues		60.00
	Check	DUMPSTER RETAINER	Dumpster Permit Retainers		50.00
	Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	Employee Medical Premium		650.62
	Check	PSAB	2025 Dues		242.00
	Deposit	FIRE VICTIM DONATION	ATM Deposit Check for Fire Victim Donation	500.00	
	Expense	ATM WITHDRAWAL	Fire Victim Donation Withdrawal		500.00
	Check	PML	2025 Dues		65.00
Deposit	MONTHLY DEPOSITS	ATM	12279.72		
Interest	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	15.34		
<b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 26,066.37</b>	<b>\$ 22,186.35</b>

<b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b>					<b>\$ 12,766.22</b>
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<b>NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.01	
<b>TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.01</b>	

<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>	Check	TEVIS ENERGY			269.90
	Check	POTTSVILLE QUARRY			226.30
	Check	KLINGER & STEHR INC			1,897.83
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	25.54	
<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b>				<b>\$ 25.54</b>	<b>\$ 2,394.03</b>

<b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.07	
<b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>	Check	MARS DIESEL			5,233.89
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	185.36	
<b>TOTAL -FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 185.36</b>	<b>\$ 5,233.89</b>

<b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>	Deposit	BERKHEIMER	EIT/LST Disbursements	8,398.82	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1,064.99	
<b>TOTAL -PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 9,463.81</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1.25	
<b>TOTAL - DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 1.25</b>	

- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, approving the November 2024 Treasurer Report. All in favor, Minutes approved.

**FINANCE:**

- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, approving the Real Estate Tax Exemption request for Richard Kintzel at 36 Vaux Ave. All in favor, Motion passed.

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- COVID Funds must be used by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams to use the COVID money to purchase an atv for the Streets Department All in Favor, Motion passes.
- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams to adopt the 2025 Budget. Roll call vote: Eisenacher – Yes, Scheibley – Yes, Strickler – Yes, Adams – Yes, President Ochs – Yes. Budget adopted.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

- Scheibley reported that he has a company coming tomorrow and one coming next week to give quotes for the Fire Siren.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher to advertise the 2025 Meeting Dates. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Adams reported that the Christmas lights will be taken down on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

***CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:***

- Sherry Huntzinger
  - 1) How many fire hydrants do we have in the Borough and how many of them work?
    - Eisenacher: 35 total
    - Scheibley: 8-10 of them work
  - 2) President Ochs asked her how the parking issue is behind her house.
    - She told him "Don't ask"
    - Scheibley said that if it is there again to call him and he will call to have it towed
  - 3) She also wanted to report that people are throwing their garbage in other people's bins on garbage pick up days.

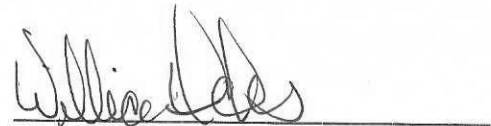
***ADJOURNMENT:***

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**PRESIDENT:**

  
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**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

**DECEMBER 10, 2024**

1. George Hoyeröcker	19.
2. Kathleen Klammer	20.
3. Kathy Adams	21.
4. Gerald Fasvad	22.
5. Rodney Yederve	23.
6. Amy Lupatow	24.
7. JOHN R POTT LIGHT. HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES	25.
8. Sherry Hutzinger	26.
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