

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 14, 2025**

***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 and Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas.

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Adams, approving the December 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved

***SPECIAL GUEST:*** Christian Lengle, Pine Grove Township resident and Bern Township Police Officer, addressed Council with a self-introductory speech to announce his candidacy for District Judge of Magisterial Court 21-03-04 in the Republican primary this May.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT:***

**Attorney Shane Hobbs**

- Phil Kintzel Deed
  - Requested the area on his property , as per deed, where the Cherry Street should be. The road is over to far and not located where the deed states. Mr. Kintzel wants to put a garage in that area and wants to take ownership of the small piece of land so it is not an issue in the future.
  - Atty Kelso started working on this when she was our Solicitor, now she is representing Mr. Kintzel to finish this deed.
  - A survey was already done.
  - Solicitor Hobbs will prepare a Resolution for next meeting. Then the deed will be finalized for Council to sign and then it will be given back to Mr. Kintzel and his Attorney.
  - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher, approving Phil Kintzel's request. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Roads to add to Liquid Fuel's Map
  - We first have to adopt the Legislative Body of the Municipality Resolution with the current Council members listed. Shane prepared the Resolution for Council to sign tonight.
  - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler, adopting Resolution 01-2025, Legislative Body of the Municipality for the dotGrants online reporting system for PennDot. All in favor; Resolution Adopted.
  - Hobbs will follow up after Resolution is submitted to PennDot.
- Josh Scheibley is requesting a Municipal Driveway Permit to be submitted with his building permit.
  - Solicitor Hobbs feels that a permit is not applicable in this situation at this time. If Mr. Scheibley would need or want a permit in the future, Hobbs recommends applying for it once the property is assigned a legal postal address.
  - The secretary will inform Marty Sowers that no permit is needed with the building permit application.

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

**Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:**

- The Mayor informed the residents to clean off the snow on their sidewalks.

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- 2008 Yamaha Rhino 700 was purchased at PG Yamaha for plowing
  - Scheibley thanked Council and said he is going to add lights
- Fire Siren quote amount is \$26, 657.86 installed
  - Scheibley is going to try to get funding through BRIC DTA & FEMA

- PPL Issues
  - Joanne Stehr and Dave Argall are involved now and PPL is working to address the problems in the Borough.

- Scheibley read the following letter from Comcast:

As you may know, the application window for the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant program opened on November 22, 2024. Funding from this program may be awarded to an internet service provider to bring broadband to up to 3,051 currently unserved locations in Schuylkill County. Pennsylvania has been allocated \$1.16 billion for this program, and providers will be submitting applications by January 21, 2025.

Comcast intends to apply for funding in Schuylkill County, and your municipality includes unserved locations that lie within their potential project area. Because the County is committed to bringing service to those locations, and because Comcast works closely with the communities they serve, the County is reaching out to the municipalities listed below that are expected to be included in Comcast's application.

To provide you with more information about the BEAD program and application process, and what to expect if Comcast is awarded a Schuylkill County project, including specific locations, timeline, and the services we hope to provide your residents, the company is holding an information session with in-person and virtual attendance options.

Please RSVP to the Comcast contact below to let them know whether you will be able to attend in person or if you would like a link to join via Microsoft Teams. Please feel free to contact them with any additional questions.

Best Wishes,

Schuylkill County Broadband Taskforce

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Scheibley to follow through with the Resolution pending Solicitor review. All in favor; Motion passed.

