

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 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.

**Absent:** Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion made by President Ochs, second by Scheibley, approving the July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, Minutes approved.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

*Attorney Shane Hobbs*

- Hobbs is continuing to process the necessary paperwork for the "Problem Properties"

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

*Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:*

- Mayor Fasnacht is requesting that the Quality-of-Life Violation fee be increased to \$100.00.
  - Hobbs can draft a sample Ordinance to amend the fee if Council directs him to.

**PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:**

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams to allow SCMA to install a Water Line up Pine Street. Motion carried pending Solicitor's review and communication with SCMA. Scheibley abstained from the vote, All others in favor, Motion passed.
- The Inlet Replacement Project is complete.

**PROPERTY:**

- Motion by President Ochs, second by Adams to sell Roller to resident as long as price is under \$6,000. All in Favor, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

» **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Eisenacher

» **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

» **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

Report submitted by John Poff for August 2024:

- **FEMA BRIC -DTA GRANT**

We attended a virtual meeting between the Borough and the FEMA DTA Group on July 8, 2024. The next scheduled meeting between the Borough and FEMA DTA will occur virtually on July 15th at 3:00 PM. We encourage all members of Council to get involved in this process as this will help the Borough have the strongest possible grant 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.

DCED has sent the executed grant agreement electronically. I have forwarded the agreement to the Borough Secretary along with the forms to be submitted for reimbursement of costs. LHA1 still needs the survey information from the Army Corp to prepare the design drawings and construction documents for the 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.

The design/construction plans have been submitted to DCNR for approval. We cannot proceed with the project until DCNR approves the construction plans. DCNR is still reviewing the project.

- Scheibley reported to Council that FEMA wants more Council members involved in the BRIC-DTA process. Scheibley said that the more people involved will increase are chances of getting the grant money for the work that the Army Corps included in the Flood Study. FEMA will attend the August Workshop. BRIC DTA virtual meetings are held every two weeks if any of them would like to be a part of them.
- Scheibley is requesting to attend a class that FEMA is holding at the PEMA Building on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm. He is also recommending that someone else attend the class with him. Since the secretary just came back from her surgery, the Mayor will be attending the class. Scheibley explained that being the Chair Person to four or five different committees means that he must attend meetings for the Borough.
  - Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, allowing Scheibley to attend the class that FEMA is holding at the PEMA Building on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm. All in favor, Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

• Treasurer Report for July 2024 :

MID PENN BANK	Note A Loan Payment		2,446.56
INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 03-29 CA CL.INTUIT.COM INTUIT *QBooks NE SEQ# 009740 7276		298.92
LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	Inv18-0217 39255 & 39362		6,535.92
LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	Inv16-0005 39322 & 39475 & 39592		2,281.50
WERNER LUMBER ACE HARDWARE	CUST # 17831		1,054.14
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BERKHEIMER	ACCT # ****0016 EIT/LST Commissions		620.17
TREMONT POSTMASTER	Roll of Stamps		66.00
LEWIS MOYER	April 2024 Invoice		90.00
BERKHEIMER	ACCT # ****0016 EIT/LST Commissions		203.73
COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	ACH Credit Received - AUTO-PYMT SCHUYLKILL CNTY 202306-TC-MUN-TREMONT BOROUGH \$2472.85	2,410.37	
ANDREW OCHS	Inv #0001		478.00
ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	INV# 48017 Cust # 316		1,682.00
FRONTIER	ATM/POS Debit - Pinned POS Debit 07-11 TX IRVING Frontier Commun SEQ# 849534 7276		487.04
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES	ACH Debit PP ELEC ACCT BILL		8,787.52
FRONTIER	ATM/POS Debit - Pinned POS Debit 07-11 TX IRVING Frontier Commun SEQ# 654889 7276		149.69
	ATM/POS Credit - ATM DEPOSIT	13,972.27	
	ATM/POS Credit - ATM DEPOSIT	9,782.20	
	Reimbursement for Supplies		22.26
GEORGE HOVEROCKER	ACH Debit Received - InstaMed GEISINGER 021000025200429		649.6
GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	ACH Debit Received - InstaMed GEISINGER 021000025200429		21.19
ADOBE	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 07-14 CA SAN JOSE Adobe In SEQ# 600000 7276		696.96
SCMA	ACH Debit Received - Sch. Co. Mun. Au Sch. Co. M XXXXXX0250.0		214.40
SCMA	ACH Debit Received - Sch. Co. Mun. Au Sch. Co. M XXXXXX0250.0		1,568.52
SCMA	ACH Debit Received - Sch. Co. Mun. Au Sch. Co. M XXXXXX0050.0		287.56
SCMA	ACH Debit Received - Sch. Co. Mun. Au Sch. Co. M XXXXXX2080.0		

DUMPSTER RETAINER	Dumpster Permit Retainer		25.00
LEWIS M. KOHR	Medicare Premium Reimbursement		867.60
AMAZON	ATM/POS Debit - Signature POS Debit 07-16 WA AMZN.COM-BILL AMAZON MKTPL*RS K1 SEQ# 038795 7		98.57
AMAZON	ATM/POS Debit - Signature POS Debit 07-16 WA AMZN.COM-BILL AMAZON MKTPL*RS 1G SEQ# 019457 7		14.82
AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	ACH Debit Received - AMTRUST NA PAYMENT 38350934		8,010.00
	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 07-18 WA MSBILL.INFO MSFT *<E0600SGP SEQ# 472187 7276		209.88
ADOBE	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 07-19 CA SAN JOSE Adobe In SEQ# 000342 7276		21.19
FAMILY DOLLAR	ATM/POS Debit - Pinned POS Debit 07-22 PA TREMONT FAMILY DOLLAR US SEQ# 026728 7276		37.98
INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 03-29 CA CL.INTUIT.COM INTUIT *QBooks NE SEQ# 009740 7276		298.92
PETTY CASH	ATM/POS Debit - ATM Withdrawal 07-30 PA TREMONT 29 E MAIN STREET SEQ# 007326 7276		100.00
		8,621.02	
INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	21.37	
PSAB U/C PLAN	Acct # 54-14462M		726.07
		\$ 34,807.23	\$ 39,301.39
KEITH KROTT	Proposal # 1003-3B		2,705.53
WERNER LUMBER ACE HARDWARE	CUST # 17831		129.80
INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	90.39	
		\$ 90.39	\$ 2,835.33
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	USDA RD DCFO PAYMENT 0000		648.00
INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.04	
		\$ 0.04	\$ 648.00

**FINANCE:**

- Nothing to Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nothing to Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Zito Media Franchise Agreement - Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler to table this until next meeting. All in favor

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Debra Thompson
  - 1) Discussed the pending Blackwood Solids Landfill issue, wants to form a non-profit organization to fight the project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

**PRESIDENT:**

*Asha D. Lucas*

*William Adams*

**TR;EMONT BOROUG:H COUNCIL  
MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

AUGUST 13, 2024

1. Kathleen Harmones	19.
2. Mary E. Umbenhan	20.
3. Debra L. Thompson	21.
4. Josh Scheibley	22.
5. Bob Da...?/e, yes	23.
6. Gerald F...acht	24.
7. Jimi ...	25.
8. Sherry ...	26.
9. Kelly Adams	27.
10.	28.