

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 8, 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:** Solicitor Shane Hobbs and Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas

**Absent:** Mayor Gerald Fasnacht

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, approving the September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, Minutes approved.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT:***

*Attorney Shane Hobbs*

- Still working on the 5 problem properties.
  - 29 Spring Street: President Ochs asked if we can add stipulations to the court order as to what happens if the water gets shut off again.
  - 15 E. Main Street: They can't get these people served. They live out of state.

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

*Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:*

- No Report

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- Ash Pick-up will be twice a week (Monday & Thursday) starting November 4<sup>th</sup> {No Yard Waste}
- Scheibley is having a hard time finding someone to flush the pipe on North Street.

***PROPERTY:***

- E. Main St. Fire
  - 4 buildings condemned – Fire Escrow accts will need to be opened for each property
  - 6 families displaced: 3 in permanent homes, 2 temporarily living with relatives, 1 still in hotel
- Antz provided quotes for the HVAC System Compressor in TCO Room: \$3,630.00 to repair the compressor or \$10,983.00 to replace the compressor.
  - Adams feels we should just pay the money and have it replaced rather than repair it and then 6 months later it stops working again.
  - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher to replace the compressor at a cost of \$10,983.00. All in favor; Motion passed.
- The Secretary will send requests for proposals for the HVAC and Heating Oil 2024-2025 Season.
- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley approving the 2024-2025 Schuylkill Eclipse Volleyball Rental Proposal of a monthly rental fee of \$500.00, which includes four hours on Thursdays and Fridays and six hours on Sundays starting December 2024 through March 2025. All in favor; Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

• **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

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

QRS	9
Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	2
Chief's Request	4
MVA	3
Offroad Rescue	1
AFA	1

- 214 calls in 2024
- The work is still in progress at the Fire House for the tower that the County is putting in for this end of the County.

• **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- Scheibley reported that the Ambulance responded to 52 volunteer and 77 paid calls in September.

• **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- No Report submitted

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

Report submitted by John Poff for October 2024:

• **FEMA BRIC –DTA GRANT**

We attended a virtual meeting between the Borough and the FEMA DTA Group on October 7, 2024. The next scheduled meeting between the Borough and FEMA DTA will occur virtually on October 21st at 3:00 PM.

• **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 are in the process of revising the construction plans, technical specifications and bid documents for resubmission to DCNR. We will provide Borough Council with an overview of the project at the meeting tonight at the Borough Hall. We anticipate putting 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.

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, accepting the preliminary plan for the Playground as presented by John Poff. All in favor; Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Treasurer Report for September 2024 :



Account	Type	Name	Memo/Description	Income	Expense
<b>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment # 12 to Note A Obligation Loan 500240593		2,604.39
	Deposit	COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA	State Police Fines	200.00	
	Check	EHRlich	Pest Control Service		247.24
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38
	Deposit	DEPOSIT	A TM	1743.90	
	Check	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Service		85.00
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Road & School Taxes	4,201.65	
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		59.96
	Check	LEWIS MOYER	Health & Safety Officer		135
	Check	LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS	Solicitor Services		800.00
	Expense	FRONTIER	Telephone Service (Borough & Garage)		422.71
	Expense	AMAZON	Office and Recycling Event Supplies		73.71
	Deposit	DEPOSIT	A TM	6069.48	
	Check	BERKHIMER	A CCT # 54600016 ET/LST Commissions		560.64
	Expense	TEVIS ENERGY	Heating Oil - TACC Bldg		563.00
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription		298.92
	Deposit	DEPOSIT	A TM	2260.60	
	Expense	PETTY CASH	Recycling Event Start up Cash		60.00
	Check	LEWIS M. KOHR	Medicare Premium Reimbursement		433.80
	Deposit	DEPOSIT	A TM	4018.13	
Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	18.11		
<b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 18,511.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,386.75</b>
<b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b>					<b>\$ 12,382.37</b>
<b>NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>	Expense	USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Payment # 60 USDA RD DCFO PAYMENT 0000		648.00
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.02	
<b>TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ 648.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	28.98	
<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b>				<b>\$ 28.98</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.08	
<b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.08</b>	
<b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	200.26	
<b>TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 200.26</b>	
<b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>	Deposit	BERKHIMER	ET/LST Disbursements	12,597.10	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1,028.42	
<b>TOTAL -PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 13,625.52</b>	
<b>DCNR PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCT</b>	Check	LIGHT-HEGEL	Engineer Services for Playground Project		351.00
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1.35	
<b>TOTAL -DCNR PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 1.35</b>	<b>\$ 351.00</b>
<b>ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (COVID)</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.51	
<b>TOTAL - ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS</b>				<b>\$ 0.51</b>	

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

**FINANCE:**

- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler, to open the Fire Escrow Accounts as the insurance checks are received. All in favor, Motion passed.
- Kreiser's Quick Stop was bought out and is now known as Tremont Mini Mart. The new owner is honoring our house account for fuel.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Insurance payment is still pending for the Hydrant at Pine & W. Main Street. The Insurance company is questioning SCMA about the cost of the bill.
- Council is still waiting on Quotes for the Fire Siren. Scheibley might have a possible grant to cover it. Scheibley said that the new Siren will also make announcements. It will be installed on the roof of the Borough Building

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- DEP is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the gym at the Borough Building. The focus of the meeting will be NSP and other landfills in our area.
- Halloween Parade – October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm
- Trick or Treat Night – October 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm-8pm

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Kelly Fisher
  - 1) She lives at 160 Clay Street. Neighbors have dead 180 ft pine tree on the edge of their yard that will take out Mrs. Fisher's house when it falls down. Is there anything that can be done to make them cut them down?
    - Scheibley: It might be in the Borough right of way.
    - We will get Marty to come look at.
    - She files a complaint every year, just to have it on file for insurance purposes.
- Sherry Huntzinger
  - 1) Does our tank supply water to Big Lots and Amazon?
    - Eisenacher: Yes, and Donaldson. They have their own source for fire protection, but their regular water is fed off of our reservoir. After the fire, SCMA had 8 tankers pumping water into the tank.
    - President Ochs: That isn't Tremont's water tank, that is SCMA's tank.
    - Kathy Krammes: SCMA was going around checking to see if people were wasting water.
- Kristie Ellis
  - 2) Property located at 134 E. Main Street:
    - The junk and vehicles they have is getting worse.
    - They built a dam in the creek to catch fish
    - The drug activity is bad.
    - Hobbs: We will send a letter to them.
    - Scheibley will follow up on the dam tomorrow.

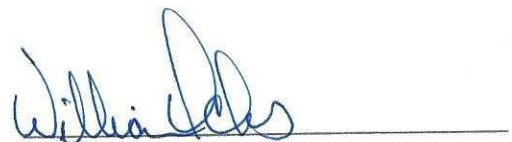
**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**PRESIDENT:**

  
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TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

OCTOBER 8, 2024

1. Bob Pomroy	19.
2. Kathleen Kearney	20.
3. Kelly Adams	21.
4. Kristie Elliot	22.
5. Sherry Huntzinger	23.
6. John P. Poff - Light - Helgel	24.
7. Butler Kend	25.
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