### ***PROPERTY:***

- We received one HVAC Bid
  1. Antz Energy in the amount of \$1,716.00
    - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler, accepting the bid submitted by Antz Energy in the amount of \$1,716.00. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Updates on burned properties
  - Barry Noll's property- The Contractor is done but the Demo work is not complete.
  - 312 & 314 E. Main Street- Marty Sowers posted both properties to be demolished, no work has been started.
    - Butch Koehler reported that people are going in Wagner's house through the basement.
  - The Secretary requested that in the event of a fire in the future, no demolition work begin until after the escrow money is received. There was a situation with the Randazzo property where the work was done before the escrow money was received and they were told by a borough official that the secretary would cut them the check. When in fact, the Borough should not be involved with anyone other than the Insurance company. Scheibley agreed and said that we shouldn't be involved in anything other than the Escrow.
- Scheibley reported that the roof of the TACC building is leaking. He will get someone in to fix it.
- Scheibley got the quote from Werner Lumber for the doors at the Library: \$1,310.14 per door.
- Scheibley got the quote to polish the floors at the Borough Building: \$1,349.00 for upstairs and \$466.55 for downstairs.
  - Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams to table this until March or April. All in favor; Motion passed.

### ***PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:***

- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
  - Chief Eisenacher reported that the Fire Company responded to 25 calls in December and a total of 278 calls in 2024.
- **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**
  - Calls for December 2024 –170 calls.

- **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**
  - No Report

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

- No Report

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Treasurer Report for December 2024 :

<b>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note A Obligation Loan		2,525.47	
	Check	LEWIS MOYER	November 2024 Invoice		90.00	
	Expense	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Collection		85.00	
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38	
	Check	LIGHT-HEGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement		409.50	
	Check	FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Lights for Buildings		486.26	
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Road & School Taxes	578.00		
	Check	PIRMA	Liability Insurance		23,217.00	
	Check	LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS	Solicitor Services		550.00	
	Expense	SCMA	Water, Sewer & Hydrants		1,832.47	
	Expense	PPL	Electric Accts		6,153.00	
	Expense	FRONTIER	Phone & Internet		639.73	
	Expense	AMAZON	General building, Office & Garage supplie		325.74	
	Expense	AMAZON	Drill for Streets Dept (COVID Fund)		316.94	
	Expense	HARBOR FREIGHT	Tool Set for Streets Dept (COVID Fund)		180.19	
	Expense	TREMONT MINI MART	Law n Equipment Fuel & Cans		176.00	
	Expense	TEVIS ENERGY	Heating Oil - TACC Bldg		1,375.79	
	Expense	TEVIS ENERGY	Heating Oil -Garage		358.69	
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription		328.60	
	Check	ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	INV# 49345 Cust # 316 (COVID Fund)		10,983.00	
	Check	DENNIS CRAWFORD	2008 Yamaha Rhino 700 (COVID Fund)		6,000.00	
	Check	PINE GROVE YAMAHA	UTV Flow & Spreader (COVID Fund)		2,219.38	
	Check	SECURITY DEPOSIT REFUND	Security Deposit Refunds for Gym Rental		100.00	
	Check	DUMPSTER RETAINER	Dumpster Permit Retainers		25.00	
	Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	Employee Medical Premium		1,344.56	
	Check	A&M AUTO PARTS	Garage Expense		42.08	
	Check	JAMES SCHEBLEY	Reimb: Leaf Blower Parts		32.31	
	Check	LEWIS M. KOHR	Medicare Premium Reimbursement		433.80	
	Check	BRIAN W. ESENACHER	Fire Chief 2024		600.00	
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		24.38	
	Check	ARTHUR "PAT" AUNGST INC	Demo of 18 & 20 E. Main St. Tremont		44,500.00	
	Check	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	Employee Life Ins. Premium		371.90	
	Check	NEPA-REPUBLICAN HERALD	Budget Advertisement		75.70	
	Check	PRIBILLA'S	Misc Items		73.84	
	Check	BERKHEIMER	ET/LSST Commissions		146.32	
	Check	NEWSWANGER	Law n Equipment Supplies & Maintenance		56.49	
	Check	EHRlich	Pest Control		247.24	
	Expense	FAMILY DOLLAR	Office Supplies		36.62	
	Check	WERNER LUMBER ACE HARDWARE	Clay St. bldg paint & other Misc Items		1,442.06	
	Transfer	FROM ARPA (COVID) FUND ACCT	New HVAC Heat system - TCO Room (Antz)	10,983.00		
Transfer	FROM ARPA (COVID) FUND ACCT	Auxiliary Utility Vehicle (PG Yamaha and Affiliate)	8,219.38			
Transfer	FROM ARPA (COVID) FUND ACCT	Streets Dept Tools (Amazon & Harbor Freight)	470.44			
Transfer	TO FIRE DEPT FUND ACCT	2024 Tax Mil			14,750.00	
Deposit	MONTHLY DEPOSITS	ATM	7062.07			
Interest	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest		14.73		
<b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 27,327.62</b>	<b>\$ 122,597.44</b>	
<b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b>					<b>\$ 13,905.38</b>	
<b>ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY ACCT (COVID)</b>	Transfer	TO GENERAL ACCT	New HVAC Heat system - TCO Room (Antz)		10,983.00	
	Transfer	TO GENERAL ACCT	Auxiliary Utility Vehicle (PG Yamaha and Affiliate)		8,219.38	
	Transfer	TO GENERAL ACCT	Streets Dept Tools (Amazon & Harbor Freight)		470.44	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.39		
<b>TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ 19,672.82</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>	Check	TREMONT MINI MART	Truck Fuel		1,268.01	
	Check	KINTZEL PORTABLE WELDING	INV # 24156		225.00	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	16.57		
<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b>				<b>\$ 16.57</b>	<b>\$ 1,493.01</b>	
<b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>	Expense	PPL	Electric		54.80	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.08		
<b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.08</b>	<b>\$ 54.80</b>	

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FIRE DEPT FUND		Check	TREMONT FIRE COMPANY NO. 1	Reimbursement		3,280.00
		Check	Bucks County Community College	Training		1,400.00
		Transfer	FROM GENERAL ACCT	2024 Tax Mil	14,750.00	
		Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	159.79	
TOTAL -FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT					\$	159.79
					\$	4,680.00

PLGIT GENERAL ACCT		Deposit	BERKHEIMER	ET/LST Disbursements	12,670.25	
		Deposit	COMM OF PA	State Police Fines Portion	284.24	
		Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1,158.75	
TOTAL -PLGIT GENERAL ACCT					\$	14,113.24
					\$	-

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

**FINANCE:**

- 2023 Audit is complete
- All Pension Reports have been filed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Christmas lights were taken down.
- SAM's Account needs to be updated by March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, to increase the commission rate of the Tax Collector to 5% all year round. All in favor; Motion passed.
  - The secretary will prepare the Resolution for the Solicitor to review.
- Hazard Mitigation Summit will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 pm at the Penn State Schuylkill Campus. Council needs to register to attend.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

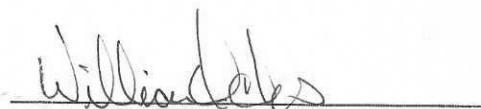
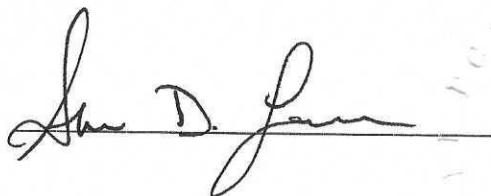
- Sherry Huntzinger
  - 1) Is there supposed to be an inspection done before someone moves into a property?
    - Marty is in charge of setting up the inspections.
    - Hatter's property on Spring St. sold and no inspection was done
    - Cole's property on Spring St. – they tore everything out of the house, including the furnace.
    - Scheibley: Marty shut down the work on S. Crescent Street due to not having a permit
  - 2) President Ochs asked her how the parking issue is behind her house.
    - She told him that there is no longer an issue because the van broke down.
    - Strickler informed Scheibley of the vehicles causing issues parked on Crescent Street
      - Scheibley will post the vehicles tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

**PRESIDENT:**



# TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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1. Justin Moeller	19.
2. Kaphy Adams	20.
3. Kathleen Krammes	21.
4. Gopal K. Farsad	22.
5. Christian Lengel (Introduction)	23.
6. Donald K. Bell	24.
7. Sherry Hunsinger	25.
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